



Covenant Presbyterian Church

THE LORD'S DAY ~August 30, 2020



*"Once you become aware that the main business
that you are here for is to know God,
most of life's problems fall into place of their own accord."*
~ J. I. Packer

Prelude

"Blessed Is the Man" (Psalm 1)" (T564)

Pastor's Welcome

Prayer of Invocation and Praise

***Call to Worship**

Psalm 29:1-2

***Hymn of Praise**

"Immortal, Invisible" (T38)

***Confession of Faith**

Belgic Confession, Article 35C

Leader: *Christian, what do you believe about the sacrament of the Lord's Supper?*

People: We believe that we do not go wrong when we say that what is eaten is Christ's own natural body and what is drunk is his own blood—but the manner in which we eat it is not by the mouth, but by the Spirit through faith. In that way Jesus Christ remains always seated at the right hand of God the Father in heaven—but he never refrains on that account to communicate himself to us through faith. This banquet is a spiritual table at which Christ communicates himself to us with all his benefits. At that table he makes us enjoy himself as much as the merits of his suffering and death, as he nourishes, strengthens, and comforts our poor, desolate souls by the eating of his flesh, and relieves and renews them by the drinking of his blood.

Moreover, though the sacraments and what they signify are joined together, not all receive both of them. The wicked certainly take the sacrament, to their condemnation, but do not receive the truth of the sacrament, just as Judas and Simon the Sorcerer both indeed received the sacrament, but not Christ, who was signified by it. He is communicated only to believers.

***Hymn of Confession** *"Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat" (Words: T507)*

Confession of Sin

We confess, our Father, that we do not live up to the family name.

We are more ready to resent than to forgive,

more ready to manipulate than to serve,

more ready to fear than to love,

more ready to keep our distance than to welcome,

more ready to compete than to help.

At the root of this behavior is mistrust.

We do not love one another as we should,

because we do not believe that you love us as you do.

Forgive us our cold unbelief.

And make more vivid to us the meaning and depth of your love at the cross.

Show us what it cost you to give up your Son

that we might become your sons and daughters.

We ask this in the name of Jesus our righteousness.

Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Titus 3:3-7

Scripture Reading

John 11:45-12:11

Pastoral Prayer

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

I Samuel 2:7

Offertory Hymn

"O God beyond All Praising" (T660)

Prayer of Illumination

Psalm 119:104

Sermon

Ezra 10:16-44

"Purging a Little Leaven"

The God Restores Series

Rev. Cory D. Colravy

***Hymn of Response**

"Holy, Holy, Holy" (T100)

***Benediction**

II Peter 3:18

***Hymn of Benediction**

"The Gloria Patri" (T734)

***Postlude**