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Welcome to Covenant Presbyterian Church!

We are delighted that you are worshiping with us this morning.

Thank you for joining us and may you experience

God's blessing in our worship.

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### The Lord's Day

February 9, 2020

#### ◆Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-3

Leader Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

People **Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

Leader For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

#### ◆Prayer for God's Blessing

◆**Hymn of Adoration:** #214 "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

#### Call to Confession

2 Corinthians 5:19-20

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.

#### Prayer of Confession

#### Assurance of Pardon

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

◆**Hymn of Praise:** #431

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain"

#### ◆Our Statement for Faith:

— Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 49

Q. How does Christ's ascension to heaven benefit us?

A. **First, he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father.**

**Second, we have our own flesh in heaven— a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven.**

**Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit's power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand.**

#### Pastoral Prayer

#### Worship with Tithes and Offerings

**Hymn of Preparation:** #119B "How Shall the Young Direct Their Way?"

#### ◆Scripture

~ Old Testament: Psalm 110:1-7

~ New Testament: 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4

**Sermon:** "Encouragement for the Suffering"

◆**Hymn of Response:** #241

"O God beyond All Praising"

#### ◆Benediction

◆**Doxology:** #89B (tune #209)

"All Glory Unto God We Yield"  
(stanza 8 only)

All glory unto God we yield,  
The Lord God is our help and shield;  
all praise and honor we will bring  
to Israel's Holy One, our King.

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◆Please stand if you are able.