

# Christ Covenant Church - PCA

11:00 AM Lord's Day Worship September 20, 2020

Barnwell

## Prelude

### Call to Worship & Prayer of Invocation

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God. Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!  
Selah - Psalm 84:1-4

Let us pray,

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires know, and from whom no secrets are hid; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your holy name, through Christ the Lord. Amen.

### Hymn of Praise      Almighty God

Almighty God to You all hearts are open.  
Searching o'er our thoughts and anxious fears.  
Wash us in the fountain of Your mercy.  
Come with Your light we cannot hide from You.

Almighty God to You all hearts are open.  
With gratitude we raise our song to You.  
Come and fill the praises of Your people.  
In grace and truth You make us new again.

CHORUS: Hallelujah, hallelujah, Hallelujah

Almighty God to You all hearts are open.  
We long for more than what this world provides.  
No shallow spring will ever satisfy us.  
But Your river deep floods over ev'rything. CHORUS X2

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### Prayer of Confession of Sin & Supplication

**Leader:** 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.

Let us pray together,

**All:** Most Holy and Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you

with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us to change what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

**Leader:** If you are trusting in Christ alone for the forgiveness of sins and his life as your own, hear his pardoning and strengthening grace and give thanks: "He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world." - 1 John 2:2

**Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God.

**Hymn of the Gospel**      How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place    (TH #469)

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;  
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

### **Scripture Reading & Sermon**

#### **Ruth 1 "Redemption for the Broken"**

1 In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. 2 The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. 3 But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. 4 These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, 5 and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

6 Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. 7 So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. 8 But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. 9 The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. 10 And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." 11 But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? 12 Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, 13 would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." 14 Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. 15 And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." 16 But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. 17 Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." 18 And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

19 So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem. And when they came to Bethlehem, the whole town was stirred because of them. And the women said, "Is this Naomi?" 20 She said to them, "Do not call me Naomi; call me Mara, for the Almighty has dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went away full, and the LORD has brought me back empty. Why call me Naomi, when the LORD has testified against me and the Almighty has brought calamity upon me?" 22 So Naomi returned, and Ruth the Moabite her daughter-in-law with her, who returned from the country of Moab. And they came to Bethlehem at the beginning of barley harvest.

**Hymn of Commitment**      Jesus I Am Resting, Resting  
Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.  
Thou hast bid me gaze upon thee, as thy beauty fills my soul,  
for by thy transforming power, thou hast made me whole.

REFRAIN: Jesus, I am resting, resting in the joy of what thou art;  
I am finding out the greatness of thy loving heart.

O how great thy loving-kindness, vaster, broader than the sea!  
O how marvelous thy goodness lavished all on me!  
Yes, I rest in thee, Beloved, know what wealth of grace is thine,  
know thy certainty of promise and have made it mine. REFRAIN

Simply trusting thee, Lord Jesus, I behold thee as thou art,  
and thy love, so pure, so changeless, satisfies my heart;  
satisfies its deepest longings, meets, supplies its ev'ry need,

compasseth me round with blessings: thine is love indeed. REFRAIN

Ever lift thy face upon me as I work and wait for thee;  
resting 'neath thy smile, Lord Jesus, earth's dark shadows flee.  
Brightness of my Father's glory, sunshine of my Father's face,  
keep me ever trusting, resting, fill me with thy grace. REFRAIN

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### **Benediction**

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

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