

## LEADERSHIP

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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*

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

6.25.23

**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: Andrew Duff & Robert Massey

A/V Assistant: Chris Tingle

Communion & Coffee: Donny & Ann Plunk

Hosts: The Tingle Family

Nursery Helpers:

Church hour- Katie Massey & Valerie Walden

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 25th**

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am – Sunday Worship w/ Holy

Communion; also via live stream

**Monday – June 26th**

No activities planned

**Tuesday – June 27th**

6:00pm—Men's bible study, Women's summer study

**Wednesday–June 28th**

6:30am—Men's morning bible study

6:00pm—Youth

**Thursday– June 29th**

No activities planned

**Friday– June 30th**

10:00am—Fun Friday

**Saturday– July 1st**

No activities planned

**Looking Ahead**

- Women's summer book club—6.27, 7.11, 7.18 & 7.25
- Fun Fridays—details in the announcements
- Office closed—7.4
- RYM—7.10-15, payment due
- Children's team meeting—7.19, 5:00pm
- Joint officer retreat—7.28-29
- Sunday School—resumes in the fall

**PRAYER NEEDS**

**Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 6.24-7.1**

Chris, Monica, Jack & Anna Caroline Tingle • Matt, Valerie, Matty & James Walden

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

**Prayer Requests:** Olivia McNeely, recovering from surgery to repair a torn ACL • Christa Chapman, recovering from surgery • Helen Morgan, knee surgery 7.18 • Valerie Walden, surgery 7.7 • The Slater family, mourning the loss of Steven’s father, Scott

**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	6.25.23	X	X
Mon	6.26.23	2 Chronicles 19	1 Timothy 1
Tues	6.27.23	2 Chronicles 20	1 Timothy 2
Wed	6.28.23	2 Chronicles 21	1 Timothy 3
Thurs	6.29.23	2 Chronicles 22	1 Timothy 4
Fri	6.30.23	2 Chronicles 23	1 Timothy 5
Sat	7.1.23	Psalm 79	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 loves. 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: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘O Lord, save your people!’

PEOPLE: O Lord, save your people! The women shall rejoice in the dance and the men shall be merry!

PASTOR: For the Lord will turn our mourning into joy. He will comfort us, and turn our sorrow into gladness. Come let us worship him!

*From Jeremiah 31*

**\*Song of Adoration**

*Hail to the Lord’s Anointed*

**\*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

### 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:** Our God tells us to confess our sins, trusting that he is faithful to forgive us our sins. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**ALL:** **Behold, the Lord's hand is not so short that it cannot save, or his ear dull, that he cannot hear, but our iniquities have separated us from our God, and our sins have hidden his face from us so that he does not hear. Our mouths are filled with anger, our lips are quick to speak lies, and our eyes are filled with illicit desires. Our feet swift to run to evil and our thoughts are the thoughts of iniquity. Lord, in your grace, only you can intercede and bring health to us. Hear us as we confess our sins to you, for you only are strong enough to save us and bring us life!** *From Isaiah 59*

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

**PASTOR:** Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. *Isaiah 1:18*

**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

*Nothing but the Blood #307*

**Women's Summer Book Club:** Ladies, join us for a summer reading of "Holier Than Thou" by Jackie Hill Perry, 6.27, 6:00pm at the Sipe's home. 1458 Horn Lake Rd. N, Nesbit. Location changes each meeting. Contact Hillary Hale w/ any questions

**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 30 - The Patridges at 2805 Magnolia Drive, July 7 The Plunks at 3325 Scott Road, 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 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. A new, user-friendly app is now available by searching in your device app store for, CCC Hernando. Online giving has also been upgraded! If you had a recurring gift set up through Faithlife, that has now been cancelled. For additional questions about online giving, please contact Jamie. For any other questions about Subsplash, talk to Heath.  
<https://christcovenantms.org/app>

**Youth:** Will meet this Wednesday, 6pm, at home of Jim & Jodi Plunk, 3325 Scott Road, Hernando. Bring your swimsuits and towel. 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>

**Newcomers Lunch:** if you're new to the church, please let Jim know of interest in a newcomers lunch to be held in the next month at the Plunk's home.

## 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.

## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

### **\*Confession of Faith**

**PASTOR:** We confess our faith with the words of the Nicene Creed

**ALL:** We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

*The Nicene Creed*

### **Kingdom Prayers of the People**

#### **Offertory**

*Better Is One Day*

**\*Doxology** (*Children under 4 dismissed at this time*)

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

### **\*Prayer for Illumination**

#### **The Reading of God's Word**

*Exodus 30-31 (p. 70)*

**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

“God and Ordinary Means”

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.”

The term “catholic” refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, or geographic barriers.

**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.

## 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**

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*

### **\*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  
“God and Ordinary Means”  
*Exodus 30-31 (p. 70)*

God sets apart ordinary things

God sets apart ordinary people

God sets apart an ordinary day

#### **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](mailto:office@christcovenantms.org).

# O Day of Rest and Gladness

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O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright,  
On thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
Sing "Holy, holy, holy" to the great God triune.

On thee, at the creation the light first had its birth;  
On thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
On thee our Lord, victorious, the Spirit sent from heav'n  
And thus on thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.

Thou art a port protected from storms that round us rise;  
A garden intersected with streams of paradise;  
Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry, dreary sand;  
From thee, like Pisgah's mountain, we view our promised land.

Today on weary nations, the heav'nly manna falls:  
To holy convocations, the silver trumpet calls,  
Where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams  
And living water flowing, with soul refreshing streams.

New graces ever gaining, from this our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining, to spirits of the blest.  
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;  
The church her voice upraises, to thee, blest Three in One.

To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;  
The church her voice upraises, to thee, blest Three in One.

# Hail to the Lord's Anointed

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**Hail to the Lord's anointed  
Great David's greater Son!  
Hail in the time appointed,  
His reign on earth begun!  
His reign on earth begun!**

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
to take away transgression and rule in equity.

### *Repeat Chorus*

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
to help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turned to light,  
whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

### *Repeat Chorus*

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in His path to birth.

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
his name shall stand forever, that name to us is Love.

### *Repeat Chorus*

## #307 Nothing but the Blood

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What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.**

For my cleansing this I see—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon this my plea—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Repeat Chorus*

Nothing can for sin atone—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Repeat Chorus*

This is all my hope and peace—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Repeat Chorus*

Now by this I'll overcome—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Now by this I'll reach my home—  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### *Repeat Chorus*

## Better Is One Day

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How lovely is Your dwelling place,  
O Lord almighty.  
For my soul longs and even faints for You.

For here my heart is satisfied  
within Your presence.  
I sing beneath the shadow of Your wings.

**Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.  
Better is one day in Your courts, better is one day in Your house,  
better is one day in Your courts than thousands elsewhere.**

One thing I ask and I would seek:  
to see Your beauty,  
to find You in the place Your glory dwells.

### *Repeat Chorus*

My heart and flesh cry out  
for You the living God.  
Your Spirit's water to my soul.  
I've tasted and I've seen.  
Come once again to me.  
I will draw near to You.  
I will draw near to You.

### *Repeat Chorus*