

# ORDER of WORSHIP

Third Sunday in Lent March 20, 2022

# WELCOME to CHRIST CHURCH

Thanks for joining us for worship this morning! We gather each week because we believe Jesus Christ is the one true hope for our tired and broken world. So, wherever your walk is with God, we are glad you are here to be part of our celebration of God's generosity to us in Jesus.

Christ Church is an inter-generational congregation rooted in our common faith in Christ and commitment to serving His kingdom. These commitments propel us into the future as we continue our congregation's thirty-year tradition of joyful and reverent worship, dedication to spiritual growth, and passion for advancing the Gospel in Jacksonville and around the world.

If you have any questions about Christ Church, please don't hesitate to ask an usher, a friendly face in the lobby, or seek out one of our pastors.

# KIDS during WORSHIP

This Sunday we celebrate Holy Communion. Children, ages 3-1st grade, are dismissed before the Scripture readings and return during the offering to join us for our celebration of the Lord's Supper. While many of our kids are not prepared to share in the Lord's Table, we believe there is great value to including them in this celebratory feast. This tangible expression of God's grace in Jesus Christ often provokes great discussions for families with even the youngest of children. Additionally, the elders serving the meal pray for all non-communing children.

# CALENDAR of EVENTS

March 20 (5.30p) March 23 (12p) March 27 (9.30a) March 27 (10.30a) March 27 (5.30p) March 30 (12p) April 2 (9a) April 3 (9.30a) April 3 (10.30a) April 3 (5.30p) April 4 (6.30p) Youth Small Groups Lenten Lunch School of Discipleship Worship Service Youth Small Groups Lenten Lunch Church Workday at Seamark Ranch School of Discipleship Worship Service Youth Small Groups Joint Officers' Meeting

#### UKRAINE RELIEF FUND

We invite you to join us as we participate with our denominational missionary agency, Mission to the World (MTW), to provide relief to those in need in Western Ukraine. These funds will help provide food, shelter, clothes, and other essentials for those who have lost everything in the Russian invasion. To give, write a check to Christ Church designated to "Ukraine Relief" in the memo line or give online at www.christchurchpresjax.org/giving.

#### CHURCH WORKDAY AT SEAMARK RANCH

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 2nd and join us out at Seamark Ranch to help prepare the property for their annual Mud Run the following weekend. We will meet at Seamark Ranch at 9am under the picnic pavilion just under a mile inside the front entrance. Please contact Chris White with questions.

#### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2022

Mark your calendars for VBS at Christ Church June 6-10. Children ages 4 through rising 6th grade are welcome. Stay tuned for details and sign-up info.

#### TREASURER'S UPDATE

Thanks for your generosity and financial partnership with us at Christ Church. As March hastens by, we are nearing the end of our first financial quarter for 2022. Due to a very sporadic start to the year with COVID concerns, as of the end of February we are running 12.6% behind budget. Please join us in a strong finish for March to be on sound financial footing.

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## ENTER the PRESENCE of GOD

Chuck Colson

Psalm 107

#### PRELUDE

#### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please take a moment to prepare your heart for worship, and silence all mobile devices.

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,

#### whom he has redeemed from trouble!

Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! And let us offer sacrifices of thanksgiving,

#### and tell of his deeds in songs of joy!

#### INVOCATION

If able, please stand

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#### Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Words: Wesley | Music: Beecher

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down: Fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown: Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; Visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast; Let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest: Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be: Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

#### CONFESSION OF SIN

Prior to the corporate prayer, we take a moment to confess our sins in silence.

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess to you, that in many times and ways, by thought, word, and deed, we have sinned against you. Our transgressions are a heavy burden, a burden too heavy to carry. Pardon our guilt, for it is great. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may walk in newness of life through the power of your Spirit, Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy Words: Hart | Music: Rousseau

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, Weak and wounded, sick and sore; Jesus ready stands to save you, Full of pity, love, and pow'r.

#### Chorus

I will arise and go to Jesus, He will embrace me in his arms; In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify; True belief and true repentance, Ev'ry grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, Lost and ruined by the fall; If you tarry 'til you're better, You will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, Nor of fitness fondly dream; All the fitness he requireth Is to feel your need of him.

#### Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder Words: Newton | Music: Taylor

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder; he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame: He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies, Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down! For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown: He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store; When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more: He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood, has secured our way to God.

#### APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

# I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church<sup>\*</sup>, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*The "holy catholic Church" refers to the entire company of God's redeemed people throughout the world and across the centuries.

Children, ages 3-1st grade, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. Children exit the sanctuary through the main rear doors. They will return for the Offering.

### HEAR the WORD of GOD

#### PSALM OF THE DAY

<sup>1</sup> O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! <sup>2</sup> For your arrows have sunk into me, and your hand has come down on me. <sup>3</sup> There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. <sup>4</sup> For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. <sup>5</sup> My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness, <sup>6</sup> I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; all the day I go about mourning. <sup>7</sup> For my sides are filled with burning, and there is no soundness in my flesh. <sup>8</sup> I am feeble and crushed: I groan because of the tumult of my heart. <sup>9</sup> O LORD, all my longing is before you; my sighing is not hidden from you. <sup>10</sup> My heart throbs; my strength fails me, and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me. <sup>11</sup> My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague, and my nearest kin stand far off.

<sup>12</sup> Those who seek my life lay their snares; those who seek my hurt speak of ruin and meditate treachery all day long. Psalm 38

<sup>13</sup> But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear,

like a mute man who does not open his mouth.

<sup>14</sup> I have become like a man who does not hear, and in whose mouth are no rebukes.

<sup>15</sup> But for you, O Lord, do I wait;

it is you, O LORD my God, who will answer.

<sup>16</sup> For I said, "Only let them not rejoice over me, who boast against me when my foot slips!"

<sup>17</sup> For I am ready to fall,

and my pain is ever before me.

<sup>18</sup> I confess my iniquity;

I am sorry for my sin.

<sup>19</sup> But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty, and many are those who hate me wrongfully.

<sup>20</sup> Those who render me evil for good

accuse me because I follow after good.

<sup>21</sup> Do not forsake me, O LORD!

O my God, be not far from me!

<sup>22</sup> Make haste to help me,

O LORD, my salvation!

After the Psalm, we respond:

All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field. The grass withers and the flowers fall,

#### but the Word of our God stands forever!

#### **GOSPEL LESSON**

<sup>1</sup>And when he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home.<sup>2</sup> And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. <sup>3</sup> And they came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men.<sup>4</sup> And when they could not get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay.<sup>5</sup> And when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." <sup>6</sup> Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, <sup>7</sup> "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" 8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts?<sup>9</sup> Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'?<sup>10</sup> But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"-he said to the paralytic—<sup>11</sup> "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." <sup>12</sup> And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

#### SERMON

No Health in My Bones Chuck Colson

# RESPOND to GOD

#### INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

After our congregational supplications, we say the prayer our Savior has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

#### OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

#### OFFERTORY

#### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son; And praise the Spirit three in one! O Praise him, O Praise him; Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

# CELEBRATE *the* LORD'S SUPPER

#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

#### THANKSGIVING & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lift up your hearts!

#### We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

#### It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

#### Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Then, the pastor continues in prayer by giving thanks to God for our salvation in Jesus Christ and sets apart the bread and wine for the meal.

#### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the outer aisles. When the usher invites you, step up to the communion rail to receive the bread and cup. You will then return to your seat down the center aisle.

All baptized Christians, who are seeking to walk in repentance and faith, are welcome to join us at the table. Children, who are not communing members of the church, are invited to come forward with their families for prayer.

#### Turn Me, O God, that I May Turn Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

Turn me, O God, that I may turn From the hardness of my own way. Break the chains of my own making And set my feet in a wide place.

#### Chorus

Return, my soul, to your rest. Remember the Lord is gracious. Far as the east is from the west, So far have your sins been scattered.

Turn me, O God, that I may turn; There is no health in my bones. My sins are without number; Please, leave me not alone.

Turn me, O God, that I may turn From my folly and my shame. Teach me your way, Lord; Unite my heart to fear your name.

Heal Us Words: Cowper | Music: Twit

#### Chorus

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are We long to feel thy touch Deep wounded souls to thee we fly O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess We faintly trust thy word But will you pity us the less? Be that far from you Lord!

Remember him who once applied With trembling for relief "Lord, I believe," with tears he cried "O help my unbelief!"

She, too, who touched you in the press And healing virtue stole Was answered, "Daughter, go in peace Thy faith has made thee whole."

Like her, with hopes and fears we come To touch you if we may O send us not despairing home Send none unhealed away

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Emmanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath the flood, lose all their guilty stains: Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; And sinners plunged beneath the flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away: Wash all my sins away, wash all my sins away; And there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away.

Dear dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power, Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more: Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die: And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

#### Nothing but the Blood of Jesus Words & Music: Lowry

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

#### Chorus

O precious is the flow That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus; This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

# \_\_\_\_\_ DEPART *in* PEACE \_\_\_\_\_\_ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING BENEDICTION

# MINISTRY of the WEEK

#### LOCAL

Brian Thomas serves students on the campus of the University of Florida with Reformed University Fellowship (RUF), which is the denominational college ministry of the PCA. His desire is for God's saving power to be known on the college campus and to raise up mature disciples of Jesus Christ.

#### INTERNATIONAL

Ross & Angela Floyd served three years in Bogata, Columbia and are now missionaries in Panama City, Panama, working with Mission to the World. They serve alongside the local church to reach the lost with the gospel, build community both within the church and the surrounding community, and walk with believers as they grow in their faith through discipleship.

# ITEMS for PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Steve Beaver; Barb Day *(cancer)*; Louis Fassnacht; Sue Forsyth *(back)*; Elizabeth Garnett *(cancer)*; Gar Gurganious *(cancer)*; Hector *(dementia)* & V'Elna Harima; Wayne Noble; Sandy Reynolds

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