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Prelude *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

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Welcome

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Silent meditation

“As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him.” Romans 14:1-3

Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that “an idol has no real existence,” and that “there is no God but one.” ... Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. 1 Corinthians 8:4, 8-9

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship 1 Chronicles 16:28–30

Elder David de Jong

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
bring an offering and come before him!
Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth;
yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

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

*** Father Let your Kingdom Come**

Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell

CHORUS

Liz Vice, Latifah Phillips



Hal - le - lu, hal - le - lu - jah, Fa - ther, let your king - dom come.

VERSE



1. May the works _____ of my hands bring you joy May the works
2. May the words _____ from my mouth speak your peace. May the words

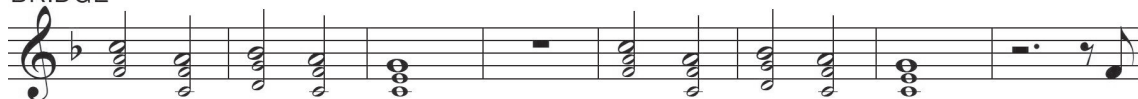


____ of my hands bring you joy. May the works ____ of my hands bring you
____ from my mouth speak your peace. May the words ____ from my mouth speak your

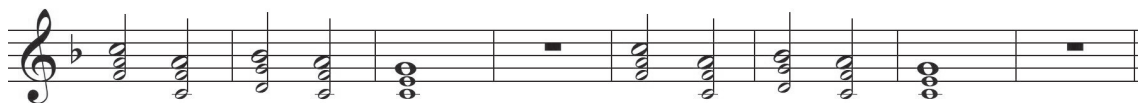


joy. May the works ____ of my hands bring you joy. to Chorus
peace. May the words ____ from my mouth speak your peace. to Chorus

BRIDGE



You make all things new. You make all things new. in



pla - ces we don't choose. You make all things new. to Chorus

* Invocation

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to Confession

Luke 18:10-13

“Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of forgiveness

Hebrews 10:11-18

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

“This is the covenant that I will make with them
after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts,
and write them on their minds,”

then he adds,

“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”

Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

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| 9:00 service | On the final verse of the song, 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. |

* The Church's One Foundation

Words by Samuel Stone
Music by Brian Moss

Real Key

1. The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord, She
lect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth; Her

6 is His new creation by water and the Word. From
char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth; One

10 heaven He came and sought her to be His ho - ly bride; With
ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food, And

14 His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died. 2. E -
to one hope she press - es, with eve - ry grace en - dued

3. Though with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping,
Shall be the morn of song

4. The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish,
Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail

5. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation,
Of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

6. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy,
Lord gives us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 15:12-35

¹² And all the assembly fell silent, and they listened to Barnabas and Paul as they related what signs and wonders God had done through them among the Gentiles.

¹³ After they finished speaking, James replied, "Brothers, listen to me. ¹⁴ Simeon has related how God first visited the Gentiles, to take from them a people for his name.

¹⁵ And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written,

¹⁶ "After this I will return,
and I will rebuild the tent of David that has fallen;
I will rebuild its ruins,
and I will restore it,

¹⁷ that the remnant of mankind may seek the Lord,
and all the Gentiles who are called by my name,
says the Lord, who makes these things ¹⁸ known
from of old.'

¹⁹ Therefore my judgment is that we should not trouble those of the Gentiles who turn to God, ²⁰ but should write to them to abstain from the things polluted by idols, and from sexual immorality, and from what has been strangled, and from blood. ²¹ For from ancient generations Moses has had in every city those who proclaim him, for he is read every Sabbath in the synagogues."

²² Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men from among them and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas. They sent Judas called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading

men among the brothers, ²³ with the following letter: "The brothers, both the apostles and the elders, to the brothers who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greetings. ²⁴ Since we have heard that some persons have gone out from us and troubled you with words, unsettling your minds, although we gave them no instructions, ²⁵ it has seemed good to us, having come to one accord, to choose men and send them to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, ²⁶ men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁷ We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who themselves will tell you the same things by word of mouth. ²⁸ For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: ²⁹ that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell."

³⁰ So when they were sent off, they went down to Antioch, and having gathered the congregation together, they delivered the letter. ³¹ And when they had read it, they rejoiced because of its encouragement. ³² And Judas and Silas, who were themselves prophets, encouraged and strengthened the brothers with many words. ³³ And after they had spent some time, they were sent off in peace by the brothers to those who had sent them. ³⁵ But Paul and Barnabas remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Hard on Truth. Soft on Love.

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Main Things are Plain Things

It Takes Work to Maintain Community

Unity for the Sake of Growth

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

* *In Christ Alone*

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found. He is my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay, Light of the
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: This is the



Light, my strength, my song. This Cor - ner-stone, this sol - id
God in help - less Babe. This gift of love and right-eous -
world by dark - ness slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
pow'r of Christ in me. From life's first cry to fin - al



ground firm through the fierc - est draughts and storm. What heights of
ness scorned by the ones He came to save till on that
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain. And as He
breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny. No - pow'r of



love! What depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings
cross as Je - sus died the wrath of God was sat - is -
stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me from His



cease. My Com - fort - er, my all in all, here in the
fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid. Here in the
me. For I am His and He is mine, bought with the
hand till He re - turns, or calls me home; here in the



love of Christ I stand.
death of Christ I live.
pre - cious blood of Christ.
pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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Offertory *Blessed be the Tie*

Sara Groves

Before our Father's throne
We pour out ardent prayer
Our fears and hopes are one
Our comforts and our cares

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts
In Christian love

We share each other's woes
Our common burdens bear
And often for each other
A sympathizing tear

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts
In Christian love

Oh a kindred heart!
It's like heaven above
It's like heaven

Blessed be the tie that binds our hearts
In Christian love.

*** 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

Tricia Baugus, piano
Betsy Bray, song leader
Keren Bray, song leader
Mark Lundell, bass
John Bratt, drums

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.