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For the glory of God, Covenant Presbyterian Church
exists to worship God and equip His people for service.

Sunday, May 28, 2023

May you be still as we trust in our Heavenly Father and rest in the peace Christ has purchased for us and given to us in the gift of the Holy Spirit. Please prepare yourself for worship by prayerfully reading and meditating on the Scriptures and quotes below.

Preparation for Worship

Pre-Prelude *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* arr. John Carter
Phoebe Kimball and Katie Stuckey, piano

Choral Introit *God Is Nigh* by Russell Mauldin
Sanctuary Choir

'For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.'
Jeremiah 31:34b

As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12

'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.' Matthew 6:12

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no 'root of bitterness' springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled. Hebrews 12:15

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. 1 Peter 2:1-3

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

"Bitterness is the curse of life, it is the main cause of trouble in all relationships." Martyn Lloyd-Jones

"Anger and bitterness are two noticeable signs of being focused on self and not trusting God's sovereignty in your life." John Broger

"Forgiveness breaks the bitter chains of pride, self-pity and vengeance that lead to despair, alienation, broken relationships and loss of joy."
John MacArthur

"Christians are the most forgiven people in the world. Therefore, we should be the most forgiving people in the world." Ken Sande

"True forgiveness pursues relationship and restoration. True forgiveness is not satisfied with simply canceling the debt. It longs to love again." Sam Storms

"We need not climb up into heaven to see whether our sins are forgiven: let us look into our hearts, and see if we can forgive others. If we can, we need not doubt but God has forgiven us." Thomas Watson

"Forgive, forget. Bear with the faults of others as you would have them bear with yours. Be patient and understanding. Life is too short to be vengeful or malicious." Phillips Brooks

Today's flowers are offered to the glory of God and in remembrance of the United States service men and women who never returned home from their stations of active duty. May their sacrifice and heart's bravery inspire us to service, prayer, and faith.

Order of Worship – May 28, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Adoration of God

***Call to Worship** Psalm 103:1-5
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, Who forgives all your iniquity, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from the pit, Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, Who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

***Hymn of Adoration #32** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

***Invocation** Elder Tony Bloemsma

***Affirmation of Our Faith** Westminster Shorter Catechism
Q.105. "What do we pray for in the fifth petition?"

A. "In the fifth petition, which is, 'And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors,' we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are the rather encouraged to ask, because by His grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others."

***Hymn of Redemption #455** *And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

Confession of Sin and Means of Grace

Pastoral Prayer

Musical Reflection *Arise, My Soul, Arise* arr. Dan Forrest

The Reading of God's Word Ephesians 4:31-32

The Message from God's Word "Genuine Forgiveness"
Pastor Steve Mirich

***Hymn of Response** *The Power of the Cross*
by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Offertory Prayer

Offertory *Amazing Grace* arr. Frederick Swann
Brett Levi, organ

Response and Blessing

***Closing Hymn** *Because He Lives*

***Benediction** Philippians 4:19-20
And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.

*Doxology

Postlude *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* arr. Mary Ellen Kerrick
Brett Levi, organ

*Indicates when the congregation stands (if able)