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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

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

10.9.22

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 congregational 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. 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 & David Wright

A/V Assistant: Chris Tingle

Communion: Bob & Karol Barber

Church Nursery Helpers:

Church hour—Britt Emerson & Valerie Walden

Sunday school—no Sunday school today

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 - October 9th

9:15am—Coffee & Conversation

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

Monday – October 10th

6:00pm—Officer meeting

Tuesday – October 11th

6:00pm—Celebrate Recovery

Wednesday–October 12th

6:30am—Men's bible study

5:00pm—Missions team meeting

6:00pm—Youth, Kids' Club, Women's bible study

Thursday– October 13th

6:00pm—Men's gathering

Friday– October 14th

No activities planned

Saturday– October 15th

No activities planned

Looking Ahead

- Small group meetings—10.16, 10.30
- Leadership training—10.23, 11.13
- November men's gathering, 11.10
- Fall Fest, 10.22—now accepting candy donations, please leave in the lobby
- Thanksgiving meal, 11.6
- Hanging of the Greens—11.27

PRAYER NEEDS

Praying for the families of Christ Covenant 10.8-10.15
Chris, Denise & Joshua Lyons • Zachary (Celie) Lyons

Illness/Medical Prayer Needs: Michael Emerson • Hull Emerson • Joe Hale • Valerie Wal-
den • Betty Morrow • Monte Morgan • Henry Johnson • Christa Chapman • Jack Clayton •
Rudy Frank • Hannah Tanous • Oliver Plunk • Ellie Plunk • Olivia McNeely • The Lyon’s fam-
ily • The Barkley family • The Walden Family

Prayer Requests: The Lyon’s family as they welcome baby Elijah • The Barkley family, mourn-
ing the loss of Jared's grandmother, Nadine • The Walden family at the loss of Valerie’s uncle,
Joe Boyd.

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 Ken-
dall Myrick (Reclaimed Ministry)

Community Bible Reading Schedule			
DAY	DATE	OLD TESTAMENT	NEW TESTAMENT
Sun	10.9.22	X	X
Mon	10.10.22	Joshua 14	Mark 12
Tues	10.11.22	Joshua 15	Mark 13
Wed	10.12.22	Joshua 16	Mark 14
Thurs	10.13.22	Joshua 17	Mark 15
Fri	10.14.22	Joshua 18	Mark 16 1-8
Sat	10.15.22	Psalms 41	X

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Community
Bible Reading
App



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 chal-
lenging us on what we wor-
ship daily.

Why we sing
We sing in order to remem-
ber the stories of how God
has worked in our loves.
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 re-
sponse, 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.

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION OF PUBLIC WORSHIP

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!

Psalms 150

***Song of Adoration** *Psalms 150 (Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!)*

***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.**

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.

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
are encouraging words which is what we need to hear after the honesty of our confession

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: 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**

It Is Well with My Soul #691

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday School: will not meet this week or next week and will resume 10.23

Hurricane Relief: For updates to our denomination’s disaster response, please visit our website where you’ll find a link to MNA Resources

Missions Team: Missions Team will meet Wednesday, 5pm at the church. Talk to Katie Cantrell if you’re interested in serving on our missions team.

CPYC: For those registered, please turn in your payment to Heath as soon as able to Heath. \$150/student. Make checks out to Christ Covenant, CPYC in the memo line.

Youth: Youth group meets each Wednesday night grades 6th-12th. If you’re able to provide a meal on Wednesday nights, please sign up on our website.

Schools Outreach Opportunity: Jodi Plunk is organizing an opportunity to have a prayer walk in each of our Hernando schools and would love volunteers to be part of this. If you would like to be a contact for a specific school please let her know as well as if you would be willing to volunteer and prayer walk in one or more of the locations. Please contact her at 901-606-3036

Men’s Gathering: Guys, meet Thursday, 10.13, 6pm at Buon Cibo in Hernando

Fall Fest: We’re excited about our upcoming annual Fall Festival on October 22, 4-5:30. We will have a designated bin in the foyer for candy donations

Land Purchase: See our Faithlife app for a video about a land purchase in Hernando!

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.”

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. Offerings, tithes & cards can be put in the box in the back of the sanctuary before or after service. Also 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**

PASTOR: Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

ALL: That I belong--body and soul, in life and in death---not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 1

Kingdom Prayers of the People

Offertory

Egypt

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

LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

***Prayer for Illumination**

The Reading of God’s Word

Exodus 13:17-14:31 (P. 55)

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

“God’s Mission, Movement, and Faithfulness”

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 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

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 all places give thanks to You, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with 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: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

ALL: **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Hallelujah!

PASTOR: The gifts of God for the holy people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving. Let us partake of the feast!

Holy Communion

Prayer of Dedication

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.

GOING OUT WITH GOD’S BLESSING

*Song of Sending *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

***Benediction**

PASTOR: Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. Christ is risen! *1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*

PEOPLE: **Amen!**

***Gloria Patri**

SERMON NOTES

“God’s Mission, Movement, and Faithfulness”

Exodus 13:17-14:31 (p. 55)

In our movements, God leads us in his mission

In our movements, God protects us in his mission

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.

Psalm 150 (Sing Hallelujah! Praise the Lord!)

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Sing hallelujah! Praise the Lord!
Praise God within his sacred courts!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise, praise him in his heav'nly height!
Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!

O praise him! O praise him!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Praise God whose majesty abounds!
O praise him with the trumpet sound!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Praise God with lute and harp and strings,
with dance and pipe and tambourine!

Repeat Chorus

With sounding cymbals praise the Lord!
With clashing cymbals praise aloud!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Let all that breathes now praise the Lord!
O praise the Lord forevermore!

Repeat Chorus

#691 It Is Well with My Soul

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When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
“It is well, it is well with my soul.”

**It is well (It is well)
with my soul, (with my soul,)
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Repeat Chorus

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
My sin—not in part, but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more,
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

Repeat Chorus

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
“Even so,”—it is well with my soul.

Repeat Chorus

Egypt

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I won't forget the wonder of how You brought
deliverance; the exodus of my heart.
You found me, You freed me,
held back the waters for my release.
O, Yahweh.

**You're the God who fights for me;
Lord of ev'ry victory.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
You have torn apart the sea.
You have led me through the deep.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

A cloud by day is a sign that You are with me.
The fire by night is the guiding light to my feet.
You found me, You freed me,
held back the waters for my release.
O, Yahweh.

Repeat Chorus

You stepped into my Egypt, You took me by the hand.
You marched me out in freedom, into the promised land.
Now I will not forget You, God. I'll sing of all You've done.
Death is swallowed up forever by the fury of Your love.

Repeat Chorus 2x