



August 16, 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

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

"In this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in various trials, so that the proven character of your faith—more precious than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory, and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:6-7

Perhaps Peter, inspired by the Spirit, had the following words of his Master in mind when he wrote his epistle:

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you." Matthew 6:10-12

"And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age" Matthew 28:20

G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

Call to Worship

Psalm 63:1-4

Elder CJ Verbrugge

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

** Please rise in body and/or in spirit.*

Trinity Hymnal 111

Matt & Beth Redman

1. Bless - ed be Your name in the
2. Bless - ed be Your name when the

land that is plen - ti - ful, where Your streams of a - bun -
sun's shin - ing down on me, when the world's "all as it

dance flow. Bless - ed be Your name.
should be." Bless - ed be Your name.

Bless - ed be Your name when I'm found in the des -
Bless - ed be Your name on the road marked with suf -

ert place, though I walk through the wil -
fer - ing, though there's pain in the of -

der - ness. Bless-ed be Your name.
fer - ing. Bless-ed be Your name.

Ev -'ry bless - ing You pour out I'll turn back to praise.



When the dark - ness clos - es in, Lord, still I will

CHORUS

say: Bless-ed be the name of the Lord. Bless-ed be Your name.

Bless-ed be the name of the Lord. Bless-ed be Your

glo - r'ious name. (to Verse 2) You give and take a-way. You

give and take a - way. My heart will choose to say, Lord,

bless - ed be Your name. Blessed be the name
(to Chorus)

*** Invocation**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Psalm 80:1-3 –1

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel,
you who lead Joseph like a flock.
You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth.
Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh,
stir up your might
and come to save us!

Restore us, O God;
let your face shine, that we may be saved!

Prayer of confession

Declaration of forgiveness

I Peter 2:9-10

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Professions of Faith:

9:00am

Danielle Vanderput

Isaiah Vanderput

Samuel Brinks

11:00 am

Isaac Boire

Seth Gritter

Baptism 11:00 am

Isaac Boire

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 for 4- to 5-year-olds are available in the foyer.

Amazing Grace

Trinity Hymnal 460

All sing

vv. 1-2

men/boys sing

v. 3

women/girls sing

v. 4

All sing

vv. 5-6

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 14:1-7, 19-28

^{14:1} Now at Iconium they entered together into the Jewish synagogue and spoke in such a way that a great number of both Jews and Greeks believed. ² But the unbelieving Jews stirred up the Gentiles and poisoned their minds against the brothers. ³ So they remained for a long time, speaking boldly for the Lord, who bore witness to the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to be done by their hands. ⁴ But the people of the city were divided; some sided with the Jews and some with the apostles. ⁵ When an attempt was made by both Gentiles and Jews, with their rulers, to mistreat them and to stone them, ⁶ they learned of it and fled to Lystra and Derbe, cities of Lycaonia, and to the surrounding country, ⁷ and there they continued to preach the gospel.

^{14:19} But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having persuaded the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead. ²⁰ But when the disciples gathered about him, he rose up and entered the city, and on the next day he went on with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ When they had preached the gospel to that city and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. ²³ And when they had appointed elders for them in every church, with prayer and fasting they committed them to the Lord in whom they had believed.

²⁴ Then they passed through Pisidia and came to Pamphylia. ²⁵ And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia, ²⁶ and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work that they had fulfilled. ²⁷ And when they arrived and gathered the church together, they declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles. ²⁸ And they remained no little time with the disciples.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Through Many Dangers, Toils and Snares
Through the Church Grace is Spread

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Through Tribulations the Church is Built

Through Spiritual Courage Tribulations are Faced

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *By Faith*

Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend



1. By faith we see the hand of God; in the
2. By faith our fa - thers roamed the earth, with the
3. By faith the pro - phets saw a day when the
4. By faith the Church was called to go; in the
5. By faith this moun - tain shall be moved and the



light of cre - a - tion's grand de - sign. In the
 power of His pro - mise in their hearts of a
 longed - for Mes - si - ah would ap - pear with the
 power of the Spir - it to the lost to de -
 power of the gos - pel shall pre - vail; for we



lives of those who prove His faith - ful - ness;
 ho - ly ci - ty built by God's own hand:
 power to break the chains of sin and death
 liv - er cap - tives and to preach good news
 know in Christ all things are pos - si - ble



who walk by faith and not by sight. to Verse 2
 a place where peace and jus - tice reign. to Chorus
 and rise tri - um - phant from the grave. to Verse 4
 in ev - ery cor - ner of the earth. to Chorus
 for all who call up - on his name. to Chorus

We will stand as child - ren of the
 pro - mise; we will fix our eyes on Him, our
 soul's re - ward, 'til the race is fin - ished and the
 work is done; we'll walk by faith and not by sight.

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Living out our faith announcements about the life of the church

Wales Mission Update

Sofia Hopson and Manuel Pineda

Prayers of the People

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Offertory *He Walks With Me* (1 Peter)

By Sandra McCracken

Though now we have trials,
We wait for salvation
Though tested by fire,
We suffer with joy

By His great mercy,
Our hope has been born again
Faithful as the morning,
We are raised up with Christ

And I cannot see Him
But oh how I love Him
I cannot see Him, but I believe
I know He walks with me.
I believe, that He walks with me.

Raised up with the priesthood,
To witness his wondrous works
Called out from the darkness
To shimmering light

*** Doxology** Trinity Hymnal 731

*** 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**

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 and Lena Bading, song leaders

Noel Snyder, piano

Ethan Klamer, bass

Cameron Risma, drums

This Is My Father's World

Sovereign Lord ... you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. Acts 4:24

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Doxology

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Ps. 150:6

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.