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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

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

7.2.23

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: Robert Massey & Andrew Duff

A/V Assistant: Matthew Frank

Communion & Coffee: Matthew & Jamie Frank

Hosts: Katie Cantrell

Nursery Helpers:

Church hour- Elizabeth Mills & Shannon Sipe

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—July 2nd

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

9:30am – Sunday Worship w/ Holy Communion; also via live stream

Monday – July 3rd

No activities planned

Tuesday – July 4th

Office closed—Happy Independence Day!

Wednesday–July 5th

6:30am—Men's morning bible study

Thursday– July 6th

No activities planned

Friday– July 7th

10:00am—Fun Friday

Saturday– July 8th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Women's summer book club—7.11, 7.18 & 7.25
- Fun Fridays—details in the announcements
- 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 7.2-7.8

Heath Warbritton & Linda Whitley

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

Prayer Requests: 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 • Donna Belenchia's sister, Betty Walter, continuing PT

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	7.2.23	X	X
Mon	7.3.23	2 Chronicles 29	1 Timothy 6
Tues	7.4.23	2 Chronicles 30	2 Timothy 1
Wed	7.5.23	2 Chronicles 31	2 Timothy 2
Thurs	7.6.23	2 Chronicles 32	2 Timothy 3
Fri	7.7.23	2 Chronicles 33	2 Timothy 4
Sat	7.8.23	Psalms 80	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: Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his excellent greatness!

PEOPLE: Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

PASTOR: Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that has breath praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

Psalm 150

*Song of Adoration

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty #53

*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: Lord, we come confessing that when we were slaves to sin, we let sin reign in our mortal bodies, to make them obey their various passions.

ALL: **But the fruit we were getting at that time was from things which we are now ashamed.**

PASTOR: The end of those things is death. But now we have been set free from sin and become your slaves.

ALL: **And the fruit we now get leads to sanctification and abundant life.**

PASTOR: Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

ALL: **Sin is no longer to be our master, since we are not under the law but under grace.**

From Romans 6:12-23

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

PASTOR: For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

ALL: **Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation! The old has passed away, behold, the new has come!**

2 Corinthians 5:17

*Song of Renewal

Abide with Me

Office Closed: The church office will be closed Tuesday, 7.4

Women's Summer Book Club: Ladies, join us for a summer reading of "Holier Than Thou" by Jackie Hill Perry, 7.11, 6:00pm at the Sartor's home. 1584 Hillshire North, Hernando. 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: 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: The Christ Covenant Church App is now available! The CCC+ app will help you stay connected to the life of the church. Tune in to a live stream, catch up on past sermons, listen to music, start a daily Bible reading plan, get info about upcoming events, browse photos, manage your volunteering schedule, message other members, receive important notifications, and much more! Download the app today! <https://christcovenantms.org/app>

Youth: Will not meet this week. Youth attending RYM, plan to arrive at the church on 7.10 by 6:30am for breakfast and a 7:00am departure! 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>

Land Update: We were able to close on and pay for the land last week. Thank you for your patience and faithfulness and please pray for next steps.

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**

Elder Shaun Sipe

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

Give Us Clean Hands

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

LISTENING TO GOD'S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God's Word

Exodus 32-33:6 (p. 72)

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

"Covenant Collapse"

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: It is indeed good, right and our delight that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. 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: According to his commandment:

PEOPLE: **We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory.**

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**

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***Benediction**

PASTOR: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *2 Corinthians 13:14*

ALL: Amen!

***Gloria Patri**

SERMON NOTES

Continuing the series: Covenant Redemption and Relationship:

The Mission of God in the Book of Exodus

"Covenant Collapse"

Exodus 32-33:6 (p. 72)

Corruption

Condemnation

Consequence

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.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

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Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing waters flow;
Let the fiery cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
Strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee;
Songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears,
bid my anxious fears,
Land me safe on Canaan's side
Bid my anxious fears,
bid my anxious fears,
goodbye.

#53 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er
all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings,
yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth
prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew
what the Almighty will do
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the amen
sound from his people again;
gladly fore'er we adore him.

Abide with Me

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Abide with me! Fast falls the eventide.
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me!

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile,
And though rebellious and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me though I oft left Thee;
On to the close, Lord, abide with me!

I need Thy presence every passing hour.
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who, like Thyself, my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me!

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me!

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee!
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me!

Give Us Clean Hands

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We bow our hearts,
We bend our knees;
Oh Spirit, come
make us humble.
We turn our eyes
from evil things;
Oh Lord, we cast
down our idols.

Give us clean hands,
Give us pure hearts;
Let us not lift our
souls to another.
Give us clean hands,
Give us pure hearts;
Let us not lift our
souls to another.

O God, let us be
a generation that seeks,
That seeks your face,
O God of Jacob.
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Repeat All