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they lifted their voices
together to God and said,

*"Sovereign Lord,
who made the heaven and the earth
and the sea and everything in them..."*

Acts 4:24



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 *The Church's One Foundation* piano

arr. John Purifoy

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heav'n he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

Welcome

Silent meditation

“Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9b

Come, my soul, thy suit prepare:
Jesus loves to answer prayer;
he himself has bid thee pray,
therefore will not say thee nay;
therefore will not say thee nay.

Thou art coming to a King,
large petitions with thee bring;
for his grace and pow'r are such,
none can ever ask too much;
none can ever ask too much. –John Newton

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

Call to Worship Psalm 2:11

Elder Bob La Fleur

Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

* *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Trinity Hymnal 310

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

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
Pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
And so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

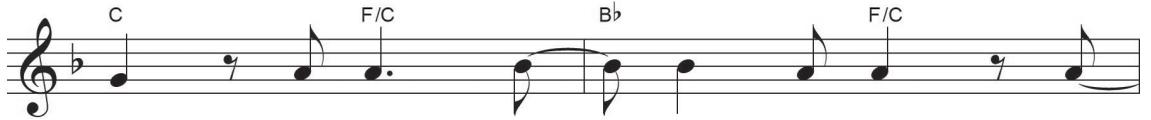
Sing with All Your Heart

Jacob Sooter, Jessica Ray Langdon
Matt Maher, Natalie Leonhardt

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a Bb chord, followed by an F chord, then a C chord, and ends with an F chord. The second staff begins with a Bb chord, followed by an F chord, then a C chord, and ends with a Bb chord. The third staff begins with a Bb chord, followed by an F chord, then a C chord, and ends with an F chord. The lyrics are: 1. Let the weak look to their bro - ther, 2. Let the strong car - ry their neigh - bor, lean on a shoul - der when they ___ can't stand. bind up the wound - ed and wash ___ their feet. No shame in need - ing ___ ~ one a - noth - er. O - pen your door ~ and set your tab - le,



Reach out and take hold of a heal - ing hand. Re -
the place of hon - or for the least of these.



joice, a - gain, I say re - joice. Sin -



- ners, strang - ers, we're wel - comed in. Lift



up your hands, lift up your voice. Sing



— with all your heart; he calls you friend. Sing



— with all your heart; he calls you friend.

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Psalm 2:12

Kiss the Son,
 lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Prayer of confession *followed by a time of silent confession*

Declaration of Forgiveness Isaiah 44:21-23

Remember these things, O Jacob,
 and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you; you are my servant;
 O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud
 and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done it;
 shout, O depths of the earth;
break forth into singing, O mountains,
 O forest, and every tree in it!
For the LORD has redeemed Jacob,
 and will be glorified in Israel.

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.*

* *This Is My Father's World*

Trinity Hymnal 111

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 4:23–31

²³ When they were released, they went to their friends and reported what the chief priests and the elders had said to them. ²⁴ And when they heard it, they lifted their voices together to God and said, “Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them, ²⁵ who through the mouth of our father David, your servant, said by the Holy Spirit,

“Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?

²⁶ The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—

²⁷ for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, ²⁸ to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place. ²⁹ And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰ while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹ And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Praying with Boldness

Pastor Michael Anderson

Before Praying (23-24)

Praying (24-30)

After Praying (31)

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

Praying together

We'll form little groups around the sanctuary to pray. The pastor will guide us through the prayer prompts below. You are invited to join in praying aloud with a group or to pray or consider the verses silently. We'll close each section by singing *Amen, Alleluia*.



Prayer Prompts

- Praise God for who He is and what He's done

“Sovereign Lord, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and everything in them...” Acts 4:24

- Lament the brokenness we see around us and inside us

*“Why did the Gentiles rage,
and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers were gathered together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed’—*

for truly in this city there were gathered together against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, along with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, to do whatever your hand and your plan had predestined to take place.” Acts 4:25b-28

- Pray that God would give us boldness to share the gospel with friends, family, coworkers, and neighbors, even if we face rejection

“And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness...” Acts 4:29

- Pray that God would give us eyes to see all the ways He's at work in our world

“...while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” Acts 4:30

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Pastor Together we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

People Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Pastor Christ, our Passover lamb, is sacrificed for us;

People therefore let us keep the feast.

Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free, and the grape juice served is pasteurized. Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.

During the passing of the bread

When You Eat This Bread piano

by Todd Beaney

During the passing of the cup

Susy Hemsley and Quinn Klamer, readers (8:30)

Lucia Glover and Mirielle Harley, readers (11:15)

...let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus,
the pioneer and perfecter of faith. –Hebrews 12:1b-2a

Jesus turns water to wine in Cana –John 2:1-11

Prayer of Thanksgiving *spoken together*

Loving God, we thank you for this sacrament, for uniting us with Christ, and for giving us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal kingdom. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Reception of New Members 11:15

Nathan Cleveland
Marko & MaryAnne Habekovic

Aaron Kleyn
Katie VanBeek

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

The Church's One Foundation organ

arr. Don Hustad

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.

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 or foe or traitor
she ever shall prevail.

*** New Doxology**



Praise God, from whom all ___ bless - ings ___ flow;



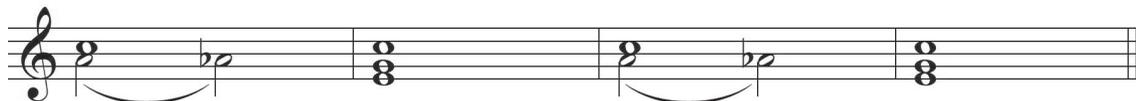
praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;



praise him a - bove, ye ___ heav'n - ly ___ host;



praise Fa - ther, Son and Ho - ly Ghost.



A - men. A - men.

*** Benediction**

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

*** Amen! for Lent & Easter**

traditional spiritual



A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men, a -

1. See him at the sea - shore
 2. See him in the gar - den
 3. Then they cru - ci - fied him

men! A

preach - ing to the peo - ple heal - ing and for - giv - ing!
 pray - ing to the Fa - ther in ry, deep - est sor - row!
 Je - sus, our Sav - ior, but he rose on Eas - ter!

men, a - men.

ALL

A - men, a - men, a - men!

* **Postlude** *Rigaudon* organ by Andre Campra

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.

Cover art
 Morgan McCormick

Worship musicians
 Claudia Chang, piano
 David Bading, organ

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. Heb. 1:3

1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

REFRAIN

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

This Is My Father's World

Sovereign Lord ... you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. Acts 4:24

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world, the birds their car - ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world, O let me ne'er for - get

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white, de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

This is my Fa - ther's world: I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world: the bat - tle is not done; Je -

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - ery - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.