

# THE LORD'S DAY

March 22, 2020

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Blessed Are the Pure in Heart Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 86

Leader: Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

**People: All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord; they will bring glory to your name.**

Leader: For you are great and do marvelous deeds; you alone are God.

## INVOCATION

\*HYMN 164 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

## \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**UNISON: Merciful God, you have made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But we confess that our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, and our obedience incomplete. Day after day, we fail to grow into the likeness of Christ. In your mercy and lovingkindness forgive us for our innumerable transgressions, through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON Psalm 103:13-18

LEADER: As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field; the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more. But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children— with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

## \*GLORIA PATRI 735

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 5:1-21

## CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY My Faith Looks Up to Thee Mason/Büda

## \*DOXOLOGY 733

NEW TESTAMENT READING Matthew 25:14-30

\*HYMN 94 How Firm a Foundation

SERMON TOPICAL PROVERBS: SLOTHS AND LIONS  
Proverbs 24:30-34  
Dr. Jim Rich

\*HYMN 607 Thy Loving-kindness, Lord, Is Good and Free

## \*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us Bradbury/Wilson

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*\*Congregation standing*

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

Serving this morning:

**Worship Leaders** —John Muhlfeld, John Rohrman

**Musicians** —Jeff Castor Family, Helen Ro

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

We rejoice with Jesse and Emily Waltenbaugh on the birth of daughter Goldie Ro, born Wednesday, March 18 weighing 8 lbs 1 oz and measuring 20 inches long. Goldie joins siblings Poppy and Cal. A basket for gifts and cards will be found in the narthex once services resume.

In this time of “social distancing”, we are hoping to maintain our close fellowship by sending two Covenant Update e-newsletters each week, typically on Tuesday and Friday. Please be sure to check for announcements, items of interest within our congregation, and valuable resources. We welcome news and photos from your family for possible inclusion in future editions. We are working to stay connected as much as possible to encourage one another in the Lord.

Church staff members, elders, and shepherding leaders are in the process of actively reaching out to each family in the church and we have also recently assembled a Covid Response Team, headed by John Rohrman, to both identify and help meet material (food, medication, etc.), financial, and social needs in the days ahead. If you are in need of assistance in any way, please contact John, the church office, or any church officer at any time.

Online giving is now available through Covenant's website. Simply visit [www.covpreschurch.org](http://www.covpreschurch.org) and click the upper right “Donate” tab to make a contribution. As always, you are also welcome to mail your tithe to the church or drop it off at the church office if you are passing by. The elders and deacons encourage you to consider giving generously, especially at a time when our mercy ministry fund may be called upon heavily in the days ahead. If you have any questions about our new online giving option, please contact the church office.

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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*He jumped to his feet and began to walk. Then he went with them into the temple courts, walking and jumping, and praising God. Acts 3:8*

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing my great Re-deem-er's praise,  
 2. My gra-cious Mas-ter and my God, as-sist me to pro-claim,  
 3. Je-sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor-rows cease;  
 4. He breaks the pow'r of reign-ing sin, he sets the pris-'ner free;

the glo-ries of my God and King, the tri-umphs of his grace.  
 to spread through all the earth a-broad the hon-ors of thy name.  
 'tis mu-sic in the sin-ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 his blood can make the foul-est clean, his blood a-vailed for me.

5. He speaks and, list'ning to his voice,  
 new life the dead receive;  
 the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;  
 the humble poor believe.

6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
 your loosen'd tongues employ;  
 ye blind, behold your Savior come;  
 and leap, ye lame, for joy.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.  
 AR, 1961

AZMON C.M.  
 Carl G. Glaser, 1794-1829  
 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

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# How Firm a Foundation

GOD:

*Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Is. 41:10*

1. How firm a foun-da-tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your  
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your  
 3. "When through the deep wa-ters I call you to go, the riv-ers of  
 4. "When through fi-ery tri-als your path-way shall lie, my grace, all-suf-

faith in his ex-cel-lent Word! What more can he say than to  
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength-en you, help you, and  
 sor-row shall not o-ver-flow; for I will be with you, your  
 fi-cient, shall be your sup-ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?  
 cause you to stand, up-held by my righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand.  
 trou-bles to bless, and sanc-ti-fy to you your deep-est dis-tress.  
 on-ly de-sign your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove  
 my sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,  
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,  
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;  
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787; alt.  
 Mod.

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.  
 Traditional American melody  
 J. Funk's A Compilation of Genuine Church Music, 1832

TRIBULATION AND SUFFERING

# Thy Loving-kindness, Lord, Is Good and Free

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*Answer me, O LORD, out of the goodness of your love; in your great mercy turn to me. Ps. 69:16*

1. Thy lov-ing-kind-ness, Lord, is good and free:  
 2. Need-y and sor-row-ful, to thee I cry;  
 3. With joy the meek shall see my soul re-stored;  
 4. Let heav'n a-bove his grace and glo-ry tell;

in ten-der mer-cy turn thou un-to me;  
 let thy sal-va-tion set my soul on high:  
 your heart shall live, ye saints that seek the Lord;  
 let earth and sea and all that in them dwell:

hide not thy face from me in my dis-tress;  
 then I will sing and praise thy ho-ly name;  
 he helps the need-y and re-gards their cries;  
 sal-va-tion to his peo-ple God will give,

in mer-cy hear my pray'r, thy ser-vant bless.  
 my thank-ful song thy mer-cy shall pro-claim.  
 those in dis-tress the Lord will not de-spise.  
 and they that love his name with him shall live.

From Psalm 69:16, 17, 29, 30, 32-36  
 The Psalter, 1912

ELLERS 10.10.10.  
 Edward J. Hopkins, 1869

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is to help people know Christ,  
grow together in the grace of Christ,  
and advance the kingdom of Christ,  
all to the glory and worship of God forever.*



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