

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

September 25 (7-8.30p)

September 29 (10.30a)

September 30-October 3

High Life at the Ringhavers'

Communion Service

Women's Small Groups Begin

WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS

The fall bible studies for Christ Church women are upon us! As we put together the final details, please register online for the study you would like to attend. We will all be studying the same topic: Loving God With All Your Mind. All studies begin the week of September 29 and run until the week of November 17. Please contact Anne Groh with any questions.

ELDER NOMINATIONS

For the next month, the Session will receive nominations for the office of elder. For qualifications, please review 1 Timothy 3.1-7 and Titus 1.6-9. We invite all members of Christ Church to prayerfully consider making a nomination. Please fill out a nomination card at the Information Table in the back corner of the sanctuary. The Session desires to grow their membership by 2-3 elders this year in order to create a sustainable rotation and also even out age demographics.

SEAMARK RANCH FALL FESTIVAL

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 12 (8.30a-2p) and come out to Seamark Ranch for their annual Fall Festival. This is a wonderful day of fun for all ages and serves as a great introduction to the ministry and work of Seamark Ranch in the lives of children here in our city. There will be hayrides, crafts, animals, and more. Don't miss it!

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity • September 22, 2019

————— 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 145

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever!
Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever! The LORD
is gracious and merciful;

Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!

The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works! The LORD
is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth! He fulfills the
desire of those who fear him!

He also hears their cry and saves them!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore Him.

Words: Neander

Music: Winkworth

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Heavenly Father, nothing is hidden from your sight; we cannot cover our sins or conceal our faults from you. We've failed to love you above all else, serving two masters in our hearts. 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 delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Nothing But the Blood of Jesus

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 this 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.

Words & Music: Lowry

HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.

Words: Nettleton

Music: Robinson

GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

And also with you!

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. They will return to the sanctuary to join their family for the collection of the offering.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 79

- ¹ O God, the nations have come into your inheritance;
they have defiled your holy temple;
they have laid Jerusalem in ruins.
- ² They have given the bodies of your servants
to the birds of the heavens for food,
the flesh of your faithful to the beasts of the earth.
- ³ They have poured out their blood like water
all around Jerusalem,
and there was no one to bury them.
- ⁴ We have become a taunt to our neighbors,
mocked and derided by those around us.
- ⁵ How long, O LORD? Will you be angry forever?
Will your jealousy burn like fire?
- ⁶ Pour out your anger on the nations
that do not know you,
and on the kingdoms
that do not call upon your name!
- ⁷ For they have devoured Jacob
and laid waste his habitation.
- ⁸ Do not remember against us our former iniquities;
let your compassion come speedily to meet us,
for we are brought very low.
- ⁹ Help us, O God of our salvation,
for the glory of your name;
deliver us, and atone for our sins,
for your name's sake!

¹⁰ Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”

Let the avenging of the outpoured blood of your servants
be known among the nations before our eyes!

¹¹ Let the groans of the prisoners come before you;
according to your great power, preserve those doomed to die!

¹² Return sevenfold into the lap of our neighbors
the taunts with which they have taunted you, O LORD!

¹³ But we your people, the sheep of your pasture,
will give thanks to you forever;
from generation to generation we will recount your praise.

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!

1 ¹The words of Nehemiah the son of Hacaliah.

Now it happened in the month of Chislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Susa the citadel, ² that Hanani, one of my brothers, came with certain men from Judah. And I asked them concerning the Jews who escaped, who had survived the exile, and concerning Jerusalem. ³ And they said to me, “The remnant there in the province who had survived the exile is in great trouble and shame. The wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and its gates are destroyed by fire.”

⁴ As soon as I heard these words I sat down and wept and mourned for days, and I continued fasting and praying before the God of heaven. ⁵ And I said, “O Lord God of heaven, the great and awesome God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, ⁶ let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants, confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father’s house have sinned. ⁷ We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments, the statutes, and the rules that you commanded your servant Moses. ⁸ Remember the word that you commanded your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the peoples, ⁹ but if you return to me and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there I will gather them and bring them to the place that I have chosen, to make my name dwell there.’ ¹⁰ They are your servants and your people, whom you have redeemed by your great power and by your strong hand. ¹¹ O Lord, let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servant, and to the prayer of your servants who delight to fear your name, and give success to your servant today, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.”

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

2 ¹In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine

was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence.² And the king said to me, “Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart.” Then I was very much afraid.³ I said to the king, “Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers’ graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?”⁴ Then the king said to me, “What are you requesting?” So I prayed to the God of heaven.⁵ And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers’ graves, that I may rebuild it.”⁶ And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him), “How long will you be gone, and when will you return?” So it pleased the king to send me when I had given him a time.⁷ And I said to the king, “If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah,⁸ and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king’s forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy.” And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

⁹ Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River and gave them the king’s letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen.¹⁰ But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

In Line with the Promises
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

All Must Be Well

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.

Words: Peters

Music: Smith

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.

MISSION REPORT

Rachel & Rylie Ringhaver

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Steadfast

Then, after the offering, we thank God for his gifts by singing the Doxology.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

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.

Words: Peace

Music: Matheson

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

INTERNATIONAL

As President and CEO of East-West Ministries International, Kurt Nelson provides leadership and oversight to all worldwide ministry endeavors in the 50+ countries in which East-West currently operates. Kurt also personally leads East-West short-term trips to India, Russia, Kazakhstan, East Asia, and Cuba.

LOCAL

Hernando Sáenz is the Hispanic American Ministries Coordinator for Mission to North America (MNA). Hernando works with MNA to create a movement of PCA churches and presbyteries reaching all generations of Hispanics in the United States and Canada. In fulfillment of this vision, his passion is to see new churches planted, new leaders developed, and existing churches equipped for thriving ministry.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Branson Bishop; Gar Gurganious; Hector Harima; Jay Kirk; George Mitchell; Carol Penland

ON DEPLOYMENT: Chris Manchigiah (Mollie)