

## We Offer Our Gifts and Prayers

### Offertory Prayer and Offering of our Gifts

Each week at Covenant we receive a monetary offering to support the mission and ministry of the church. This morning's offering will support the Missions Fund which enables us to focus on mission efforts both locally and in other countries.

### We Offer Our Joys & Concerns and Pray for One Another

## We Dedicate Ourselves to Holy Living

Scripture: II Corinthians 5:17-19

p.1799

### \*Song: "Cornerstone"

***My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.***

***I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly trust in Jesus' name.***

*(repeat)*

***Chorus: Christ alone. Cornerstone. Weak made strong in the Savior's love.  
Through the storm, He is Lord, Lord of all.***

***When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace.***

***In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.***

*(to chorus)*

***When He shall come with trumpet sound, oh may I then in Him be found.***

***Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless stand before the throne.***

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## We are Sent with God's Blessing

### \*Benediction

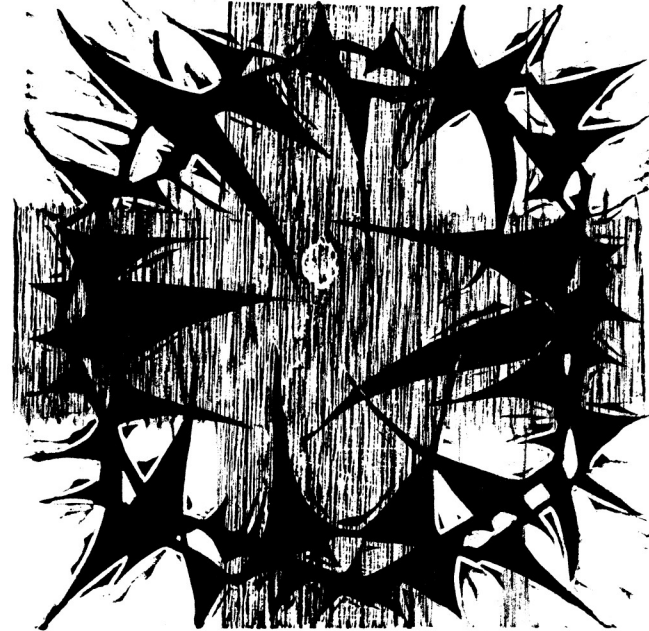
\*Closing Song: "Cornerstone" *(chorus only—see words above)*

### Worship Participants

Pastor: Dr. Justin Bailey ♦ Piano: Mike Janssen ♦ Guitar: Laremy DeVries ♦ Drums: Adam Schultz

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"Don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." (Romans 6:3-4)

In the early church, Easter, Lent, and baptism were all connected. Lent was considered and created to be a time of personal examination and learning for adult converts, culminating in an Easter morning baptismal celebration. Though traditions have changed, the connection between Christ's death and resurrection and our own baptisms remains a vital component to our faith. During our Lenten observance, we invite you to consider baptism, putting to death the old self, and rising anew with Christ. As you enter or exit the sanctuary, you are invited to pause at the baptismal font placed in the fellowship hall. Feel free to dip your fingers in the water or reverently observe and reflect on God's gift of baptism and your new identity in him—to remember and believe.

For more, visit: <https://www.reformedworship.org/article/march-1987/easter-baptism-ancient-tradition>

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## God Gathers Us for Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship: Jeremiah 31:31-34 p.1227

\*Song: "When I Survey/The Wonderful Cross" LUYH 175, 176

\*Prayer

\*God Greet Us, We Greet One Another

## We Are Renewed in God's Grace

\*Call to Confession: "God, Be Merciful to Me" LUYH 622:1,3,4

Prayer of Confession: Psalm 51:1-4, 6, 9-11

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you alone, have I sinned,  
and done what is evil in your sight,**

**so that you are justified in your sentence  
and blameless when you pass judgment.**

You desire truth in the inward being;  
therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.**

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and put a new and right spirit within me.

**Do not cast me from your presence,  
and do not take your Holy Spirit from me.**

**Restore to me the joy of your salvation  
and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. Amen**

Assurance of Pardon: Ezekiel 36:25-26

"I will sprinkle clean water upon you,  
and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses,  
and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

A new heart I will give you, and a new spirit I will put within you;  
and I will remove from your body the heart of stone  
and give you a heart of flesh."

Friends, hear the good news!

Though we are unworthy, we are granted God's favor in Jesus Christ  
and are baptized into the church of his beloved Son.

Friends, believe the good news!

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Song of Assurance: "My Worth Is Not in What I Own" verses 1,4,5  
(also available on separate songsheet)

**1. My worth is not in what I own; not in the strength of flesh and bone,  
but in the costly wounds of love at the cross.**

**4. I will not boast in wealth or might, or human wisdom's fleeting light,  
but I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross.**

*Chorus:*

***I rejoice in my Redeemer, greatest treasure, wellspring of my soul.  
I will trust in Him, no other; my soul is satisfied in Him alone.***

**5. Two wonders here that I confess: my worth and my unworthiness.  
My value fixed, my ransom paid at the cross. (to chorus)**

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## God Speaks to Us Through His Word

Children's Blessing: "Jesus Loves Me" LUYH 709:1

Children ages 3 years old through Kindergarten are invited to come to the front of the sanctuary to receive a prayer of blessing before going downstairs to the Multi-Purpose Room for a time of worship designed especially for young children. Our young guests are welcome to participate in this service.

Scripture: Hebrews 7:18-8:2 p.1869

Sermon: "Our Incomparable Priest" Dr. Justin Bailey

\*Song of Response: "Before the Throne of God Above" LUYH 682