

## 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*

Trinity Sunday

6.4.23

**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 & Nick Manley

A/V Assistant: Matt Walden

Communion & Coffee: Shannon Sipe

Hosts: Charlie & Brit Emerson

Nursery Helpers:

Church hour- Maggie Manley & Linda Whitley

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 4th**

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am – Sunday Worship w/ Holy

Communion; also via live stream

**Monday – June 5th**

9:00am—VBS

**Tuesday – June 6th**

9:00am—VBS

6:00pm—Men's bible study

**Wednesday—June 7th**

6:30am—Men's morning bible study

9:00am—VBS

**Thursday– June 8th**

9:00am—VBS

**Friday– June 9th**

9:00am—VBS

**Saturday– June 10th**

Peru Mission team returns

**Looking Ahead**

- General Assembly—6.12-16, Renasant Convention Complex
- Youth resumes—6.11, will NOT meet 6.14
- Women's summer book club—6.20, 6.27, 7.11, 7.18 & 7.25
- 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**

Randy Reiter • Bryan, Kymberleigh, Noelle, Perry, Jon-Harlan & Evelynn Riley

**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	6.4.23	X	X
Mon	6.5.23	2 Chronicles 4	Phillippians 2
Tues	6.6.23	2 Chronicles 5	Philippians 3
Wed	6.7.23	2 Chronicles 6	Philippians 4
Thurs	6.8.23	2 Chronicles 7	Colossians 1
Fri	6.9.23	2 Chronicles 8	Colossians2
Sat	6.10.23	Psalms 76	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**

Elder Shaun Sipe

**LEADER:** Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and **wealth** and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

**ALL:** To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be **blssing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!** *Revelation 5:12-13*

**\*Song of Adoration**

*Holy, Holy, Holy #100*

**\*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

**Out of Town:** Pastor Jim will be out of the country 5.22-6.7. Please reach out to an elder if you have a need.

**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:** For children entering 4k-5th grade begins tomorrow, from 9-12. Please contact Rebecca at 901-490-4094, if you are interested in helping. Use this link on our website to register your child or family member. We could still use some volunteers, see Rebecca if you can help!

**Guest Teaching Elder:** Serving communion today is Rev. John Craft. John grew up in Memphis, TN. After graduating from Vanderbilt University, where he studied Philosophy and Film Studies, he moved to Athens, GA to complete a two year internship with RUF at the University of Georgia. While at RUF intern training, he met his wife, Leigh, who was also a RUF intern at Winthrop University. They married and moved to St. Louis, MO to attend Covenant Theological Seminary. After graduating and working with college students in St. Louis, John and Leigh moved to Chattanooga, TN to work for RUF at the University of Tennessee, Chattanooga. After 7 years, they moved to Memphis to work with college students at Rhodes College.

**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:** Youth meetings will resume Sunday afternoon, 6.11 (will not meet 6.14) 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>

**General Assembly Volunteering:** See card in the lobby for specific volunteer opportunities

### 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

**LEADER:** Let us confess our sins together:

**ALL:** To you, O Lord, we call; our rock, be not deaf to us, lest if you be silent to us, we become like those who go down to the pit. Hear the voice of our pleas for mercy, when we cry to you for help, when we lift up our hands toward your most holy sanctuary. *From Psalm 28*

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

**LEADER:** O Lord, you will not restrain your mercy from us; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve us! *From Psalm 40*

**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

*Jesus Paid It All #308*

### 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."

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.

## COMMITTING TO GOD'S KINGDOM

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

**LEADER:** We confess our faith with the words of the Apostles Creed

**ALL:** I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary, He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen *The Apostles' Creed*

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

#### **Offertory**

*Is He Worthy?*

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

## LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

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

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

*Exodus 28 (p. 68)*

**READER:** The grass withers, the flowers fade

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

#### **The Sermon**

Elder Shaun Sipe

"Culture, Clothing, and Christ: For Glory and Beauty"

## COMMUNING WITH GOD

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

Rev. John Craft

#### **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

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 revealed your glory as the glory also of your Son and of the Holy Spirit, three Persons, equal in majesty, undivided in splendor, yet one Lord, one God, to be worshiped and adored in your eternal glory. We praise you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, great Trinity of power and love, our God, forever and ever. 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**

## GOING OUT WITH GOD'S BLESSING

### **\*Song of Sending**

*Before the Throne of God Above*

### **\*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

“Culture, Clothing, and Christ: For Glory and Beauty“

*Exodus 28 (p.68)*

We need a unique representative

We need a unique set of clothes

We need a priest who will defeat Death

#### **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).

## Before the Throne of God Above

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Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands.  
My name is written on His heart.  
I know that while in heav'n He stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart;  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died  
My sinful soul is counted free.  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me;  
To look on Him and pardon me.

Behold Him there, the risen Lamb!  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of Glory and of Grace.  
One with Himself, I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God;  
With Christ, my Savior and my God!

## #100 Holy, Holy, Holy

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Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky, and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!  
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

## #308 Jesus Paid It All

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I hear the Savior say,  
“Your strength indeed is small,  
child of weakness, watch and pray,  
find in me your all in all.”

**Jesus paid it all,  
all to him I owe;  
sin had left a crimson stain,  
he washed it white as snow.**

Lord, now indeed I find  
your power, and yours alone,  
can change the leper’s spots,  
and melt the heart of stone.

### *Repeat Chorus*

For nothing good have I  
whereby your grace to claim—  
I’ll wash my garments white  
in the blood of Calv’ry’s lamb.

### *Repeat Chorus*

And when, before the throne,  
I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,”  
my lips shall still repeat.

### *Repeat Chorus*

Sin had left a crimson stain,  
he washed it white as snow.  
He washed it white as snow.  
He washed it white as snow.

## Is He Worthy?

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Do you feel the world is broken? *We do.*  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? *We do.*  
But do you know that all the dark won’t stop the light from getting through? *We do.*  
Do you wish that you could see it all made new? *We do.*

Is all creation groaning? *It is.*  
Is a new creation coming? *It is.*  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst? *It is.*  
Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? *It is.*

**Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah, who conquered the grave,  
He is David’s root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave.**

Is He worthy? Is He worthy  
of all blessing and honor and glory?  
Is He worthy of this? He is.

Does the Father truly love us? *He does.*  
Does the Spirit move among us? *He does.*  
And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves? *He does.*  
Does our God intend to dwell again with us? *He does.*

### *Repeat Chorus*

From ev’ry people and tribe, ev’ry nation and tongue,  
He has made us a kingdom and priests to God, to reign with the Son.  
Is He worthy? Is He worthy  
of all blessing and honor and glory?

Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy of this?  
He is.

Is He worthy?  
Is He worthy?  
He is.