



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Palm Sunday

March 28, 2021

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 with a name tag in the lobby, or seek out one of our pastors.

GUIDELINES *for* WORSHIP

With the spread of disease around our country, it is important for us, as a church, to be responsive to the circumstances. While we have aggressively implemented social distancing protocols and cleaning regimens, we cannot guarantee a non-compromised environment. All common areas of the church building must be used at one's own risk. Please follow these guidelines:

- In keeping with our mayor's order, face masks are required of all attendees over six years of age. If you do not have a mask, or perhaps forget to bring one, we have face coverings available in the Narthex.
- Please allow for six feet of distance between you and others not in your immediate family unit. Additionally, please refrain from physical greetings and congregating in the aisles and Narthex.
- We will not pass offering plates to collect our tithes and offerings. Rather, after the service, gifts can be deposited in the box labeled *Tithes & Offerings* located just outside the sanctuary doors in the Narthex. Also, financial gifts can always be submitted online through the website.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

March 28 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
April 1 (6.30p)	Maundy Thursday Communion Service
April 2 (5:30p)	Good Friday Soup Dinner
April 2 (6:30p)	Good Friday Service
April 4 (9:30a)	Coffee & Pastries
April 4 (10.30a)	Easter Sunday Communion Service
April 4	NO Youth Group
April 11 (10.30a)	Worship Service
April 11 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
April 12 (6.30p)	Session Meeting

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Our next membership class will be offered April 23-24 (Friday 6-8p; Saturday 9a-Noon). If you are new to Christ Church and would like to become a member, or simply desire to know more about who we are and what we do, we welcome you to join us. Please RSVP to Charlotte Reeves.

SAVE THE DATE VBS 2021

We are excited to be able to offer VBS on a smaller scale this summer! Mark your calendar for the week of June 21. Stay tuned for details and sign-up information. Space will be limited, so registration will be opened to Christ Church families first, and any remaining spots will be made available to those outside of our community.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

After a fairly slow February (not unusual), we are having another sluggish stewardship month as we head into the final Sunday of March. There were, of course, many interruptions to the schedule this month with Spring breaks and such. So, please take this as a gentle reminder to review your stewardship and remember to offer thanks to God with your tithes and gifts.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR BRANSON BISHOP

Please note that we will be holding a memorial service in the sanctuary on Saturday, June 5 at 11am for Branson Bishop.

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————— ENTER *the* PRESENCE *of* GOD —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 24

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in! Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

INVOCATION

HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor
Words & Music: St. Theodulph

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before thee we present:
To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise!

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

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CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Heavenly Father, our great King, the wrongs we have done cannot be hidden from your sight. In thought, word, and deed, we've failed to walk in your ways, doing those things we ought not to have done and not doing those things we ought to have done. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, forgive us and enlarge our hearts that we may run in the way of your commandments to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words: Wesley | Music: Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; I, helpless hang on thee;
Leave, O, leave me not alone; support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

HYMN

All Must Be Well
Words: Peters | Music: Smith

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well;
Free and changeless is his favor, all is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us;
Perfect is the grace that sealed us;
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well;
Ours is such a full salvation, all is well.
Happy still in God confiding;
Fruitful if in Christ abiding;
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well.

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well;
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well.
On our Father's love relying;
Jesus every need supplying;
Yes, in living or in dying;
All must be well.

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*, 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 3-5, 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

Psalm 71

- ¹ In you, O LORD, do I take refuge;
let me never be put to shame!
- ² In your righteousness deliver me and rescue me;
incline your ear to me, and save me!
- ³ Be to me a rock of refuge,
to which I may continually come;
you have given the command to save me,
for you are my rock and my fortress.
- ⁴ Rescue me, O my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the grasp of the unjust and cruel man.
- ⁵ For you, O LORD, are my hope,
my trust, O LORD, from my youth.
- ⁶ Upon you I have leaned from before my birth;
you are he who took me from my mother's womb.
My praise is continually of you.
- ⁷ I have been as a portent to many,
but you are my strong refuge.
- ⁸ My mouth is filled with your praise,
and with your glory all the day.
- ⁹ Do not cast me off in the time of old age;
forsake me not when my strength is spent.
- ¹⁰ For my enemies speak concerning me;
those who watch for my life consult together
- ¹¹ and say, "God has forsaken him;
pursue and seize him,
for there is none to deliver him."

- ¹² O God, be not far from me;
O my God, make haste to help me!
- ¹³ May my accusers be put to shame and consumed;
with scorn and disgrace may they be covered
who seek my hurt.
- ¹⁴ But I will hope continually
and will praise you yet more and more.
- ¹⁵ My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,
of your deeds of salvation all the day,
for their number is past my knowledge.
- ¹⁶ With the mighty deeds of the LORD God I will come;
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.
- ¹⁷ O God, from my youth you have taught me,
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.
- ¹⁸ So even to old age and gray hairs,
O God, do not forsake me,
until I proclaim your might to another generation,
your power to all those to come.
- ¹⁹ Your righteousness, O God,
reaches the high heavens.
You who have done great things,
O God, who is like you?
- ²⁰ You who have made me see many troubles and calamities
will revive me again;
from the depths of the earth
you will bring me up again.
- ²¹ You will increase my greatness
and comfort me again.
- ²² I will also praise you with the harp
for your faithfulness, O my God;
I will sing praises to you with the lyre,

O Holy One of Israel.

²³ My lips will shout for joy,
when I sing praises to you;
my soul also, which you have redeemed.

²⁴ And my tongue will talk of your righteous help all the day long,
for they have been put to shame and disappointed
who sought to do me hurt.

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!

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 5.12-21

¹² Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned— ¹³ for sin indeed was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not counted where there is no law. ¹⁴ Yet death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sinning was not like the transgression of Adam, who was a type of the one who was to come.

¹⁵ But the free gift is not like the trespass. For if many died through one man's trespass, much more have the grace of God and the free gift by the grace of that one man Jesus Christ abounded for many. ¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brought justification. ¹⁷ For if, because of one man's trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. ¹⁹ For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. ²⁰ Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, ²¹ so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

One Act of Righteousness

Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Great God from Thee
Words: Newton | Music: Smith

Great God from thee there's naught concealed,
Thou see'st my inward frame,
To thee I always stand revealed, exactly as I am.

Since I can hardly therefore bear, what in myself I see,
How vile and dark must I appear, most holy God to thee?
But since my savior stands between in garments dyed in blood,
'Tis he instead of me is seen when I approach to God.

Thus, though a sinner, I am safe, he pleads before the throne,
His life and death in my behalf and calls my sins his own.
What wondrous love, what mysteries, in this appointed shine,
My breaches of the law are his, and his obedience mine.

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INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jim Dickenson

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

Tithes & Offerings may be deposited after the service in the offering box outside the sanctuary doors. Alternately, gifts can be made online at www.christchurchpresjax.org or mailed to the church office.

OFFERTORY

*Wade in the Water
African American Spiritual*

*Wade in the water
Wade in the water, children
Wade in the water
God's gonna trouble the water*

*Who's that host all dressed in red
Wade in the water
It must be the children Moses led
Wade in the water*

*Who's that host all dressed in white
Wade in the water
It must be the children of the Israelite
Wade in the water*

*You don't believe I've been redeemed
Wade in the water
I see the holy ghost coming after me
Wade in the water*

⊕ 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.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Words: Peace | Music: Matheson

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn' shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

Toby & Lindsey Ragland, with their four daughters, are members at Christ Church. Toby works with College Golf Fellowship, seeking to share the gospel with and make disciples of college golfers on the campuses of UNF, UF, and UCF. His desire is to see college golfers give themselves to the service of Jesus inside and outside of the golfing world.

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: Barb Day (*Cancer*); Gar Gurganious (*Cancer*); Hector (*Dementia*) & V'Elna Harima; Wayne Noble; Asher Park; Sandy Reynolds (*Eye*); Jewell Smith; Jim & Eileen Tyson

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