



Lord's Day, May 10, 2020

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbein Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word." And the word of the Lord came to him: "Depart from here and turn eastward and hide yourself by the brook Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the brook, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there." So he went and did according to the word of the Lord. He went and lived by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan. And the ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening, and he drank from the brook. And after a while the brook dried up, because there was no rain in the land.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, "Arise, go to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you." So he arose and went to Zarephath. And when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks. And he called to her and said, "Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink." And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, "Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand." And she said, "As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of flour in a jar and a little oil in a jug. And now I am gathering a couple of sticks that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it and die." And Elijah said to her, "Do not fear; go and do as you have said. But first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, 'The jar of flour shall not be spent, and the jug of oil shall not be empty, until the day that the Lord sends rain upon the earth.'" And she went and did as Elijah said. And she and he and her household ate for many days. The jar of flour was not spent, neither did the jug of oil become empty, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah.

After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. And he cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Lord, "O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again." And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth."

1 Kings 17:1-24

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Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship: Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;

**his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

*Invocation

*Praise Song: In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found. He is my Light, my strength,
my song.

This Cornerstone, this solid ground Firm through the fiercest
drought and storm.

What heights of love! What depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my all in all, Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless
Babe.

This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He
came to save

'til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied,
for ev'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by
darkness slain.

Then bursting forth in glorious day, Up from the grave He rose
again.

And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.
For I am His, and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood
of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death: This is the pow'r of Christ in
me.

From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.

No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from
His hand
'til He returns, or calls me home; here in the pow'r of Christ I'll
stand. (repeat)

*Trinity Psalter: Psalm 18:38-50

(sung to the tune of "Sweet Hour of Prayer")

My foes can rise again no more; they at my feet are fallen now.
For You have made me strong for war; You've made my foes
beneath me bow.

You made them turn their backs and flee, that I my haters
might destroy.

They cried for help, but no one came; they begged the LORD;
He sent no joy.

I crushed them small as flying dust; like trampled mud I let
them fall.

You rescued me from people's strife, made me the head of
nations all.

A people I knew not will serve, and when they hear me, will
obey.

The sons of strangers, trembling come and from their
strongholds fade away.

Jehovah lives! Blessed be my Rock! The God who saves exalted
be!

The God Who vengeance executes, And humbles nations
under me.

He saves me from my enemies; yes, You will now exalt me far
Above the men of violence who risen up against me are.

I therefore will give thanks to You among the nations all, O
LORD;

And I will sing the psalms of praise, to Your great name will
praise accord.

He to His king salvation gives, to His anointed show His grace;
His mercy evermore extends to David and his promised race.

Confession of Sin

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and
strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed
too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We
have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone
those things which we ought to have done; and we have
done those things which we ought not to have done. O
Lord, have mercy upon us, and forgive us. Restore those
who are penitent according to Your promises declared to us
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon: Romans 3:23–25a

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

Scripture Reading: Luke 7:11–17

Confession of Faith: Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.4:

This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake, which that He may discharge, He was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in His soul, and most painful sufferings in His body; was crucified, and died; was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day He arose from the dead, with the same body in which He suffered; with which also He ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of His Father, making intercession; and shall return to judge men and angels at the end of the world.

*Hymn: Worship Christ, the Risen King!

Rise, O Church, and lift your voices
Christ has conquered death and hell
Sing as all the earth rejoices;
Resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ the risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid Him,
Empty now its mouth declares:
“Death and I could not contain Him,
For the throne of life He shares.”
Come and worship, come and worship,
 worship Christ the risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble,
See the stone removed with pow'r;
All hell's minions may assemble,
But cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered, he has conquered,
 Christ the Lord, the risen King!

Doubt may lift its head to murmur,
scoffers mock and sinners jeer.
But the truth proclaims a wonder
Thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!

We acclaim Your life O Jesus,
Now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,

But Your conquest keeps us free.
Stand in Triumph, stand in triumph,
 worship Christ, the risen King!

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Sermon: The LORD is the God of Life

1 Kings 17:1–24

Rev. Job Dalomba

*Hymn: Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King;
your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing,
and triumph evermore.

Refrain:

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above. [Refrain]

His kingdom cannot fail,
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet. [Refrain]

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home. [Refrain]

*Benediction

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Three-fold Amen

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

*Words to hymns and choruses printed in the bulletin, using license
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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.
8. At the end of the service, we will dismiss by rows so as to limit crowding.

Announcements

Postponed Events

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

Virtual Events

Women's Tuesday Evening Bible Study

A weekly study on *Contentment* by Melissa Kruger at 7 p.m.

FATSAT Men's Study on First and Third Saturdays

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

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.