



August 2, 2026



Welcome 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

Voluntary in A Major

organ

William Selby

Welcome

Lucas Mooibroek
Pastor of Adult Ministries

Silent meditation

Isaiah 49:5,6

And now the LORD says,
 he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,
to bring Jacob back to him;
 and that Israel might be gathered to him—
for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD,
 and my God has become my strength—
he says:
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
 to raise up the tribes of Jacob
 and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
 that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” ...

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Isaiah 49:13a

Elder Mark Jurries

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!

* *O come my Soul*

Trinity Hymnal 6

men and boys sing v. 3, women and girls sing v. 4

* Invocation

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Isaiah 49:8–12

Thus says the LORD:

“In a time of favor I have answered you;
in a day of salvation I have helped you;

I will keep you and give you
as a covenant to the people,

to establish the land,
to apportion the desolate heritages,

saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’
to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’

They shall feed along the ways;
on all bare heights shall be their pasture;

they shall not hunger or thirst,
neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them,

for he who has pity on them will lead them,
and by springs of water will guide them.

And I will make all my mountains a road,
and my highways shall be raised up.

Behold, these shall come from afar,
and behold, these from the north and from the west,
and these from the land of Syene.”

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Isaiah 49:13–16

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth;
break forth, O mountains, into singing!
For the LORD has comforted his people
and will have compassion on his afflicted.

But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me;
my Lord has forgotten me.”

“Can a woman forget her nursing child,
that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb?
Even these may forget,
yet I will not forget you.

Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands;
your walls are continually before me.

*9:00 service On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer
for 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.*

*** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say**

Trinity Hymnal 304

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 13:38-52

³⁸ Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, ³⁹ and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses. ⁴⁰ Beware, therefore, lest what is said in the Prophets should come about:

⁴¹ “Look, you scoffers,
be astounded and perish;
for I am doing a work in your days,
a work that you will not believe, even if one tells it to you.”

⁴² As they went out, the people begged that these things might be told them the next Sabbath. ⁴³ And after the meeting of the synagogue broke up, many Jews and devout converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who, as they spoke with them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.

⁴⁴ The next Sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. ⁴⁵ But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and began to contradict what was spoken by Paul, reviling him. ⁴⁶ And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly, saying, “It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you. Since you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles. ⁴⁷ For so the Lord has commanded us, saying,

“I have made you a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth.”

⁴⁸ And when the Gentiles heard this, they began rejoicing and glorifying the word of the Lord, and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed. ⁴⁹ And the word of the Lord was spreading throughout the whole region. ⁵⁰ But the Jews incited the devout women of high standing and the leading men of the city, stirred up persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and drove them out of their district. ⁵¹ But they shook off the dust from their feet against them and went to Iconium. ⁵² And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon

Begging for More

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Success of the Gospel

Subjugation of the Anti-Gospel

Sublime Purposes of YHWH

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *God Moves in a Mysterious Way*

Trinity Hymnal 128

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

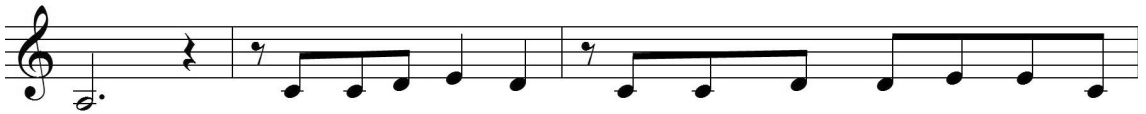
During the passing of the bread

Behold the Lamb verses 1 & 2

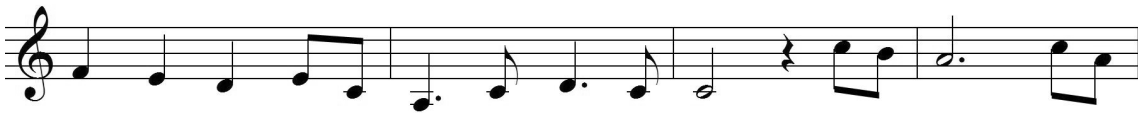
by Keith and Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re -



us, and we re-mem - ber the pro - mise made that all who
you, eat and re-mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that
you, drink and re-mem - ber. He drained death's cup that all may
spond, and to re-mem - ber our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we share in this
brings us life paid the price to make us one. So we share in this
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we share in this
steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth. As we share in His



bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
bread of life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our
suf - fer - ing we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll join in the



bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.
bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.
feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King! © Sept. 2009

During the passing of the cup

Behold the Lamb verses 3 & 4

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts; you have satisfied our hunger with good things. In giving all, you have not withheld from us your own dear Son.

All How can we withhold anything from you, our Lord and our God? Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit, that we may give ourselves completely to your service and walk with joy in the footsteps of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church

Prayers of the People

During the offertory

Elders will pass baskets to collect communion cups

Please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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Offertory

Rhosymedre (or “Lovely”)

organ

Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Welsh hymn tune *Rhosymedre* appears in the Trinity Hymnal as #442: *Arise, O God*

Arise, O God, and shine
In all thy saving might,
And prosper each design
To spread thy glorious light:
Let healing streams of mercy flow,
That all the earth thy truth may know.
That all the earth thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near
To sing thy glorious praise;
Let ev'ry people hear
And learn thy holy ways:
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,
And govern by thy righteous laws,
And govern by thy righteous laws.

Send forth thy glorious pow'r,
That Gentiles all may see,
And earth present her store
In converts born to thee:
God, our own God, thy church O bless,
And fill the world with righteousness,
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only wise,
The one immortal King,
Let hallelujahs rise
From ev'ry living thing:
Let all that breathe, on ev'ry coast,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

* *Doxology* Trinity Hymnal 731

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

* *Benediction*

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

*** Let the Church Say Amen**

Andrae Crouch

Let the Church say "A - men." Let the Church say "A - men." ___

God has spok-en, let the Church say "A - men."

*** Postlude**

Procesión Alegre

organ

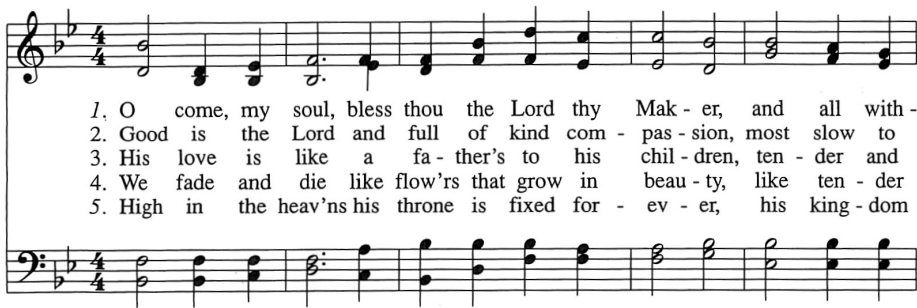
Garry Cornell

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.

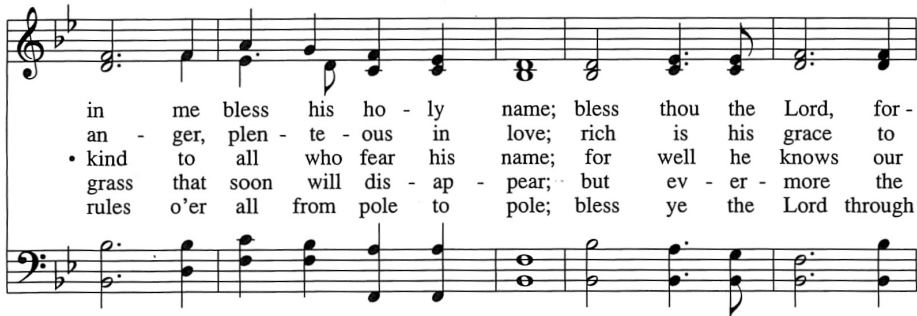
Worship musician

David Bading, organ & piano

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Ps. 103:1



1. O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Mak - er, and all with -
 2. Good is the Lord and full of kind com - pas - sion, most slow to
 3. His love is like a fa - ther's to his chil - dren, ten - der and
 4. We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beau - ty, like ten - der
 5. High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed for - ev - er, his king - dom



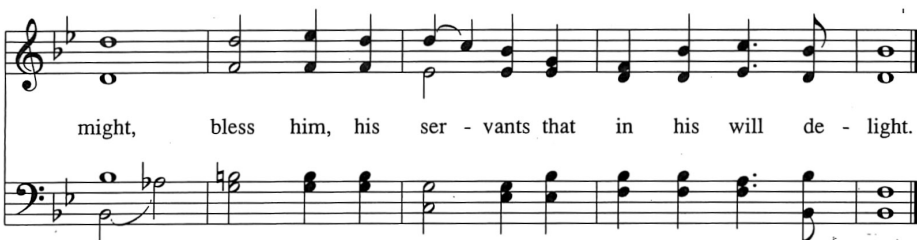
in me bless his ho - ly name; bless thou the Lord, for -
 an - ger, plen - te - ous in love; rich is his grace to
 • kind to all who fear his name; for well he knows our
 grass that soon will dis - ap - pear; but ev - er - more the
 rules o'er all from pole to pole; bless ye the Lord through



get not all his mer - cies, his par - d'ning grace and
 all that hum - bly seek him, bound - less and end - less
 • weak - ness and our frail - ty, he knows that we are
 love of God is change - less, still shown to those who
 all his wide do - min - ion, bless his most ho - ly



REFRAIN
 sav - ing love pro - claim.
 as the heav'ns a - bove.
 • dust, he knows our frame. Bless him for - ev - er, won - drous in
 look to him in fear.
 name, O thou my soul.

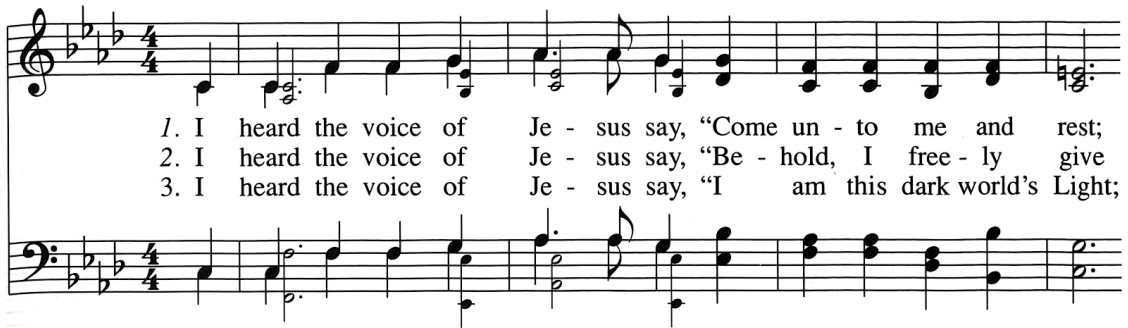


might, bless him, his ser - vants that in his will de - light.

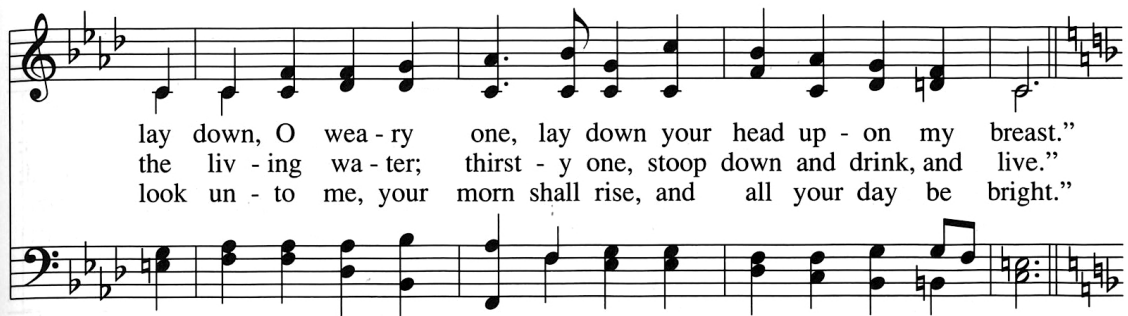
I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

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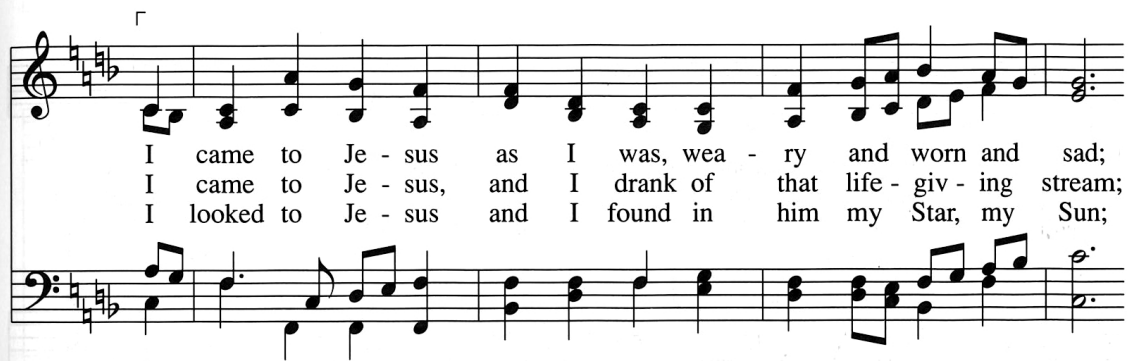
Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Matt. 11:28



1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's Light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter; thirst - y one, stoop down and drink, and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, wea - ry and worn and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;



I found in him a rest - ing place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth.

Is. 42:16

1. God moves in a mys - te - rious way his won - ders to per - form;
 2. Deep in un - fath - om - a - ble mines of nev - er - fail - ing skill
 3. Ye fear - ful saints, fresh cour - age take; the clouds ye so much dread
 4. Judge not the Lord by fee - ble sense, but trust him for his grace;

he plants his foot - steps in the sea, and rides up - on the storm.
 he trea - sures up his bright de - signs, and works his sov - ereign will.
 are big with mer - cy, and shall break in bless - ings on your head.
 be - hind a frown - ing prov - i - dence he hides a smil - ing face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
 unfolding ev'ry hour;
 the bud may have a bitter taste,
 but sweet will be the flow'r.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
 and scan his work in vain;
 God is his own interpreter,
 and he will make it plain.