

# Christ Covenant Church - PCA

11:00 AM Lord's Day Worship August 16, 2020

Barnwell

## Prelude

## Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge. I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you." - Psalm 16:1-2

Let us pray,

How excellent is your loving kindness, O God; therefore, we come to you as your children putting our trust under the shadow of your wings. Satisfy us now with the goodness of your house. In your light make us to see light. May your Holy Spirit be with us in prayer and praise, in speaking and hearing from Thy Holy Word, and in the observance of your Sacrament. And bless us with all spiritual blessing in Jesus Christ, for His name's sake. Amen.

**Hymn of Praise**      O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing (TH 164)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.

## Prayer of Confession of Sin & Supplication

Let us together seek the Lord while he may be found. Let us seek him who is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins. Let us seek him for his grace and mercy to help us in our weaknesses that we may live by faith in Christ.

Almighty God, gracious Father, we confess that we are not worthy of your presence, but we look now to Jesus, the Lamb of God, who takes away our sin. Through him we can now draw near to you, listening to your voice, trusting in your love, and delighting in your Word. We joyfully beg to see your face! Now cleanse our minds of all error and our hearts of all idols, that we may shine

in the world with the radiant light of your Spirit and your character. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Let us continue to confess our sins in silent prayer to our Lord who loves us and shows us mercy.

If you are trusting in Christ alone for the forgiveness of sins, hear his pardoning grace and give thanks: "Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned-every one-to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all." - Isaiah 53:4-6

**Hymn of the Gospel**      Beneath the Cross of Jesus (Text: TH; Tune: Getty)

Beneath The cross of Jesus, I fain would take my stand.  
The shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land.  
A home for all who wander, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon that cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see,  
The very dying form of one who suffered there for me.  
Then from my heart with tears, two wonders I confess:  
The wonders of his glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take O cross thy shadow for my abiding place,  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face.  
Oh, let the world roll on! I'll know no gain nor loss,  
My sinful self, my only shame, my glory all the cross.

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**Scripture Reading & Sermon**

**Isaiah 6:1-13 "The Gospel and You"**

1 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. 2 Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. 3 And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke.

5 And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!" 6 Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a burning coal that he had taken with tongs from the altar. 7 And he touched my mouth and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for." 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I

send, and who will go for us?" Then I said, "Here I am! Send me." 9 And he said, "Go, and say to this people: "Keep on hearing, but do not understand; keep on seeing, but do not perceive.' 10 Make the heart of this people dull, and their ears heavy, and blind their eyes; lest they see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their hearts, and turn and be healed." 11 Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, 12 and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land. 13 And though a tenth remain in it, it will be burned again, like a terebinth or an oak, whose stump remains when it is felled." The holy seed is its stump.

## **Sacrament of Communion**

### **GUIDELINES FOR RECEIVING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Christ Covenant Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, who are living at peace with God and one another, and who are members in good standing of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive the sacrament of Communion with us.

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 people, the church.

### **PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT TAKING THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers:

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth: Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief: Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Prayer of Commitment: Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership to your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

### **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Blessed you are, O Father, to you be all praise and glory. Blessed be your name, O God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory. All the years of our life you have guided us. All our needs you have supplied. Our thirst you have

quenched. Our wounds you have healed. Our prayers you have heard. You are our God and we are your people loved as you love your own beloved Son. We worship and adore you, one God, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Hymn of Commitment**      On Jordan's Stormy Banks (IndelibleGrace Music Hymnbook)

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.

O'er all those wide extended plains shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away.

CHORUS: I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds or poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness and sorrow, pain and death, are felt and feared no more. CHORUS

When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blessed,  
When shall I see my Father's face, And in his bosom rest? CHORUS

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**Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with you all. Amen.

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