



FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD THROUGH THE GOSPEL



CHRIST
CHURCH

October 12, 2025

Prelude

The Water Is Wide

French horn & piano

arr. Brant Adams

The water is wide, I cannot get o'er,
And neither have I wings to fly.
Give me a boat that will carry two,
And we shall row, both you and I.

Welcome

Lucas Mooibroek
Director of Adult Education

Silent meditation

I want to say that with all my heart that as we struggle with the proper preaching of the gospel in the midst of the twentieth century, the importance of observable love must come into our message. We must not forget the final apologetic. The world has a right to look upon us as we, as true Christians, come to practical differences, and it should be able to observe that we do love each other. Our love must have a form that the world may observe; it must be seeable. –from *The Mark of a Christian* by Francis Schaeffer

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 145:10-13a

Elder Mark Juries

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your saints shall bless you!
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

* *All Creatures of Our God and King*

Trinity Hymnal 115

* Invocation

* Please rise in body and/or in spirit.

The Church, O Lord, Is Thine

choir

text, David P. Haney
music, Norman Johnson

The Church, O Lord, is thine, is thine forevermore—
From age to age, from pole to pole, from shore to farthest shore.

The Church, O Lord, is theirs, whose toil this day hath brought;
Their faith, their hope, and fearless love our heritage hath bought.
The Church is theirs, yet thine forevermore.

The Church is ours, is ours at highest cost:
Thy cross—its shame and sacrifice—and all the martyred host.

The Church is mine, and to its call I yield:
To be as scattered, living seed in God's own harvest field.
The Church is mine, yet thine forevermore.

The Church, O Lord, is thine—and we who bear thy name—
Until that Day thou dost appear, they chosen bride to claim:
The Church is thine, is thine forevermore!

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession responsively

Elder When he had washed their feet and put on his outer garments and resumed his place, he said to them, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord, and you are right, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you. Truly, truly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.”
John 13:12-17

All **And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.**

Galatians 6:9-10

Prayer of confession

followed by a time of silent confession

Trinity Song

Parts 1 & 2 can be sung at the same time.

by Sandra McCracken

Part 1



Ho - ly__ Fa-ther, Son, and Spir - it. Ho - ly com-mun - ion,



Three in One. Ho - ly__ Fa-ther, Son, and Spir - it. Ho - ly com-mun-ion,

Part 2



Three in One. Come with your peace, with your in - vi - ta - tion.



Bind us to-geth - er in ho - ly__ love. Come with your peace, with your



in - vi - ta - tion. Bind us to-geth - er in ho - ly__ love.

Declaration of Forgiveness

John 17:20-26

“I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me. Father, I desire that they also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory that you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father, even though the world does not know you, I know you, and these know that you have sent me. I made known to them your name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.”

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.

* *They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love*

words & music by Peter Scholtes



1. We are one in the spir - it, we are
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 4. All _____ praise to the Fa - ther from _____



one in the Lord. We are one in the Spir - it, we are
 walk hand in hand. We will walk with each oth - er, we will
 work side by side. We will work with each oth - er, we will
 Whom all things come. And all praise to Christ Je - sus, His



one in the Lord. And we pray that our u - ni - ty will
 walk hand in hand. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that
 work side by side. And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and
 on - ly _____ Son. And all praise to the Spir _____ it Who



one day is be re - stored.
 God is in the land.
 save _____ each man's pride.
 makes _____ us _____ one. And they'll



know we are Christ-ians by our love, by our love, yes they'll



know we are Christ - ians by our love.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

1 John 1:6–7, 2:7–11, 3:11–18, 4:7–12

^{1:6} If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

^{2:7} Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. ⁸ At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining.

⁹ Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰ Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹ But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

^{3:11} For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's

righteous. ¹³ Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴ We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵ Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him.

¹⁶ By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.

¹⁷ 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? ¹⁸ Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

^{4:7} Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. ⁸ Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. ⁹ In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Fellowship with One Another

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

A General Call to Love

A Specific Reality for Believers

A New Power on which to Draw

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

*** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds***

Trinity Hymnal 359

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.

*Give online at christchurchgr.org or by texting (888) 793-1604 **

Offertory *Near to the Heart of God/Children of the Heavenly Father*

arr. Brant Adams

There is a place of quiet rest,
near to the heart of God;
a place where sin cannot harass,
near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer,
sent from the heart of God,
hold us, who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.

...

Children of the heavenly Father,
Safely in his bosom gather;
Nesting bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e'er was given.

Neither life nor death shall ever
from the Lord his children sever;
Unto them his grace is showing,
And their sorrows all is knowing.

God has given, he has taken,
But his child is ne'er forsaken;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve us, pure and holy.

...

Hold us, who wait before thee,
near to the heart of God.

*** 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.

©2025 CityAlight Music; CCLI 332344

*** Benediction**

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

*** Let the Church Say Amen**

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

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

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (three flats) and 4/4 time. The first system contains the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the final line. The lyrics are: "Let the Church say 'A - men.' Let the Church say 'A - men.' —" and "God has spok-en, let the Church say 'A - men.'". The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal parts.

©2011 New Spring Publishing

*** Postlude**

Worship musicians

Adult Choir
Sarah Helder, director

Kendra Mosher, French horn
Susan Guerra, piano and organ

Lia Gelder and Leah Gritter,
handbells