

ORDER of WORSHIP

Palm Sunday April 10, 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 with a name tag in the lobby, or seek out one of our pastors.

KIDS during WORSHIP

During our service, we encourage parents of young children to keep their kids in worship as long as they like. We also provide age-appropriate care and instruction for kids. Parents with children 2-years old or younger may drop-off their children in the Nursery (0-Walking) or the Toddler Room (Walking-2) where a team of trained child-care professionals and volunteers await them. Children ages 3-1st grade are dismissed for Children's Chapel after we recite the Apostles' Creed. They exit the sanctuary through the back doors to study God's Word. All children above nursery age return to the sanctuary for the offering so that we close our worship with the family of God together.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

April 10-17 Holy Week
April 10 (5.30p) Youth Small Groups

April 13 (12p) Final Lenten Lunch

April 14 (6.30p) Maundy Thursday Communion Service

April 15 (5.30p) Good Friday Dinner April 15 (6.30p) Good Friday Service

April 17 (9.30a) Coffee & Pastries/Kids' Egg Hunt (No SoD)

April 17 (10.30a) Easter Service

April 17 NO Youth Small Groups
April 21 (12.30p) Wrapped in Prayer Meeting

April 24 (9.30a) School of Discipleship

April 24 (10.30a) Worship Service (Graduates' Day)
April 24 (4.30p) Spring Classic/Youth Silent Auction

SPRING CLASSIC

Please join us on Sunday, April 24, at 4.30p, for our annual Spring cookout. This year we will also celebrate and say farewell to the Colsons as Chuck begins his sabbatical! We will enjoy an afternoon of fun and food together on the front lawn! Food will be provided. There will be water slides for all ages and the Kona Ice Truck will be here serving snow cones. You won't want to miss it!

SILENT AUCTION FOR YOUTH SUMMER CAMP

During our Spring Classic on April 24th, our middle and high school students will be putting on a silent auction to raise money for their summer trip to Ridge Haven Camp in North Carolina. With the high cost of camp and transportation, we need all the participation we can get! So, come prepared to bid on baked treats, yardwork, house-cleaning, and a few other exciting items!

TREASURER'S REPORT

MARCH 2022 YTD 2022

Budget: \$73,371.75 Budget: \$220,115.25 Offering: \$85,726.58 Offering: \$214,329.88 Difference: +16.8% Difference: -2.6%

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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

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!
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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

Thy Mercy, My God Words: Watts | Music: McCracken

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here; Sin would reduce me to utter despair; But, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive, And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart, Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart; Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground, And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise
On thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone can'st heal.
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel.

But O! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust.
And still my soul would cleave to thee though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?

And can the ear of sovereign grace, be deaf when I complain?

No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer.

O may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat,
With humble hope attend thy will and wait beneath thy feet.
Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat,
With humble hope attend thy will and wait beneath thy feet.

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Chris and Ashley Baughman; Michele Conrad; Sally Cook; Phil and Linda Darr; Parker and Megan Gilbert (Carter, Caden, and Cai); Levi and Ami Iszler; Luke and Debra McLemore (Eli, Adra, and Zelia); Bernie and Ginny Mortenson; Russ and Beth Nelson; Tim and Jennifer Page (Lucy, Auggie, Bo, and Mary); Allie Randall; John and Samantha Valley (Camilla and Eleanor)

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 3-1st 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

Psalm 6

- ¹O Lord, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath.
- ² Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing; heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
- ³ My soul also is greatly troubled. But you, O LORD—how long?
- ⁴ Turn, O Lord, deliver my life; save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
- ⁵ For in death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who will give you praise?
- ⁶ I am weary with my moaning; every night I flood my bed with tears; I drench my couch with my weeping.
- ⁷ My eye wastes away because of grief; it grows weak because of all my foes.
- ⁸ Depart from me, all you workers of evil, for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.
- ⁹ The LORD has heard my plea; the LORD accepts my prayer.
- ¹⁰ All my enemies shall be ashamed and greatly troubled; they shall turn back and be put to shame in a moment.

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 1 Peter 1.3-9

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, ⁴ to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, ⁵ who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
⁶ In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, ⁷ so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ. ⁸ Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory, ⁹ obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

 $\label{eq:continuity} \textit{Turn Us: O Lord, Deliver My Life} \\ \textit{John Lawler}$

RESPOND to GOD

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.

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

Sweet Comfort

Words: Phillips | Music: McCracken

Whatever my God ordains is right
His holy will abides
I will be still whatever he does
And follow where he guides

Sweet comfort, sweet comfort Yet shall fill my heart Sweet comfort, sweet comfort Sorrow shall depart

Whatever my God ordains is right
He makes my feet to stand
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine
He holds me in his hand

This bitter cup, I take it
My fainting heart restored
So here I stand, unshaken
I trust upon the Lord

He is my God though dark my road He holds me, I shall not fall Whatever my God ordains as right To him I leave it all

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

What A Friend We Have in Jesus Words: Scriven | Music: Converse

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged: take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev'ry weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

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

Carol Arnold and her husband, Jack, began Equipping Pastors International (EPI) in 1997. Carol has traveled to all six continents, speaking at conferences and seminars to both pastors and their wives, as well as to lay women of all denominations. Since Jack's death in January 2005, Carol has continued as a full-time missionary with EPI.

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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