



July 5, 2026



***W**elcome to worship at Christ Church!*

Our aim is to enjoy the goodness of our triune God in fellowship within the community he has formed, lifting our hearts as an offering to the Lord using the varied and unique gifts of this local congregation. We await his transformative word in our lives.

We are glad that you have joined us.

Young children are an important part of our community as well. We are very happy to be part of this very significant stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service, or you may choose to use one of our nurseries for children ages 3 years and younger and Christ Kids Worship at the 9:00 service for 4 and 5 year olds during the sermon. Activity bags for children during the 11:00 service are available in the bulletin table in the foyer. If you would like a quiet space to feed or rock your baby during the worship service, you are welcome to use Room 106 or the Children's Ministry office, Room 102.

Assistive hearing devices are available in the sound booth, located in the back of the sanctuary. If you are experiencing sensory sensitivity, an usher can direct you to a quiet space.

Prelude *America the Beautiful* piano

O beautiful for spacious skies,
For amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties
Above the fruited plain!

America! America!
God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood
From sea to shining sea!

O beautiful for heroes proved
In liberating strife,
Who more than self their country loved,
And mercy more than life.

text, Katharine Lee Bates; music, Samuel A. Ward

America! America!
May God thy gold refine
Till all success be nobleness,
And every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream
That sees beyond the years
Thine alabaster cities gleam
Undimmed by human tears.

America! America!
God mend thine every flaw,
Confirm thy soul in self-control,
Thy liberty in law.

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

Daniel 4:28-33

All this came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. At the end of twelve months he was walking on the roof of the royal palace of Babylon, and the king answered and said, "Is not this great Babylon, which I have built by my mighty power as a royal residence and for the glory of my majesty?" While the words were still in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, "O King Nebuchadnezzar, to you it is spoken: The kingdom has departed from you, and you shall be driven from among men, and your dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field. And you shall be made to eat grass like an ox, and seven periods of time shall pass over you, until you know that the Most High rules the kingdom of men and gives it to whom he will." Immediately the word was fulfilled against Nebuchadnezzar. He was driven from among men and ate grass like an ox, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven till his hair grew as long as eagles' feathers, and his nails were like birds' claws.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalms 46:10-11

Elder Jerry Stutzman

"Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"
The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

* 10,000 Reasons

Matt Redman & Jonas Myrin



Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul Wor-ship his ho - ly name.



Sing like ne-ver be-fore, O my soul. I wor-ship Your ho - ly name.



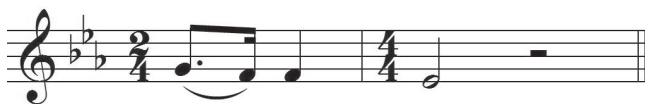
1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawn - ing —
 2. You're rich in love and You're slow to an - ger Your
 3. And on that day when my strength is fail - ing, the



it's time to sing Your song — a - gain. What - ev-er may pass and what-
 name_ is_ great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your good-ness, I will
 end_ draws_ near and my time has come, still my soul will sing Your



ev - er lies be - fore me, let me be sing - ing when the
 keep on sing - ing. ten thou-sand rea - sons for my
 praise un - end - ing ten thou-sand years and then for -



eve - ning comes.
 heart to find.
 ev - er - more.

*** Invocation**

*** The Apostles' Creed**

spoken together

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

James 4:6-10

But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Philippians 3:20-21

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

9:00 service On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:00 service Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

*** And Can It Be That I Should Gain?**

Trinity Hymnal 455

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 12:1-25

^{12:1} About that time Herod the king laid violent hands on some who belonged to the church. ² He killed James the brother of John with the sword, ³ and when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread.

⁴ And when he had seized him, he put him in prison, delivering him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending after the Passover to bring him out to the people. ⁵ So Peter was kept in prison, but earnest prayer for him was made to God by the church.

⁶ Now when Herod was about to bring him out, on that very night, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries before the door were guarding the prison. ⁷ And behold, an angel of the Lord stood next to him, and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him, saying, "Get up quickly." And the chains fell off his hands. ⁸ And the angel said to him, "Dress yourself and put on your sandals." And he did so. And he said to him, "Wrap your cloak around you and follow me." ⁹ And he went out and followed him. He did not know that what was being done by the angel was real, but thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰ When they had passed the first and the second guard, they came to the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went out and went along one street, and immediately the angel left him. ¹¹ When Peter came to himself, he said, "Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting."

¹² When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John whose other name was Mark, where many were gathered together and were praying.

¹³ And when he knocked at the door of the gateway, a

servant girl named Rhoda came to answer. ¹⁴ Recognizing Peter's voice, in her joy she did not open the gate but ran in and reported that Peter was standing at the gate. ¹⁵ They said to her, "You are out of your mind." But she kept insisting that it was so, and they kept saying, "It is his angel!" ¹⁶ But Peter continued knocking, and when they opened, they saw him and were amazed. ¹⁷ But motioning to them with his hand to be silent, he described to them how the Lord had brought him out of the prison. And he said, "Tell these things to James and to the brothers." Then he departed and went to another place.

¹⁸ Now when day came, there was no little disturbance among the soldiers over what had become of Peter.

¹⁹ And after Herod searched for him and did not find him, he examined the sentries and ordered that they should be put to death. Then he went down from Judea to Caesarea and spent time there.

²⁰ Now Herod was angry with the people of Tyre and Sidon, and they came to him with one accord, and having persuaded Blastus, the king's chamberlain, they asked for peace, because their country depended on the king's country for food. ²¹ On an appointed day Herod put on his royal robes, took his seat upon the throne, and delivered an oration to them. ²² And the people were shouting, "The voice of a god, and not of a man!" ²³ Immediately an angel of the Lord struck him down, because he did not give God the glory, and he was eaten by worms and breathed his last.

²⁴ But the word of God increased and multiplied.

²⁵ And Barnabas and Saul returned from Jerusalem when they had completed their service, bringing with them John, whose other name was Mark.

Elder: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon A Worm Shaped Invitation to True Glory
Gloria Hominis

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Soli Deo Gloria

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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *Jesus, Cast a Look on Me*

congregation

text, John Berridge
music, Matthew Perryman Jones



1. Je - sus, cast a ____ look ____ on ____ me, _____
2. All that feeds my ____ bu - sy ____ pride, _____
3. Make me like a ____ lit - tle ____ child, _____
4. Lean - ing on ____ Thy ____ lov - ing ____ breast, _____
5. In this pos - ture ____ let ____ me ____ live _____



Give me sweet sim - pli - ci - ty, _____
Cast it ev - er - more a - side _____
Of my strength and ____ wis - dom ____ spoiled _____
Where a wear - y ____ soul ____ can ____ rest, _____
And ho - san - nas ____ dail - ly ____ give. _____



Make me poor ____ and ____ keep me ____ low, _____
Bid my will ____ to ____ Thine sub - mit, _____
See - ing on - ly ____ in ____ Thy ____ light, _____
Feel - ing well ____ the ____ peace of ____ God, _____
In this tem - per ____ let ____ me ____ die. _____



Seek - ing on - ly ____ thee ____ to ____ know _____
Lay me hum - bly ____ at ____ Thy ____ feet _____
Walk - ing on - ly ____ in ____ Thy ____ might. _____
Flow - ing from ____ His ____ pre - cious blood. _____
And ho - san - nas ____ ev - er ____ cry! _____

Invitation to the Lord's Table *Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free, and the grape juice served is pasteurized. Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.*

During the passing of the bread

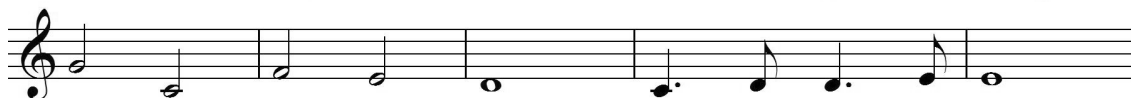
The Power of the Cross

Verses 1 & 2

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



1. O, to see the dawn of the dark - est day; Christ on the
 2. O, to see the pain writ - ten on Your face, bear - ing the
 3. Now the day - light flees; now the ground be - neath quakes as its
 4. O, to see my name writ - ten in the wounds, for through Your



road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
 awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
 Ma - ker bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
 suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en, then nailed to a cross of wood.____
 ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.____
 dead are raised to life "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.____
 life is mine to live, won through Your self - less love!____



1. 2. 3. This the pow'r_____ of the cross:_____ Christ be -
 4. This the pow'r_____ of the cross:_____ Son of



came_____ sin for us._____ Took the blame,_____
 God_____ slain for us._____ What a love,_____



bore the wrath; we stand for - gi - ven at the cross.
 what a cost! we stand for - gi - ven at the cross.

During the passing of the cup *The Power of the Cross* Verses 3 & 4

Prayer of Thanksgiving *spoken together*

Loving God, we thank you for this sacrament, for uniting us with Christ, and for giving us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church

Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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Offertory *All Creatures of Our God and King* piano arr. Chris Rice

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
O praise him! Alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both warmth and light.
O praise him! O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Dear fertile earth, who day by day,
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him! Alleluia!
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show
O praise him, O praise him!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

* *Doxology (Assisi)*

Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
tr. by William H. Draper, 1926

LASST UNS ERFREUEN L.M.al
Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623



All ye who are of ten-der heart, for - giv - ing oth-ers, take your
Let all things their Cre - a - tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble -



part, O__ sing ye, al - le - lu - ia! Ye who long pain and sor - row
ness, O__ praise him, al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa - ther, praise the



bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
Son, and praise the Spir - it, three in one, O



praise him, O praise him, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu ia!

*** Benediction**

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and wave the colorful flags as we sing our closing Amen song.

*** Sevenfold Amen**

John Rutter

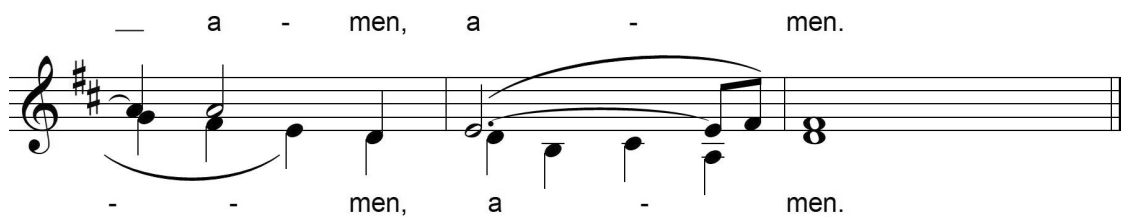
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Monday notes: A = men, a = men,

lyrics for harmony notes>> A - men, a - men,

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men, a - - - men, a - - -



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Postlude

Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.

Worship musicians

Jina Jang, song leader (9:00)

Debbie Bukovietski, song leader (9:00)

Susan Guerra, piano

Cameron Risma, cajon (9:00)

Linus Guerra, cajon (11:00)

While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Rom. 5:8

♩ G Am/C D7 G 7 Am/C D7

1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

G D/A A7 D G/D D G

in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 • plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing

D C G G/D D7 G D G

pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 • tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

C A7 D G C

How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 • Let earth a - dore, let an - gel minds in -
 im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

D G REFRAIN D D7

die for me? A - maz - ing love! How can it
 • quire no more. A - maz - ing love! How
 found out me.
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz - ing love! How
 Christ, my own.

G 7 C G Am/C G/D D7 G 7

be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,