



CHRIST
CHURCH

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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 8:30 service for 4 and 5 year olds during the sermon. Activity bags for children during the 11:15 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

For Luke, Paul was an act of the Holy Spirit, the living, indwelling Christ. The Pharisee's conversion, character transformation, and intellectual remolding were distinctly the miracle of Spirit. Paul claimed nothing less or more. His life purpose and passion was, "For me to live is Christ."
-Lloyd Ogilvie

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP**Call to Worship**

Acts 2:1-21

Elder Jim Visser

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

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

“And in the last days it shall be, God declares,
 that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh,
 and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,
 and your young men shall see visions,
 and your old men shall dream dreams;
 even on my male servants and female servants
 in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.
 And I will show wonders in the heavens above
 and signs on the earth below,
 blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;
 the sun shall be turned to darkness
 and the moon to blood,
 before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.
 And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall
 be saved.”

** God Is So Good*

Musical notation for the first line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, A4, B4, C5. Chord symbols D, A, A, and D are placed above the staff. The lyrics are:

God is so good. God is so good.
 Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah,

Musical notation for the second line of the song. It features a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#), and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter notes: G4, A4, B4, C5, G4, A4, B4, C5. Chord symbols D, G, D, A7, and D are placed above the staff. The lyrics are:

God is so good, he's so good to me.
 hal - le - lu, jah, he's so good to me.

* *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Trinity Hymnal 457

* **Invocation** concluding with the following prayer, spoken together

Spirit of fire, who came as a rushing wind, breathing life and hope into dead bones and cold hearts, we praise you for the comfort and guidance you have given the church throughout the ages: for your presence in creation, for changing hearts and guiding decisions, for your work through the church universal, for your presence in our worship, and for your sanctifying work in our lives.

We pray in the name of the Father and the Son, who live and reign together with you, one God forever and ever. Amen.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession 1 Thessalonians 4:7-8

...God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness. Therefore whoever disregards this, disregards not man but God, who gives his Holy Spirit to you.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

* Declaration of Forgiveness Psalm 20:5a

May we shout for joy over your salvation,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!

* Response of Praise. Call out "Praise the Lord" in any language—those below or any others. Repeat the phrase a few times.

主を讚美しましょう! *Preiset den Herrn! Puji Gusti! ¡Alabado sea el Señor! Prijs de Heer!*
주님을 찬양! *Bwana asifiwe! 赞美主! Louez le Seigneur! Слава Богу! Slava Bohu!*
Pris Herren! رب کی تعریف!

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.*

*** O Love That Will Not Let Me Go**

words by George Matheson
music by Christopher Miner



1. O Love that will not - let me go,
2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way,
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain,
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head



I rest my wear - y soul in thee;
I yield my flick' - ring torch to thee;
I can - not close my heart to thee;
I dare not ask to fly from thee;



I give thee back the life - I owe,
My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,
I trace the rain - bow through the rain,
I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,



That in thine o - cean depths its flow
That in thy sun - shine's blaze its day
And feel the prom - ise is not vain,
And from the ground there bloss - oms red



May rich - er, ful - ler be.
May brigh - ter, fair - er be.
That morn shall tear - less be.
Life that shall end - less be.

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GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 9:1–19a

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³

Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.

⁴ And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?"⁵ And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting."⁶ But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."⁷ The men who were traveling with him stood speechless, hearing the voice but seeing no one.⁸ Saul rose from the ground, and although his eyes were opened, he saw nothing. So they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.⁹ And for three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

¹⁰ Now there was a disciple at Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." And he said, "Here I am, Lord."¹¹ And the Lord said to him,

"Rise and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul, for behold, he is praying,¹² and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."¹³ But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints at Jerusalem."¹⁴ And here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who call on your name."¹⁵ But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of mine to carry my name before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel."¹⁶ For I will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."¹⁷ So Ananias departed and entered the house. And laying his hands on him he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus who appeared to you on the road by which you came has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."¹⁸ And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and he regained his sight. Then he rose and was baptized;^{19a} and taking food, he was strengthened.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon From Enemy to Friend, from Darkness to Light

Pastor Roger Qi

The necessity of true conversion (v.1-2)

The outcome of true conversion (10-19a)

The secret of true conversion (v.4-6, 15, 17)

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

* *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Trinity Hymnal 100

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Offertory

O Grant Us Light

instrumental

arr. Thomas Keesecker

O grant us light, that we may know
The wisdom Thou alone canst give;
That truth may guide where'er we go,
And virtue bless where'er we live.

O grant us light, that we may see
Where error lurks in human lore.
And turn our doubting minds to Thee,
And love Thy simple word the more.

O grant us light, that we may learn
How dead is life from Thee apart,
How sure is joy for all who turn
To Thee an undivided heart.

O grant us light, in grief and pain,
To lift our burdened hearts above,
And count the very cross a gain,
And bless our Father's hidden love.

O grant us light, when, soon or late,
All earthly scenes shall pass away.
In Thee to find the open gate
To deathless home and endless day.

* *Gloria Patri*

Trinity Hymnal 735

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be
World without end. Amen, amen.**

*** Benediction**

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

*** And All the People Said Amen!**

Matt Maher

And-all the peo-ple said "A-men" Oh_____ And all the peo-ple said "A-
men." Give thanks to the Lord for his love___ ne-ver ends.
And all the peo - ple said "A - men."

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 4/4 time signature. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff has a 7-measure rest followed by a melody with chords D, A, D, G, and D. The second staff has a 4-measure rest followed by a melody with chords A, G, D, F#, and Bm. The third staff has a 7-measure rest followed by a melody with chords G, A, G, G/F#, G/E, and D.

*** 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

Marguerite Duemler, song leader & flute
Susan Guerra, guitar & piano

Cover Art

Kevin Ingram, former member

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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Samuel ... named it Ebenezer, saying, "Thus far has the LORD helped us." 1 Sam. 7:12

Γ D A⁷ D A 7 D G D A⁷ D

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

A⁷ D A D G D A⁷ D

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

A⁷ D G D A⁷ D G D

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

A⁷ D A 7 D G D A⁷ D 7

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Day and night they never stop saying: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come." Rev. 4:8

♩ D Bm A D G D 7

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

A D Bm A E7 A

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

D Bm A D G D

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

♩ Bm D G D G A7 D 7

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!