



**COVENANT**

COMMUNITY CHURCH

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HOW DID YOU FIND OUT ABOUT COVENANT?

# Order of Worship for March 17, 2024

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## Prelude

### Call to Worship From 1 Corinthians 15

LEADER: To all who are weary and need rest,  
To all who mourn and long for comfort,  
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares,  
To all who fail and desire strength,  
To all who sin and need a Savior,  
This church opens wide her doors with a welcome from Jesus Christ, the  
Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the guilty, the Justifier of the  
inexcusable, the Friend of sinners. Welcome!

**ALL: LORD, come and be with us today!**

## Prayer of Adoration

### Hymn

#### *Only A Holy God*

Dustin Smith, Jonny Robinson, Michael Farren, Rich Thompson  
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Praise! Music

## Baptism

Lilly Jane Sherrard, daughter of Tim & Cassie Sherrard

» *Children in 1st-5th grade are released to their classroom*

## Pastoral Prayer

### Reading of the Law

LEADER: Hear God's perfect will for your life; the words of Jesus Christ:

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,  
for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they shall be satisfied.

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Blessed are the merciful,  
for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

## Confession of God's People

**ALL: O Lord, as long as I am apart from you, I am self-satisfied, because I have no standard by which to measure my low stature. But when I come near to you, there for the first time I see myself. In your light I behold my darkness. In your purity I behold my corruption. My very confession of sin is the fruit of holiness. Oh! Divine Man, let me gaze on you more and more until, in the vision of your brightness, I loathe the sight of my impurity; until, in the blaze of that glory which human eye has not seen, I fall prostrate, blinded, broken, to rise again a new man in you. Amen.**

» Silent Prayers of Confession

## Assurance of God's Pardon From Romans 8

LEADER: For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we are saved.

## Confession of Faith From the Nicene Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**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 Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; He suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end.**

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**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.**

## Greeting of Peace of Christ

### Song of Praise

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above you heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen

## Tithes & Offerings

### Hymn

#### *You've Already Won*

Bryan Fowler, Shane Barnard

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## Scripture Reading: Luke 13:10-17

**10**Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. **11**And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. **12**When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability." **13**And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. **14**But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day." **15**Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? **16**And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" **17**As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

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READER: The Word of the Lord    **ALL: Thanks be to God!**

## “The Long Wait of Christian Hope”

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## The Lord’s Supper

LEADER: What is the hope of the Church?

**PEOPLE: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!**

## Hymn

### *In The Valley (Bless The Lord)*

Jonathan Robinson, Rich Thompson, Tim Challies  
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## Benediction From Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine upon you  
And be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon you  
And give you peace.

**6** PASTOR: Go love your God! **ALL: Go love your neighbor!**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Congregational Meeting

Last Sunday we had a congregational meeting to vote on three motions related to pursuing a church property at 380 Big Hill Avenue; all three motions were approved by our congregation. The commission and trustees will begin pursuing all three endeavors immediately. If you have any questions, please contact any of the pastors or trustees.

## Easter

Our Easter service will be at 10 am on March 31st. Following the service, we will have a potluck and Easter egg hunt for children.

## Volunteer For Easter

We need 6 volunteers to serve in childcare for Easter Sunday. If you would like to be a greeter or a scripture reader we also need volunteers for that as well. If you are interested please see the sign-up sheet on the resource table.

## Maundy Thursday Service

We are partnering with Immanuel Baptist Church and Lighthouse Church for a combined Holy Week service on Maundy Thursday (March 28th). The service will be at 6:30pm here at Madison Middle School.



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