

THE LORD'S DAY
Covenant Presbyterian Church
April 26, 2020

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE PRELUDE

LAUREL & JOSH WALDBIESER

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 5:12-14

In a loud voice they sang: "Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!"
Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all that is in them, singing: "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!"
The four living creatures said, "Amen," and the elders fell down and worshiped.

THE HYMN

"HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION"

- 1. How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

- 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

- 3. "When through the deep waters I call you to go,
the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
for I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.**

- 4. "When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you; I only design
your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

THE APOSTLES CREED

*I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of Heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen*

THE INVOCATION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

*“Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in 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”*

THE SCRIPTURE READING

2 CORINTHIANS 12: 7-10

To keep me from becoming conceited because of these surpassingly great revelations, there was given me a thorn in my flesh, a messenger of Satan, to torment me. Three times I pleaded with the Lord to take it away from me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me. That is why, for Christ’s sake, I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong.

THE MORNING PRAYER

THE ANTHEM “IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE” SMITH/TRAD. WELSH
HYMN MELODY
REED ABRAHAM
RANDOLPH BLAKEMAN
JAMES STEADMAN
GEOFF WALDBIESER
LAUREL WALDBIESER, ACCOMPANIST

THE SCRIPTURE

JEREMIAH 29: 4-14

THE SERMON

“HOW TO LIVE IN BABYLON”

REV. TIM STARNES

THE HYMN

“MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS”

1. My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

3. His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.

THE BENEDICTION

THE POSTLUDE

“JOY”

BLAKEMAN

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Covenant Church extends our Christian sympathy to David Thornton in the death of his mother, Leah Thornton.

There will be a live-streamed service tonight at 6:00 PM. Rev. Ben Ratliff will be preaching from Psalm 29 and there will be special music.

Senior High youth are having a Zoom game-night at 7:30pm, Sunday night. Junior High will do the same on Wednesday April 29 at 7:00pm. Contact Ben Ratliff if you need the Zoom link.

Thank you for continuing to give during this time we are unable to meet for corporate worship. There are 2 options available to continue giving your tithes and offerings. You may mail it to Covenant Presbyterian Church, P. O. Box 896, Cleveland, MS 38732, or you can use the online link: <https://covenant.breezechms.com/give/online>