



The Lord's Day, May 31, 2020

Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols.

So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbler wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new.

(Acts 17:16–21)

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# Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship: Psalm 96

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!  
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.

**For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.  
Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!  
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!  
Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

**Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;  
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;  
let the field exult, and everything in it!

**Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy  
before the Lord, for he comes,  
for he comes to judge the earth.  
He will judge the world in righteousness,  
and the peoples in his faithfulness.**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

#### \*Hymn: *Days of Elijah*

(Robin Mark)

These are the days of Elijah Declaring the word of the Lord  
And these are the days of Your servant Moses Righteousness  
being restored

And though these are days of great trials  
Of famine and darkness and sword  
Still we are the voice in the desert crying Prepare ye the way of  
the Lord!

Chorus: Behold He comes, riding on the clouds  
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call  
So, lift your voice, it's the year of Jubilee  
Out of Zions hill, salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel  
The dry bones becoming as flesh  
And these are the days of Your servant, David  
Rebuilding a temple of praise

And these are the days of the harvest  
The fields are as white in the world  
And we are the laborers in Your vineyard  
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus (2x)

#### \*Hymn: *Lion of Judah*

You're the Lion of Judah, the Lamb that was slain,  
You ascended to heaven and ever more will reign;  
At the end of the age when the earth You reclaim,  
You will gather the nations before You.  
And the eyes of all men will be fixed on the Lamb Who was  
crucified,  
For with wisdom and mercy and justice You'll reign At Your  
Father's side.

Chorus: And the angels will cry: "Hail the Lamb  
Who was slain for the world, Rule in power."  
And the earth will reply: "You shall reign  
As the King of all kings  
And the Lord of all lords."


There's a shield in our hand and a sword at our side,  
There's a fire in our spirits that cannot be denied;  
As the Father has told us for these You have died,  
For the nations that gather before You.  
And the ears of all men need to hear of the Lamb Who was  
crucified,  
Who descended to hell yet was raised up to reign At the  
Father's side.

Chorus (2x)

"As the King of all kings  
And the Lord of all lords."

#### Corporate Confession of Sin:

**Our gracious and loving heavenly Father, perfect in glory,  
holiness, majesty, dominion, and power, today we confess  
to you that we have failed to image Your holiness and have**



failed to love You with all our hearts, our souls, and our strength. We confess that we have not loved one another as brothers and sisters, and we have not shared the love of Jesus and the good news of the Gospel with our neighbors as we ought. We have all too often remained silent when You have presented us with opportunities to share our faith. We humbly ask You to forgive us our frequent sins and failures to bear Your image to a watching world. We also beseech You for Your enabling grace and sanctifying work within us, by Your Holy Spirit and through Your inspired Word. We ask this of You only through the powerful name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon: 1 John 1:7–9**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**\*Scripture Reading: Acts 17:16–21**

**\*Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith, X. 1: Of Effectual Calling**

All those whom God hath predestinated unto life, and those only, He is pleased in His appointed and accepted time effectually to call, by His Word and Spirit, out of that state of sin and death, in which they are by nature, to grace and salvation by Jesus Christ; enlightening their minds spiritually and savingly to understand the things of God, taking away their heart of stone, and giving unto them a heart of flesh; renewing their wills, and, by His almighty power determining them to that which is good, and effectually drawing them to Jesus Christ: yet so, as they come most freely, being made willing by His grace.

**\*Hymn: Psalm 96**

(Trinity Psalter; sung to the tune of *All Hail the Power*)  
O sing a new song to the LORD; all earth sing to the LORD.  
Sing to the LORD, and bless His name; “He saves!” each day  
proclaim.  
His glory to all nations show; His deeds let peoples know.

The LORD is great. How great His praise! Above all gods He’s feared.

For heathen gods are idols vain; The LORD the heavens made.  
Before Him honor, majesty, and strength and splendor be!

O families of earth, ascribe all glory to the LORD!  
All strength ascribe unto the LORD; the glory of His name  
Give to the LORD. To His courts come and bring an offering.

In beautiful and holy robes bring worship to the LORD.  
All earth, before Him stand in awe; proclaim, “The LORD is King!”  
Controlled by Him, the world stands firm; His judgments  
justice bless.

Let heav’ns be glad and earth rejoice in vast expanse untold  
Let seas speak out with endless roar. Let fields and all they hold  
Their glory give; let trees and woods with rustling boughs give  
praise.

Let all prepare to greet the LORD, because He coming is.  
He surely comes to judge the earth. And righteousness is His.  
He’ll nations judge with faithfulness, the world with justice  
bless.

**Missions Report: Rev. Jean Paul (Haiti)**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon: Paul’s Athenian Apologetic Is Your American Apologetic**

**Acts 17:16–21**

**Rev. Martin Hawley**

**\*Hymn: The Ends of All the Earth Shall Hear**

(Trinity Hymnal, #368)

The ends of all the earth shall hear and turn unto the Lord in  
fear;  
all kindreds of the earth shall own and worship Him as God  
alone.

Refrain: All earth to Him her homage brings, the Lord of  
lords, the King of kings.

For His the kingdom, His of right, He rules the nations by His  
might;  
all earth to Him her homage brings, the Lord of lords, the King  
of kings.

Refrain

Both rich and poor, both bond and free, shall worship Him on  
bended knee,  
and children’s children shall proclaim the glorious honor of His  
name.

Refrain

**\*Benediction**

**\*Gloria Patri**

**\*Three-fold Amen**

\*Denotes times when those members of the congregation who  
are able shall stand.

## Directions for Worship and Considerations Concerning the Corona Virus:

1. Please situate your couple or family group as efficiently as possible as the chairs and rows have been arranged (i.e. individuals and couples, as well as couples with one child ought to use the center row of 3 chairs until all of those locations are filled)
2. Please refrain from shaking hands, embracing, or otherwise physically contacted persons not in your family.
3. Please maintain the 6 foot social distancing guidelines and the spacing established in our sanctuary's rows of chairs.
4. You may wear masks or not wear masks as you and your family prefer.
5. Hand sanitizer is located in our entrance area and on the bulletin table.
6. We request that one person at a time use the bathroom areas.
7. You may place your offering in the offering plate located in the back of the sanctuary.

## Announcements

### Postponed Events

Adult Sunday School  
Sunday Evening Bible Study  
Women's Evening Bible Study  
Men's Evening Bible Study

### Virtual Events

#### Women's Tuesday Morning Bible Study

A weekly study on *Contentment* by Melissa Kruger at 11 a.m.  
Talk to Shari for details about women's virtual events.

#### Women's Tuesday Evening Prayer and Fellowship

A time to share prayer requests and fellowship at 7 p.m. each week. See Shari for details about women's virtual events.

#### FATSAT Men's Study on First and Third Saturdays

Our First and Third Saturdays men's group meets online at 8:00 a.m. See George for details.

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## Our Welcome Guests for May and June



Behold, how good and pleasant it is  
when brothers dwell in unity!  
It is like the precious oil on the head,  
running down on the beard,  
on the beard of Aaron,  
running down on the collar of his robes!  
It is like the dew of Hermon,  
which falls on the mountains of Zion!  
For there the Lord has commanded the blessing,  
life forevermore.  
(Psalm 133)

We take great joy in sharing our worship space and our Lord's Day services of worship in May and June with our daughter congregation, Christ Covenant Presbyterian of Woodstock, Georgia.

Christ Covenant began meeting on Sunday evenings in June 2009, then on Sunday mornings in February 2010 as a mission or church plant of Hope. After growing sufficiently, in July 2013 they were formally organized as a church by the Northwest Georgia Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

The church's founding pastor was our own Rev. Ted Lester, who had previously founded Cherokee Presbyterian Church, and who also served for several years as an assistant pastor at Hope. Brother Ted recently took honorable retirement through the Northwest Georgia Presbytery.

Christ Covenant Presbyterian is now pastored by the Rev. Job Dalomba. Job was raised in North Mississippi, and recently relocated to Woodstock. He is a graduate of Ole Miss in 2006 with a B.A. in Liberal Arts. He then graduated Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary in 2009. Before coming to Christ Covenant Presbyterian, he spent almost 9 years in pastoral ministry. Job has been married to Brittany for 13 years and they have four children: Reid, Grace, Sam and Mary Kate.