

FELLOWSHIP
WITH GOD
THROUGH THE GOSPEL



CHRIST
CHURCH

November 23, 2025

Prelude

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, ‘The seventh year, the year of release is near,’ and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the Lord against you, and you be guilty of sin. You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, ‘You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.’”

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

“...the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’”

“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’”

Matthew 25:37-40

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:1-7, 12-14, 18-19

Elder CJ Verbrugge

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.
From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
and precious is their blood in his sight.

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.
Blessed be his glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with his glory!
Amen and Amen!

* *What a Friend (The Sing Team)*

arr. The Sing Team



1. What a friend we have in Je - sus,
2. Have we tri - als and temp - ta - tions,
3. Bless - ed Sav - ior, you have prom - ised



all our sins and griefs to bear. What a priv - i - lege to
is there trou - ble an - y - where? Je - sus, Sav - ior, is our
all our bur - dens you will bear. May we ev - er, Lord, be



car - ry ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer.
re - fuge! Take it to the Lord in prayer.
bring - ing all to you in earn - est prayer.



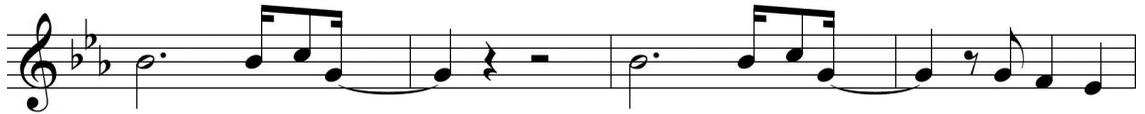
Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, Oh, what need - less pain we
Are we weak and heav - y - lad - en, cum - bered with a load of
Soon in glo - ry, bright, un - cloud - ed, face to face will be our



bear all be - cause we do not car - ry
care? Je - sus knows our ev - 'ry weak - ness,
prayer. Joy - ful praise and end - less wor - ship



ev - 'ry - thing to God in prayer. (to Verse 2)
 take it to the Lord in prayer. (to Chorus)
 will be our sweet por - tion there. (to Chorus)



Oh, what a friend, ___ oh, what a friend ___ in Je-sus.



Oh, what a friend, ___ oh, what a friend ___ in Je-sus.

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*** Invocation**

Fill Us with Your Love choir

text, Tom Colvin
 Ghana Folk Song

Jesu, Jesu,
 fill us with your love,
 show us how to serve
 the neighbors we have from you.
 Kneels at the feet of his friends,
 Silently washes their feet,
 Master who acts as a slave to them.

Neighbors are rich and poor,
 Neighbors are black and white,
 Neighbors are nearby and far away.
 Loving puts us on our knees,
 Serving as though we are slaves,
 This is the way we should live for you.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession James 2:14-17

What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

Prayer of confession *followed by a time of silent confession*

Declaration of Forgiveness II Corinthians 8:9

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

8:30 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.

11:15 service Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

*** O, the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!** Trinity Hymnal 535

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

*** Scripture reading** I John 3:16-18

By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Prayer**

Sermon Fellowship Enacted
Heart of Fellowship

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Eyes of Fellowship

Fellowship Enacted

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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *Justice Will Roll Down*

text & music, Sandra McCracken



1. Oh my love, you have grown so cold
2. Oh my child, I will be your light
3. Soon, oh soon, when the trum - pet sounds,



to the world out - side, to the house next door.
in your se - cret pain, in the dark of night.
ev - 'ry knee will bend, ev - 'ry heart will pound.



♪ She who has been loved _____ much ♪ ♪ has so much to give,
No en - e - my, no con - quer - or ♪ will steal your life from me,
♪ I have made a new _____ world where the ser - vant is the King,



♪ mer - cy is the fra - grance of the bro - ken.
♪ I am your sal - va - tion, _____ and your vic - to - ry.
op-pres-sion will be o - ver _____ and the slave set free.



Jus-tice will roll down, — oh jus-tice will roll down,



— from high up-on — those moun - tains with a might - y riv - er sound,



— it will roll down, — it will roll down. —

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Offertory

When I Needed a Neighbor

duet

by Sydney Carter

When I needed a neighbor, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a neighbor, were you there?

Refrain And the creed and the color and the name won't matter,
were you there?

I was hungry and thirsty, were you there, were you there?
I was hungry and thirsty, were you there?

I was cold, I was naked, were you there, were you there?
I was cold, I was naked, were you there?

When I needed a shelter, were you there, were you there?
When I needed a shelter, were you there?

Wherever you travel I'll be there, I'll be there,
wherever you travel I'll be there.

*** The God We Love (Nicene Creed chorus)**

by Rich Thompson, Jonny Robinson
& Matt Redman

All glo - ry to the Fa - ther now, all
hon - or to the Son. And praise the Spir - it,
now and al-ways. This is the God we love.

* Benediction

* *Let the Church Say Amen*

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

The first system of the musical score is in 4/4 time with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter rest, followed by a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, and a quarter note B4. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2. The lyrics "Let the Church say 'A - men.'" are written below the vocal line, with a long underline following the second phrase.

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

The second system of the musical score continues in the same key and time signature. The vocal line (treble clef) begins with a quarter note G4, a quarter note A4, a quarter note B4, and a quarter note C5. The piano accompaniment (bass clef) starts with a quarter note G2, a quarter note A2, and a quarter note B2. The lyrics "God has spok-en, let the Church say 'A - men.'" are written below the vocal line. The system concludes with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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* Postlude

Worship musicians
Choir
Sarah Helder, director

Linda Bokma-deJong, song leader
David Fitch, song leader & guitar
Anna Kleyn, flute
Susan Guerra, piano
Judah Guerra, double bass
Rebekah LaPlaca, cajon