



CHRIST
CHURCH

August 10, 2025

Prelude *Mighty God (Another Hallelujah)* instrumental

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

[...] He has spared

The guilty, for he chose to take their place
And suffer for them. Therefore we will sing
A new song, in the all-renewing grace

Still flowing from those wounds. The world will ring
With music, drama, dance, and poetry,
With every gift that grateful hearts can bring. –Malcolm Guite, *David's Crown*, Psalm 98

Hear the song of the redeemed–
this merry cavalcade,
spilling into street and byway,
every instrument tuned to give You praise.

[...]

For You are good,
and in You there is no darkness,
nor shadow due to change.

–Ryan Whitaker Smith & Dan Wilt, *Endless Grace*, Psalm 98

“The LORD reigns!” is a direct answer to the sense of personal and political collapse expressed at the end of Book III in Psalms 88 and 89. And this too is where we are to go. Feeling displaced and unsteady, the Psalter reminds us that this is also our foundation now. –Dr. Scott Jones

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

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Elder Bob La Fleur

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
Sing to the Lord, bless his name;
tell of his salvation from day to day.
Declare his glory among the nations,
his marvelous works among all the peoples!
For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.

** Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord* Trinity Hymnal 16 verses 1, 4-7

* Invocation

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Psalm 88:1-2

O Lord, God of my salvation,
I cry out day and night before you.
Let my prayer come before you;
incline your ear to my cry!

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Psalm 89:33-34

but I will not remove from him my steadfast love
or be false to my faithfulness.

I will not violate my covenant
or alter the word that went forth from my lips.

Baptism

Merit Whittaker West, covenant son of Dakota and Morgan (9:00am)

Margaux Bossenbroek, covenant daughter of Steve and Allison (11:00)

Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 6-year olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon

*** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past***

Trinity Hymnal 30

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Psalm 98

- ¹ Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
- ² The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
- ³ He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
- ⁴ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
- ⁵ Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
- ⁶ With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!
- ⁷ Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!
- ⁸ Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
- ⁹ before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Learning to Sing the New Song

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Learning the Lyrics

Mastering the Music

Sensing its Soul

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

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* Psalm 96: Sing unto the Lord with Psalm 98: Joy to the World Trinity Hymnal 195 Verses 1 & 2

Sing un - to the Lord a new song.

Sing un - to the Lord all the earth.

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Sing un - to the Lord all the earth. For

God is great and great - ly to be praised!

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1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re -
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their

ceive her king; let ev' - ry heart pre - pare him
 songs em - ply; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and

room, and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
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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.

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Offertory *Mighty God (Another Hallelujah)*

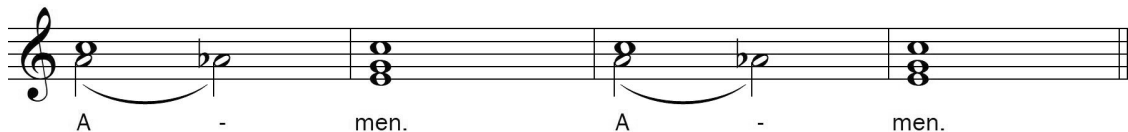
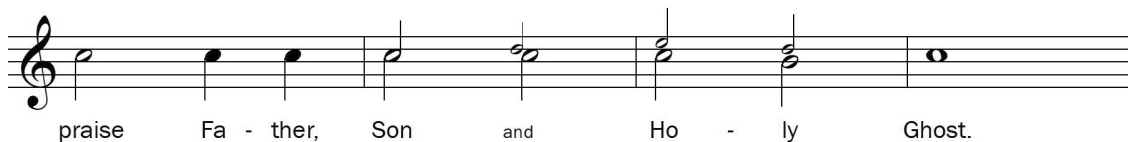
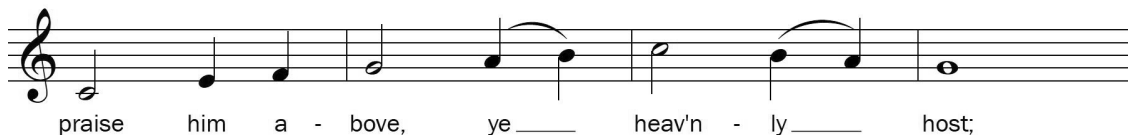
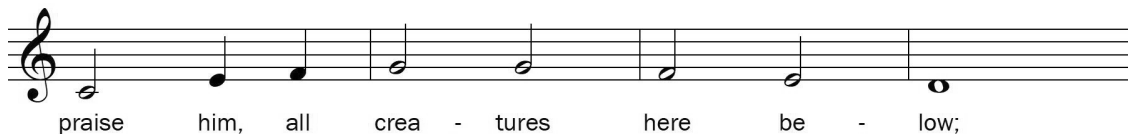
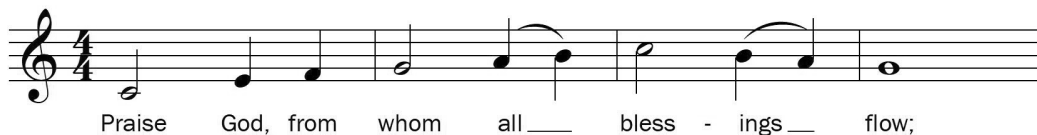
by Chris Brown, Steven Furtick

The wind is watching every gesture of Your hand
Waves of fear collapse at Your command
I know tomorrow when the pressure rushes in
You'll be there to rescue me again

Here in Your presence there will be no other throne
All my heart is Yours and Yours alone
The song of heaven and my soul will sing the same
Jesus Christ the Name above all names

What a mighty God
What a mighty God
You are
What a mighty God
What a mighty God
You are

* New Doxology



* 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!*

And all the people said “Amen!”
Oh, and all the people said “Amen.”
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.
And all the people said “Amen!”

* Postlude

Worship musicians

Grace Cheong, song leader

Amy Miller, song leader

Braden Gilmore, song leader and guitar

Joseph DeVries, trumpet

Claudia Chang, piano