



Covenant of Grace

ASSOCIATE REFORMED PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Order for Lord's Day Worship August 7, 2022

Sunday School: 9:15am

Morning Worship: 10:30am

Evening Worship: 6:00pm

(Except "First Sundays")

Our Mission:

*Covenant of Grace is a loving church family
that equips people to know God and His Word
through serious, joyful, Christ-centered worship and service
in reliance upon the Holy Spirit.*

Visiting today? Welcome!

Please fill out a visitor card from one of our ushers. You can drop it in the offering plate or hand it to an Elder after the service.

Our communion trays contain wine and grape juice. The **outer-ring cups contain wine**, and the inner-ring cups contain grape juice.

If you would like more information about our church, please check out our website, www.covenantofgracews.org.

Confession of Sin

Based on Ps 25:6-7; 80:3, 19

When we come into the presence of God we are reminded of our great guilt. Therefore, we confess ourselves sinners and look to Christ the forgiver of sins and the ground of our salvation.

Minister: Let us together seek God's mercy for our sins.

Congregation: Remember Your mercy, O Lord, and Your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of our youth or our transgressions. According to Your steadfast love remember us, for the sake of Your goodness, O Lord! Consider our affliction and our trouble, and forgive all our sins through the life, death, resurrection, and intercession of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Minister: Restore us, O Lord God of hosts.

Congregation: Let Your face shine, that we may be saved.

Minister: As you look for mercy to Jesus Christ alone, hear God's Word, and know your sins are forgiven: "I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sins against Me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against Me."

Hymn*

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

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God Speaks and We Respond

Scripture Lesson

2 Corinthians 5

Worship must be God-centered and thus full of Scripture. God's people are to hear, believe and obey the Word of God. We should remember that when God's Word is read and preached, God himself is speaking.

The Great Prayer

Elder Brent Dettloff

Together we pray to God for the needs of the congregation, the mission of the local church, and the advance of God's kingdom.

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

God commands that his tithes be given for the ongoing worship, work, and ministry of the church. Out of the abundance of what God has given us we present offerings as a sign of gratitude for His provision.

The Offertory

I Need Thee Every Hour

L. Larson
(Arranger)

Doxology*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise him, all creatures here below.

Praise him above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Ministry of the Word

The minister of God's Word reads, explains and applies the Scriptures to the congregation. Through the act of preaching, God Himself speaks to His people; convicting, converting, comforting, and counseling those who are given ears to hear by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sermon Text: Psalm 69

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon:

“Christ Crying Out”

Pastor Eric Hancox

Psalm*

The Name of God

Psalm 69D

(Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

The Ministry of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table*

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord!

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Minister: Like our Psalm, the Lord's Supper teaches us that our Savior was greatly afflicted. His body was broken, His blood ran red, and His soul ached as He was forsaken by God and man, such that He cried, “Reproaches have broken my heart” (Ps 69:20). To this He added, “They gave me poison for food, and for my thirst they gave me sour wine to drink” (Ps 69:21). All of this He endured for us, being made sin for us, so that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.

Because our Savior tasted the bitter gall of God's wrath, drinking that poison cup to its dregs, we can now come to His table, forgiven and deeply loved. Here, we receive bread and wine – the cup of blessing – assuring us that, in Christ, we are not given over to despair, but are made sharers in the certain hope of glorious things to come.

Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism #1

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

Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

The Words of Institution

I Corinthians 11:23-29

Minister: For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself.

Sharing of the Lord's Supper

Prayer

The Lord Sends Us Out with His Blessing

Benediction*

God speaks to His people through the minister and blesses them, in order that they might go into the world to bless others in the name of Christ.

Gloria Patri*

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:

World without end; Amen, Amen!

Postlude

Be Strong in the Lord

T. Fettke

Morning Sermon Notes

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Announcements

1. Today is the first Sunday in a new month. We will not have evening worship, but will have our monthly fellowship meal after the morning service. All are welcome!
2. We will be having a picnic at Hanging Rock State Park on Saturday, 9/10.

Ongoing Events

Sunday School: Classes for adults and children at 9:15am. Our adult class and children's class are both spending the summer studying *The Pilgrim's Progress*.

Covered Dish Fellowship Meal: First Sunday of each month, after the morning worship service.

Prayer Meetings: Wednesday nights in the Fellowship Hall with dinner at 6:00pm followed by a lesson and prayer at 6:30pm. Thursday mornings in the Adult Sunday School room at 10:30am.

Men's Bible Study: This study is taking a break for the summer. We will resume in the fall on the third Saturday of each month. Currently studying the book of Joshua using the commentary *Joshua* by James Montgomery Boice. Contact Phil Williams for more info at philcgpc@gmail.com.

Women's Bible Study: First Saturday of each month in the Adult Sunday School Room at 10:00am. Currently studying *The Book of Job* series by Dr. Derek Thomas. Contact Laura Hancox for more info at lmhancox@gmail.com.

Women's Fellowship: Fourth Saturday luncheons every other month at varying locations. Contact Katherine Senter for info at kats@yadtel.net.

Monthly Memory Verse: "Turn my eyes from looking at worthless things; and give me life in Your ways" (Ps 119:37).

Financial Position

	June	YTD	YTD Budget
Giving	\$15,845	\$100,335	\$108,766
Expenses	\$20,399	\$111,060	\$119,594

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