

THE LORD'S DAY ~ July 15, 2018

MORNING WORSHIP 10:30 A.M.

Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church

to all who are spiritually weary and seek rest;
to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and need strength;
to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
to all who will come,
this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome
in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ!

Preparation for Worship Thank you for silencing all electronic devices.

"For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,' we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain." ~ II Peter 1:16-18

Pastor's Welcome and Announcements

A cry room for small children with televised worship is available in the Fellowship Hall during the service.

Invocation

***Call to Worship** Psalm 8:3-4

***Hymn of Praise** "How Great Thou Art" (T44)

***Hymn of Adoration** "Indescribable" (1)

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty.
From the colors of Fall to the fragrance of Spring,
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings. All exclaiming:

*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name; You are amazing, God!
All powerful! Untameable! Awestruck, we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim: You are amazing God!*

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go;
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light,
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night? None can fathom:

*For those who are able, please stand at these times.

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*Indescribable! Uncontainable! You placed the stars in the sky,
And You know them by name; You are amazing, God!
Incomparable! Unchangeable! You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same; You are amazing, God!*

***Confession of Faith** The New City Catechism #27

Leader: *Are all people, just as they were lost through Adam, saved through Christ?* (2)

People: No, only those who are elected by God and united to Christ by faith. Nevertheless God in his mercy demonstrates common grace even to those who are not elect, by restraining the effects of sin and enabling works of culture for human well-being.

Scripture Reading Exodus 23 (PB63)

Hymn of Confession "O Love That Will Not Let Me Go" (Words: T708)(3)

Call to Confession Matthew 5:3-4

Confession of Sin

Awesome God, compassionate Father,
You have freely loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved You as we ought.
You constantly speak to us by Your Word and the Holy Spirit,
but we do not listen well.
You command us to love, but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped up in our own self-centered concerns.
We are too comfortable with evil, prejudice, injustice,
and greed in our lives and in this world.
God of grace, as you cover us with your mercy,
we repent in spirit and in truth,
admitting our many transgressions against You,
hating the sin which clings to us so easily,
and gratefully receive your forgiveness
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon Galatians 2:20-21

Moment of Missions Lester Maples, Gideons International

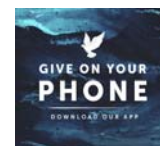
Presentation of Tithes and Offerings Acts 20:35b

"It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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Offertory Hymn "Psalm 34 (Taste and See)" (4)

I sought the Lord and He answered me and delivered me from every fear.
Those who look on Him are radiant. They'll never be ashamed. They'll never be ashamed.

This poor man cried and the Lord heard me and saved me from my enemies.
The Son of God surrounds His saints. He will deliver them. He will deliver them.

*Magnify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name together.
Glorify the Lord with me. Come exalt His name forever.*

O taste and see that the Lord is good. O blessed is he who hides in Him.
O fear the Lord, O all you saints. He'll give you everything. He'll give you everything.

*Let us bless the Lord every day and night;
Never ending praise. May our incense rise.*

Prayer of Illumination Psalm 119:155

"Salvation is far from the wicked for they do not seek your statutes."

Sermon Psalm 67

"Make the Nations Glad"
Mr. James L. Thompson, III



***Hymn of Response** "Song for the Nations" (C439)

***Charge and Benediction** Revelation 2:25

***Hymn of Benediction** "The Gloria Patri" (T734)

***Postlude**

THIS WEEK, July 15 -21, 2018

Today •Sunday School, 9:00 a.m.
•Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 - 10:25 a.m.
•Morning worship, 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday •Ladies Bible Study, Fellowship Hall, 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday •Praise Team rehearsal, 5:15 p.m.
•Youth Group, 6:00 p.m.

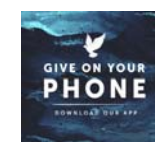
Announcements

- ◆ **In Our Nursery Today:** Morning Worship ~ Christina Sabo, Izabella Sabo
- ◆ **Nursery Next Week** Sunday School ~ Dawn Colravy
Morning Worship ~ Kristie Delmar, Kristina Gilmore
- ◆ **Ushers Today:** Jonah Cleveland, Curtis Trexler, Joe Steele, Michael Sabo
- ◆ **Ushers Next Week:** George Goehring, Geoffrey Brooks, Isaac Brooks, Zeke Zechman

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COVENANT FAMILY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK:

Gigi Sabo, July 16th
Pam Simpson, July 20th

CPC On-Line Prayer Room

View the on-going prayer requests on the church website:
www.covenantpca.net/community/prayer-room



"O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go"

George Matheson, 1882
Christopher Miner, 1997

*"Let me fall into the hand of the Lord,
for His mercies are very great . . ."* I Chronicles 21:13

George Matheson was only a teenager when he learned that his poor eyesight was deteriorating further. Not to be denied, he continued straightaway with his plans to enroll in Glasgow University, and his determination led to his graduating at age nineteen. But as he pursued graduate studies for Christian ministry he became totally blind. His sisters joined ranks beside him, learning Greek and Hebrew to assist him in his studies, and he pressed faithfully on. But his spirit collapsed when his fiancé, unwilling to be married to a blind man, broke their engagement and returned his ring.

George never married, and the pain of that rejection never totally left him. Years later, his sister came to him, announcing her engagement. He rejoiced with her, but his mind went back to his own heartache. He consoled himself in thinking of God's love which is never limited, never conditional, never withdrawn, and never uncertain. Out of this experience it is said he wrote the hymn, "*O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*," on June 6, 1882.

George Matheson became a powerful and popular preacher pastoring in the Scottish village of Innellan. Despite his flourishing ministry, there was one winter's evening when the Sunday night crowd was miserably small. George had worked hard on his sermon, but the empty chairs nearly defeated him. Nevertheless he did his best, not knowing that in the congregation was a visitor for the large St. Bernard's Church in Edinburgh, which was seeking a pastor. As a result, in 1886, he was called to St. Bernard's where he became one of Scotland's favorite preachers.

"Make every occasion a great occasion," Matheson later said. "You can never tell when somebody may be taking your measure for a larger place."

The contemporary tune to this great hymn was written in 1997 by Christopher Miner. Chris is one of the most prolific of the RUF hymn tune writers and began writing hymn tunes in the early 1990s first as a freshmen at Vanderbilt and then later at UT Knoxville where he led the worship for RUF for several years. He has been part of the Indelible Grace artist collective out of Nashville, TN which seeks to restore the historic practice of writing new melodies to old hymn texts.

*Taken from "Then Sings My Soul" by Robert J. Morgan and the Indelible Grace website.

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CPC Sermon Page

AM Sermon Notes

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Covenant Presbyterian Church (PCA)
*Building Relationships,
Building the Kingdom,
For Now....and Eternity*

We go and make
mature disciples
of the
Lord Jesus Christ
who glorify
and enjoy God
forever.

glorify God
WORSHIP
love one another
COMMUNITY
serve the world
MISSION