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*"For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord,
with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake."*

2 Corinthians 4:5

Second Sunday after Pentecost

6.11.23

Notes

If you are new to church, the notes in this margin are a way to help you understand and follow along through each aspect of today's service. If you like, use the free space to take your own notes about anything you find interesting or thought provoking. If you have additional questions, you can talk with a church officer after the service.

Congregational Standing

Throughout the bulletin the asterisk * denotes congregation standing

We encourage you to use this bulletin during the week to reflect on what you have heard and experienced during worship. You can use the prayers, confessions, and scripture for personal worship and devotional time at home

WELCOME!

Thank you for joining us for worship today. Here at Christ Covenant, we seek to celebrate God's grace through Jesus Christ, who came to give us life today and for eternity. We also seek to cultivate a safe environment for the convinced and unconvinced to hear the free offer of the gospel in Jesus Christ. Whether you are follower of Jesus, or it has been a while since you've considered your relationship to Him, or you are exploring His claims for the first time, we are delighted to have you with us today. We would love to be able to connect with you and share with you more about the ministry of our church. If you are a visitor, please take a moment during the service to fill out a Visitor Card located in the back of the chair and put it in the offering plate. We have a visitor bag for you in the lobby with a mug, coffee, pens and Dane Ortlund's book, "Gentle and Lowly, The Heart of Christ for Sinner's and Sufferers."

Ushers: Chris Lyons & David Wright

A/V Assistant: Matthew Frank

Communion & Coffee: Bobbie Wilkerson

Hosts: Denis Lyons

Nursery Helpers:

Church hour- Mary Esther Slater & Mary Helen Wilkerson

Sunday School—No Sunday school

For Your Children: We welcome children to attend and participate in the corporate worship by singing, praying and offering responses as they are able. For older children, we offer opportunities to hear a lesson that is age appropriate. For ages 4 years old and under, we offer Children's Church during the sermon portion of the service. Children will be dismissed before the sermon. For younger children, infants to age 3, we provide a nursery throughout the service for parents who would prefer not to have their children with them.

CHURCH CALENDAR * CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

Be sure to sign up on our website to receive the weekly E-news which is sent every Wednesday with the latest up-to-date information.

THIS WEEK AT CHRIST COVENANT CHURCH

Sunday—June 11th

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am – Sunday Worship w/ Holy

Communion; also via live stream

5:00pm—Youth

Monday – June 12th

9:00am—General Assembly

Tuesday – June 13th

9:00am—General Assembly

6:00pm—Men's bible study

Wednesday–June 14th

6:30am—Men's morning bible study

9:00am—General Assembly

Thursday– June 15th

9:00am—General Assembly

Friday– June 16th

9:00am—General Assembly

Saturday– June 17th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Youth resumes—6.11, will NOT meet 6.14
- Women's summer book club—6.20, 6.27, 7.11, 7.18 & 7.25
- Fun Fridays—details in the announcements
- RYM—7.10-15, payment due
- Sunday School—resumes in the fall

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 6.3-6.10

Scott, Catherine, Ellie & Ben Sartor • Shaun & Shannon Sipe

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Michael Emerson • Hull Emerson • Valerie Walden • Helen & Monte Morgan • Henry Johnson • Christa Chapman • Oliver Plunk • Betty Walter • Scott Slater • Dick & Emily Brankstone • The Jenkins Family • The Wilkerson Family • Olivia McNeely • Tom & Jean Marie Harrison

Prayer Requests: Michael Emerson, recovering from surgery in CO • Olivia McNeely, having surgery 6.13 to repair a torn ACL • Christa Chapman has a follow up appointment 6.21

OUR LOCAL & WORLD MISSIONS

Please pray for these local and world missions and our missionaries.

Peru Mission (Esdras, Wes) • Mike and Roxanne Winebrenner (Christ Fellowship in Horn Lake) • Hunter Brewer (Trinity Collierville) • RUF: John Craft (Rhodes College), John Crosby (University of Memphis), Ro Taylor (Delta State University), Anthony Forrest (Jackson State), Spencer Sipe (Vanderbilt) • Dewayne Williams (Restoration Now) • Daniel and Kendall Myrick (Reclaimed Ministry)

Community Bible Reading Schedule

DAY	DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Sun	6.11.23	X	X
Mon	6.12.23	2 Chronicles 9	Colossians 3
Tues	6.13.23	2 Chronicles 10	Colossians 4
Wed	6.14.23	2 Chronicles 11	1 Thess 1
Thurs	6.15.23	2 Chronicles 12	1 Thess 2
Fri	6.16.23	2 Chronicles 13	1 Thess 3
Sat	6.17.23	Psalms 77	X

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

Preparing for Worship
With so many distractions vying for our attention, this is a time to listen to the prelude music, read of Vision Statement on the front cover, and get ready for the service.

Call to Worship If worship is offering all that we are to all that God is, then this call is a way to proclaim this movement, while also challenging us on what we worship daily.

Why we sing
We sing in order to remember the stories of how God has worked in our lives. Singing takes the truth of who God is and what He is doing, and applies it into our lives.

Prayer of Invocation
Is from the Latin *invocare*, meaning “to call on.” God has called us to worship—and now, in grateful response, we cry out for His presence among us.

The Lord’s Prayer
Jesus gave this example in the New Testament (Matthew 6:9-13) to show us how to pray. We use this prayer corporately each week as a reminder.

Prelude

***Call to Worship** Rev. Jim Plunk

PASTOR: I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PEOPLE: **My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad.**

PASTOR: Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!
Psalms 34:1-3

***Song of Adoration** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing #457*

***Invocation** (concluded by the Lord’s Prayer)
ALL: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

General Assembly: This week at the Renasant Convention Center in Downtown Memphis

Women's Summer Book Club: Ladies, join us for a summer reading of "Holier Than Thou" by Jackie Hill Perry beginning 6.20, 6:00pm at the Wrights' home. 2785 Magnolia Drive, Hernando. Location changes each meeting. Contact Hillary Hale w/ any questions

VBS: Thank you to all of our Summer Seaquest VBS volunteers! It is always a great joy to see our members come together using their gifts to share the love of our Savior! The Lord was exalted! Our covenant children and our special visitors were blessed with a full week of learning and fun. Thank you all for your faithful love and service!

Fun Fridays: Our children's ministry is excited to have Fun Fridays this summer! Families with children entering 4k-5th grades will come together for swimming and fellowship from 10-12 at the home of one of our members. Bring your own lunch, drinks, and towels. These are the dates for the coming weeks: June 23 - The Masseys at 1090 Lake View Drive, June 30 - The Patridges at 2805 Magnolia Drive, July 14 - The Emersons at 3200 Bolin Road. Check the bulletin and website for future dates and locations.

Technology Update: Faithlife has made the decision to sunset many of their services on June 30th. We are in the final steps of transferring those services over to our new provider, Subsplash. We have completed the upgrade to our website and have launched our new live stream, now available via our website, Facebook page, and YouTube channel. In the coming weeks, we'll launch a new, user-friendly app. Online giving will also be upgraded. If you currently have a recurring gift set up, Jamie will contact you to make sure your giving is carried over as soon as the new platform is ready. For additional questions about online giving, please contact Jamie. For any other questions about Subsplash, talk to Heath.

Youth: Will meet this afternoon, 5pm, at the home of Doug & Sassy Mauldin (will not meet 6.14) 965 Gates St., Hernando. Bring swimsuits & towels. RYM payments are now due. Please make out your check for \$717 [\$545 + \$172(transportation)] and mark it RYM in the memo section. Register your youth here: <https://christcovenantms.org/rym>

Confession

is the time when we are honest about ourselves with each other and with God. As we admit our misplaced affections, we are called to reorder our lives. Only by being honest will the good news of grace be significant and needed.

Confession of Sin

PASTOR: In Jesus, we have put off the old humanity, which belonged to our former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and we have put on the new humanity, which is created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

ALL: **Therefore, forgive us Lord for the corrupting talk that comes out of our mouth, talk that tears down, rather than builds up and give grace to those that hear.**

From Ephesians 4

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: In Jesus, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.

Ephesians 1:7

ALL: **I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself up for me.** *Galatians 2:20*

***Song of Renewal**

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

are encouraging words which is what we need to hear after the honesty of our confession

COMMUNION GUIDELINES AND PRAYERS

Bread: Each tray contains gluten-free bread in the brown cup.

Cup: Each tray has wine in the outer rim. The pink cups in the center are filled with grape juice.

When we celebrate the Lord's Supper, we are gathering around the table of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Therefore, we invite all followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this wonderful sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his church.

Parents, your children are welcome to partake, if they have been baptized and been received as a communing member of the church to which you belong. If you think your child is ready to become a member, please speak to one of the elders.

Prayer for Covenant Children (not yet a communing member)

Lord Jesus, thank you for placing me inside your family, the church. Help me more and more to know you, to love you, and to follow you as your faithful disciple. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. I now resolve in humble reliance on the Holy Spirit to seek to walk in a manner pleasing to you. Amen.

Prayer of Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

We confess our faith as an act of worship, together with Christians in all times and places. "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."

Offertory is a time for prayerful reflection and response by considering how to be generous with your time, talents and resources. If you are new to our church, or exploring Christianity, please don't feel obligated to give. Instead, please be sure to fill out a visitors card which can be put in the offering plate. Also, you can give securely on our website : <https://christcovenantms.org/online-giving/>

Doxology We sing this short hymn of praise to thank and adore our God of glory.

The Sermon is a teaching based on the passage from the reading of God's Word. The role of the sermon is to make real truths of the Gospel. It is not just an intellectual function. Rather, using the imagination, our hearts are to be affected by the text.

COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

***Confession of Faith**

PASTOR: Let us now confess our common faith together concerning the Lord Jesus:

ALL: **Our Lord Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but made himself nothing by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore, our God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in Heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Philippians 2:5-11

Kingdom Moment

Rebecca Emerson

Summer Seaquest VBS

Kingdom Prayers of the People

Offertory

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God's Word

Exodus 29 (p. 69)

READER: The grass withers, the flowers fade

ALL: **But the word of our God will stand forever.** *Isaiah 40:8*

The Sermon

Rev. Jim Plunk

"Consecrated for Service"

COMMUNING WITH GOD

The Great Thanksgiving

PASTOR: The Lord be with you

PEOPLE: **And with your spirit**

PASTOR: Lift up your hearts

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord**

PASTOR: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

PEOPLE: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise**

PASTOR: You formed the universe in your wisdom, and created all things by your power. You set us in families on the earth to live with you in faith.

We praise you for good gifts of bread and wine, and for the table you spread in the world as a sign of your love for all people in Christ. Therefore, with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and saying...

ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Prayer of Consecration

Words of Institution

PASTOR: Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us!

PEOPLE: **Hallelujah!**

PASTOR: Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

PEOPLE: **Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.**

Lord Jesus, come in glory. Hallelujah!

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

Holy Communion

Prayer of Dedication

The Great Thanksgiving:

Following the pattern of Jesus, this prayer of thanksgiving reminds us this is a meal offering thanks to God for all he has done as we bring our whole selves to him with the communion of the saints.

Words of Institution: These words recorded in the synoptic gospels and 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 are words from Jesus setting this meal apart from every other meal as a holy sacrament for God's people.

The memorial acclamation reminds us of the center of history and our lives; the death, resurrection, and return of Jesus.

The Lord's supper: God meets us not only in hearing the Word, but also in visible, tangible form—uniting us with himself spiritually by faith in Christ

GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

***Song of Sending**

Take My Life, and Let It Be #585

***Benediction**

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. *Hebrews 13:20-21*

ALL: Amen!

***Gloria Patri**

SERMON NOTES

Continuing the series: Covenant Redemption and Relationship:
The Mission of God in the Book of Exodus
"Consecrated for Service"
Exodus 29 (p.69)

What are they to do?

How long are they to do it?

Why are they to do it?

The Benediction

is how we close our time of worship. It is not a prayer but rather a blessing with a charge to go beyond our church into the world carrying the hope, joy and love of the Gospel.

Gloria Patri

We have heard and witnessed God's glory. Now we leave singing His glory that others might know His glory.

Sermon Audio

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Practical Needs and Prayer

If you have questions or would like to pray with someone, our officers can be available after the worship service, or you may call the church office and leave a message for a deacon at 662.469.9330 and someone will get in touch with you. You can also send prayer requests to office@christcovenantms.org.

#585 Take My Life, and Let It Be

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Take my life and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for Thee,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my will and make it Thine;
It shall be no longer mine,
Take my heart, it is Thine own;
It shall be Thy royal throne,
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love my Lord, I pour
At Thy feet its treasure store;
Take myself and I will be
Ever, only, all for Thee,
Ever, only, all for Thee.

#457 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

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Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

Christ Is Mine Forevermore

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Mine are days that God has numbered;
I was made to walk with Him.
Yet, I look for worldly treasure
and forsake the King of kings.
But mine is hope in my Redeemer;
though I fall, His love is sure.
For Christ has paid for ev'ry failing;
I am His forevermore.

Mine are tears in times of sorrow,
darkness not yet understood.
Through the valley I must travel
where I see no earthly good.
But mine is peace that flows from heaven,
and the strength in times of need.
I know my pain will not be wasted;
Christ completes His work in me.

Mine are days here as a stranger,
pilgrim on a narrow way.
One with Christ I will encounter
harm and hatred for His name.
But mine is armor for this battle,
strong enough to last the war.
And He has said He will deliver
safely to the golden shore.

**And mine are keys to Zion city where beside the King I walk.
For there my heart has found its treasure; Christ is mine forevermore.**

Come rejoice now, O my soul, for His love is my reward.
Fear is gone and hope is sure; Christ is mine forevermore.
(Repeat)

Repeat Chorus

Christ is mine forevermore.
Christ is mine forevermore.

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

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O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to Thee.