

Covenant Renewal Worship

Thank you for joining us this Lord's Day for the worship service here at Church of the King. All visitors are welcomed and those who name the name of Jesus as their Savior are asked to prepare themselves to fully participate in the Covenant Renewal Service with hearty singing, reading, listening, feasting, giving, praying and AMENS.

Our service follows the covenantal pattern of worship found in the Word of God from Genesis to Revelation. This pattern has been used in whole or in part throughout the world for all of Church history. The Lord's Day is the Day of the Lord, where God calls us together to renew His gracious covenant with His people. There are five divine actions in Covenant Renewal Worship: God calls us to worship, God forgives our sins and restores us, God teaches us from His Word, God feeds us at His table and God commissions us to go forth and conquer through obedience, proclamation, and mercy.

Call to Worship: Here God calls us to gather as His people: We are commanded to gather, leaving behind the problems and tensions of the past week to find new peace and rest in the Gospel.

Confession of sin: Even the great saints in the Bible such as Moses, Isaiah, Mary or the Apostle John were always humbled in the presence of God, being overwhelmed by the stark realization of their moral guilt before the Holy Triune God we serve. Approaching God, we first humbly confess our sins and then God reminds us that we are forgiven sinners because of the finished work of His Son Jesus on the Cross. We are assured of this forgiveness and our right standing before God from His Word as it is proclaimed by the minister. Those who have not put their faith in Christ as Savior are challenged as God "now commands all men everywhere to repent" and believe the good news. [Acts 17:30].

Consecration: As living sacrifices, the Holy Spirit takes His gathered saints into the presence of God as He prepares and instructs us through the Word of God. God teaches us how to live the new life that we have in Christ, our Risen Savior, giving us the armor we need for the battles ahead. He makes our gifts and prayers acceptable as they ascend before the very throne of God in heaven.

Communion: All of the ceremonial meals and feasts of the Old Testament find their fulfillment in the Lord's Supper where we proclaim Christ's death until He comes. This simple act of eating bread and drinking wine is an important first step of obedience as we seek to serve God in a new week. Sharing this weekly meal is also a joyous reminder of the day when we will all sit at the Great Marriage Supper of the Lamb. All those who are baptized, and members in good standing of Christ's Church, are welcome at His table where He fuels His people for service in His kingdom.

Commission: We are sent forth as Christ's disciples to fulfill the Great Commission in God's Word: We are to "make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." We read responsively and sing a Psalm of victory as we prepare to be sent forth to do His work. God places His blessing on His people in the benediction. We close our service with the singing of Simeon's Prayer and the Gloria Patri. God has renewed His Covenant and we go forth with the same faith and hope that Simeon had thousands of years ago as he held the little baby Jesus in his arms.

"And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief corner stone, in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit." Ephesians 2:17-22