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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**  
September 12, 2021

◆ **Call to Worship:**

Leader O kingdoms of the earth, sing to God;  
sing praises to the Lord, Selah

**People to him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens;  
behold, he sends out his voice, his mighty voice.**

Leader Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel,  
and whose power is in the skies.

**People Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one  
who gives power and strength to his people.  
Blessed be God!**

Psalm 68:32-35

◆ **Prayer for God's Blessing**

◆ **Hymn of Adoration:** #291

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

**Call to Confession:**

Ephesians 4:26-30

Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil. Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need. Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption.

**Prayer of Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon:**

1 John 1:8-9

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.

◆ **Hymn of Praise:** #99B

“The Lord God Reigns in Majesty”

◆ **Our Standard of Faith:** — Canons of Dort; 2nd Main Point, Articles 1&2

**Article 1: The Punishment Which God's Justice Requires**

God is not only supremely merciful, but also supremely just. His justice requires (he has revealed himself in the Word) that the sins we have committed against his infinite majesty be punished with both temporal and eternal punishments, of soul as well as body. We cannot escape these punishments unless satisfactions is given to god's justice.

**Article 2: The Satisfaction Made by Christ**

Since, however, we ourselves cannot give this satisfaction or deliver ourselves from God's anger, God in his boundless mercy has given us as a guarantee his only begotten son, who was made to be sin and a curse for us, in our place, on the cross, in order that he might give satisfaction for us.

**Congregational Prayer**

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**Hymn of Preparation:** #261

“O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High!”

◆ **Scripture**

~ Old Testament: Esther 7 (sermon text)

~ New Testament: Matthew 3:1-17

**Sermon:**

“My People for My Request”

◆ **Hymn of Response:** #381

“Blessings and Honor and Glory and Power”

◆ **Benediction**

◆ **Doxology:** #473

“By the Sea of Crystal”  
(stanza 3 only)

Unto God Almighty, sitting on the throne,  
and the Lamb, victorious, be the praise alone.  
God has wrought salvation, he did wondrous things.  
Who shall not extol you, holy King of kings!

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◆ Please stand if you are able