

THE LORD'S DAY

July 31, 2022

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word Klug/Uppercut

CALL TO WORSHIP From Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

People: Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

People: For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

INVOCATION

*HYMN 4 All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

UNISON: Most 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON 1 John 4:9-10

Leader: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 52:13-53:12 (p. 613)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus Williams/Drennan

*DOXOLOGY 731

NEW TESTAMENT READING Colossians 1:15-20 (p. 983)

**HYMN 243 Praise the Savior Now and Ever

SERMON THE HOUR HAS COME
John 12:20-32 (p. 899)
Dr. Michael Roberts

*HYMN 648 My Jesus, I Love Thee

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE On Jordan's Stormy Banks Leatherman

**Please stand if able*

***Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5-grade 1: Room 112; grades 2-3: Room 110)*

Kindly silence all electronic devices

Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex

Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device

*Welcome to all worshiping with us today.
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you
through our fellowship together.*

If you are a visitor, please complete the attendance register in full.

*Upon exiting the main lobby doors,
please accept a gift of "welcome bread."*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders — John Rohrman, Wayne Shaw

Musician — Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians — Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall

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All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Let them give thanks to the LORD for his unfailing love and his wonderful deeds for men. Ps. 107:15

1. All praise to God, who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -
 2. What God's al - might - y pow'r hath made his gra - cious mer - cy
 3. I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my
 4. The Lord for - sak - eth not his flock, his cho - sen gen - er -

a - tion, the God of won - ders, pow'r, and love, the God of our sal -
 keep - eth; by morn - ing dawn or eve - ning shade his watch - ful eye ne'er
 call - ing! For death he gave me life in - deed and kept my feet from
 a - tion; he is their ref - uge and their rock, their peace and their sal -

va - tion! With heal - ing balm my soul he fills, the God who
 sleep - eth; with - in the king - dom of his might, lo, all is
 fall - ing. For this my thanks shall end - less be; O thank him,
 va - tion. As with a moth - er's ten - der hand he leads his

ev - ery sor - row stills. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 just and all is right. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 thank our God with me. To God all praise and glo - ry!
 own, his cho - sen band. To God all praise and glo - ry!

GOD:

HIS PERFECTIONS

5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
 Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
 All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God!
 To God all praise and glory!

6. Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
 to your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
 Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.
 To God all praise and glory!

Johann J. Schütz, 1675
 Tr. by Frances E. Cox, 1864

MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7.
 Bohemian Brethren's Gesangbuch, 1566

Praise the Savior Now and Ever

That by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery. Heb. 2:14, 15

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
 2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all our
 3. Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has bruised the
 4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing, suf - f'ring, dy - ing
 righ - teous - ness; he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er
 ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger is the stron - ger;
 Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - t'ry gain - ing,
 set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his mer - it
 hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en
 Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

life ob - tain - ing, now in glo - ry he doth rise.
 we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
 from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
 through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

Venantius H. C. Fortunatus, ca. 530-609

UPP, MIN TUNGA 4.4.7.4.4.7.4.4.7.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19

1. My Je - sus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;
 2. I love thee be - cause thou hast first lov - ed me,
 3. I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;
 4. In man - sions of glo - ry and end - less de - light,

for thee all the fol - lies of sin I re - sign.
 and pur - chased my par - don on Cal - va - ry's tree.
 and praise thee as long as thou lend - est me breath;
 I'll ev - er a - dore thee in heav - en so bright;

My gra - cious Re - deem - er, my Sav - ior art thou;
 I love thee for wear - ing the thorns on thy brow;
 and say, when the death - dew lies cold on my brow:
 I'll sing with the glit - ter - ing crown on my brow:

if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.
 if ev - er I loved thee, my Je - sus, 'tis now.

THE CHRISTIAN LIFE:

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE**Health Related***Matt Johnston**Joan Keyt**Mary Lisa Vidunas***Expecting***Emily Waltenbaugh (due Sept 12)***Grieving***Family of Marcia Pugh***Missions**

John and Sandy serve with Mission to the World in a sensitive North African country. El Soora, the ministry of which John is the managing director, has been busy. They just completed a seminar on the Attributes of God and at the end of July will have a seminar on the Holy Spirit. The El Soora website is introducing a new theme on books of the Bible. They have been publishing articles on introductions to Biblical books, as well as a series of articles focusing on seeing Christ in each of the books.

Sandy has been mentoring a group of local homeschool moms.

Recently they have been reading through the book *Shepherding a Child's Heart* by Ted Tripp.

John and Sandy are thankful for God's abundant provision for their children. Their daughter Abby is spending the summer with Sandy's sister in Pennsylvania, teaching summer school and completing her teacher certification exams. Their son Daniel has been living and working in San Diego and has developed some good friendships through his church. He recently moved from his tiny apartment to a house with two young men from the church.

Please pray for the following:

-that the El Soora teaching ministry will continue to grow believers in their city and beyond

-for the families that Sandy has been mentoring as they seek to train the hearts of their young children

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ministering God's Word this morning is Dr. Michael Roberts, who has been a member of Covenant since 2016. He currently manages a Christian bookstore in Quakertown, and is also the Alliance of Confessing Evangelicals' devotional editor for James Boice's *Think and Act Biblically*. He has previously served as a pastor and retirement community chaplain and is pursuing the Lord's will in missions work involved with Santiago Theological Seminary in the Dominican Republic. Please stop by the narthex table for a copy of Mike's support letter regarding this ministry opportunity.

All non-communicant members aged twelve and up are invited to sign up in the narthex for the next communicants' class. The course covers essential elements of the Christian faith, preparing students to make a public profession of faith in Christ and be admitted to the Lord's Supper. Students will meet in room 109 during the Sunday School hour from Sept. 25 through Feb. 5 (excluding Dec. 18 through Jan. 1). For more information, please contact Pastor Muhlfeld, and thank you for your prayers for our students as they take this important step of faith.

Mark your calendar! The 2022 Harvest Festival is scheduled for Friday, October 28. It may seem like a long time away, but it will be here before we know it. There will be a planning meeting on August 21, immediately following the worship service in room 109. Anyone interested in participating in this wonderful event, is encouraged to attend. Many hands make light work. Please contact Diane Dietterich with questions.

The 2022 Fairmont, WV Youth Mission Team will share a presentation of their trip on August 7 at 6:00 p.m. Please come and support our youth and hear of what the Lord has done. Refreshments will follow.

The Lord's Supper will be celebrated next Sunday, August 7.

