



CHRIST
CHURCH

September 13, 2026



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 *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood* instrumental

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its power,
till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation Romans 5:2

Through him [Jesus] we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

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

Call to Worship Psalm 100:4-5

Bruce Baugus
Theologian in residence

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

*** Praise to the Lord, the Almighty** Trinity Hymnal 53

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

*** Invocation** concluding with “The Lord’s Prayer,” spoken together

Our Father who is in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession I John 1:8-10

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

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

Titus 3:4-5a

...when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy

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.

* *His Mercy Is More*

The musical score is written for a single melodic line in treble clef, key of B-flat major (two flats), and 6/8 time. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 40. The score consists of two staves. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: 'What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om - What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His'. The second staff continues with the lyrics: 'ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could'. Chord symbols are placed above the notes: F, F/A, Bb, F, C, Dm, Bb, Csus, F, and Gm7.

♩ = 40

F F/A B $\flat$ F

What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
What) pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
What) rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us. His

³ C Dm B $\flat$ Csus F Gm7

ni - scient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out
Fa - ther, so ten - der, is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the
blood was the pay - ment; His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could

TURNAROUND

6 F/A B $\flat$ F/A B $\flat$ F/C 1, 2 Csus C6 Csus F F/A

bot - tom or shore, our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
vil - est, the poor. Our sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more.
nev - er af - ford. Our sins they are man - y; His

11 (1, 2) B $\flat$ F C Dm B $\flat$ Csus 3 Csus C6 Csus F B $\flat$ F CHORUS

What mer - cy is more. Praise the Lord,
What

17 Dm7 Csus B $\flat$ F Csus C Csus B $\flat$ F C Dm7

His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness, new ev - 'ry morn. Our

22 B $\flat$ F 1 Csus F 2 Csus F

sins, they are man - y; His mer - cy is more. Praise the mer - cy is more.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

I Peter 1:1-2, 5:12-14

¹ Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, ² according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in the sanctification of the Spirit, for obedience to Jesus Christ and for sprinkling with his blood:

^{5:12} By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it. ¹³ She who is at Babylon, who is likewise chosen, sends you greetings, and so does Mark, my son. ¹⁴ Greet one another with the kiss of love.

Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon

The Story of True Grace

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

A People in Exile

Recipients of Abundant Grace

Called to Stand Firm

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org

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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

*** Joy to the World!**

Trinity Hymnal 195

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 *Ibadat karo (Worship Him)*

based on Psalm 100; by Anil Kant

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before his presence with singing.

Aye duniya ke logon
Oonchi awaz karo
Gao khushi ke geet, uska gungaan karo
Ibadat karo uski ibadat karo (repeat)

-instrumental-

Yaad rakho ke wahi ik khuda hai
Humko yeh jeevan usi ne diya hai
Us charagah se hum sab hain aaye
Hamd-o-sana ke hum geet gayen
Rab ka tum shukr karo
Oonchi awaz karo
Gao khushi ke geet, uska gungaan karo
Ibadat karo uski ibadat karo

-instrumental-

Naame-khudawand kitna mubarak
Mera khudawand kitna bhala hai
Rahmat hai uski sadiyon purani
Wafa ka azal se yahi silsila hai
Us par imaan dharo uske ghar aao chalo
Gao khushi ke geet, uska gungaan karo
Ibadat karo uski ibadat karo

O people of the world,
Raise your voices high;
Sing songs of joy and sing His praises,
Worship Him, worship Him (repeat)

-instrumental-

Remember, He alone is God;
It is He who gave us this life.
We all come from His pasture;
Let us sing songs of praise and adoration.
Give thanks to the Lord;
Raise your voices high;
Sing songs of joy and sing His praises,
Worship Him, worship Him

-instrumental-

How blessed is the name of the Lord,
How good is my Lord;
His mercy spans the ages,
His faithfulness endures from eternity.
Place your faith in Him; come, let us go to His house;
Sing songs of joy and sing His praises,
Worship Him, worship Him

*** New Doxology**

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. A - men.

The musical notation is in 4/4 time, using a treble clef. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first four staves contain the main body of the doxology, and the fifth staff concludes with two measures of 'A - men.' marked with a double bar line.

*** Benediction**

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

*** Let the People Sing Amen, Amen**

John Michael Talbot

C F G C

Let the peo - ple sing a _____ men, a _____ men.
Let us walk in the light _____ of the Spi - rit;
Let us go as a light _____ to the na - tions;

F G C

Let the peo - ple sing a - men, a - men.
let us walk in the light _____ of the Spi - rit;
let us go as a light _____ to the na - tions;

F G C

Let the peo - ple sing a - men, a - men.
Let us walk in the light _____ of the Spi - rit.
let us go as a light _____ to the na - tions.

*** 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.

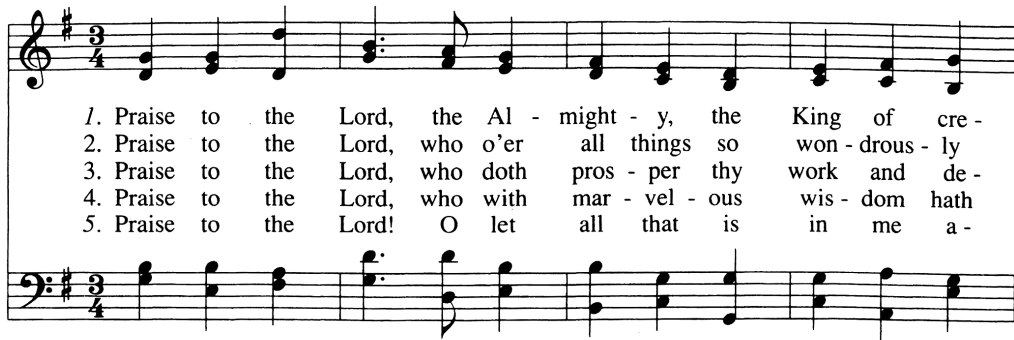
Worship musicians

Rachel Joseph, singer
Shemaiah Kamran, singer
Joseph DeVries, trumpet
Linus Guerra, soprano & tenor saxophones

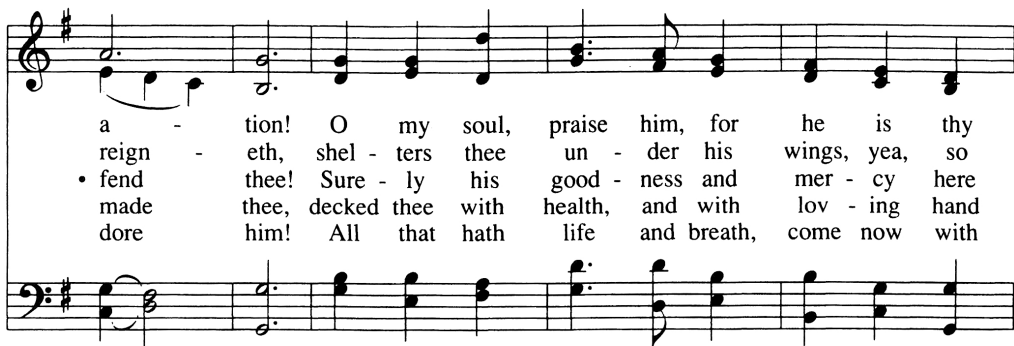
Susan Guerra, piano
Grant Mosher, bass
Ravi Balaraju, bongos
Jesse Guerra, udu drum

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

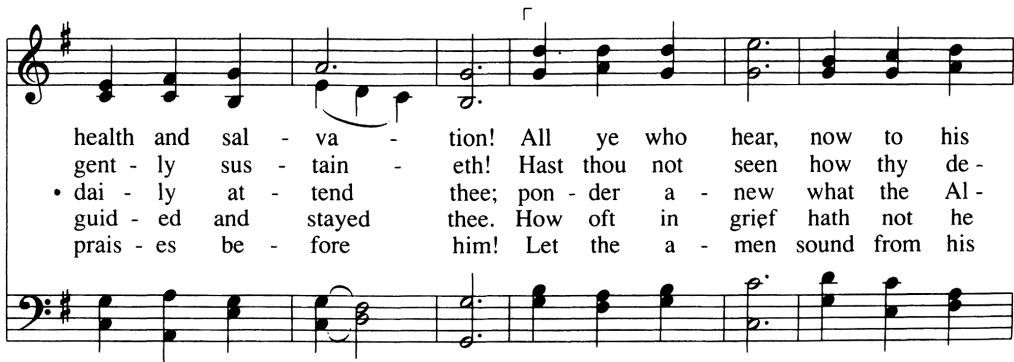
Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath
 5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 • fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with



health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 • dai - ly at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his



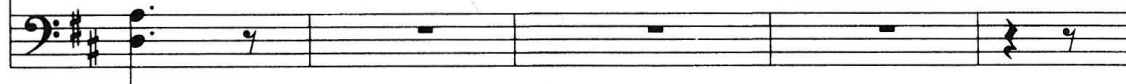
tem - ple draw near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 • might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend - thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth. Ps. 98:4

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come: let earth re - ceive her
 2. Joy to the earth! The Sav - ior reigns: let men their songs em -
 3. No more let sins and sor - rows grow, nor thorns in - fest the
 4. He rules the world with truth and grace, and makes the na - tions



King; let ev - ery heart pre - pare him room,
 play; while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
 ground; he comes to make his bless - ings flow
 prove the glo - ries of his righ - teous - ness



and heav'n and na - ture sing, and heav'n and na - ture
 re - peat the sound - ing joy, re - peat the sound - ing
 far as the curse is found, far as the curse is
 and won - ders of his love, and won - ders of his
 and heav'n and na - ture sing,



sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and na - ture sing.
 joy, re - peat, re - peat the sound - ing joy.
 found, far as, far as the curse is found.
 love, and won - ders, won - ders of his love.



heav'n and na - ture sing,