



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 6, 2020

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

September 7	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
September 12	Seamark Ranch Volunteer Day
September 13 (9a)	Worship Service
September 13 (10.30a)	Worship Service
September 13	Newcomer Info Meeting (After 10.30a Service)
September 14 (6.30p)	Session Meeting

NEWCOMER INFORMATION MEETING ON SEPTEMBER 13

If you are new to Christ Church and would like to know more about who we are and what we do, we welcome you to join us for a meeting immediately following the 10.30 am worship service on Sunday, September 13th. Childcare will not be provided, but families are welcome and the meeting will be brief.

CHRIST CHURCH DIRECTORY PHOTOS

It's time to update our church directory and we would like to get photos of all our regular attenders and members who have joined us since our last update. Please plan to stick around immediately following either service on September 13th for just a few minutes to get your photo taken out on the front lawn. If you would like to have your existing photo updated, you are welcome to do so as well.

ADULT SMALL GROUP SIGN UPS

This fall, several morning and evening Bible studies, primarily through our men's and women's ministries, will be hosted at the church. Groups will meet in our multi-purpose room and under the pavilion with social distancing parameters. Sign-ups for men's groups are available online now and sign-up information for women's groups will be communicated early this week.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

With the restrictions social distancing places on childcare, we do not believe that we can safely operate our School of Discipleship on Sunday mornings this fall. That said, we do intend to provide high quality educational resources for our church through a virtual School of Discipleship. Video lectures will be released for the adults each week beginning on September 13, 2020. Our children's ministry will also release a video and provide families with an at home curriculum that will walk the children of Christ Church through the Ten Commandments this fall.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Lawler

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 135

Praise the LORD! Give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD!

In the courts of the house of our God!

Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name! For we know that the LORD is great!

And that our LORD is above all gods!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Words: Neander & Winkworth

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.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. 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

Before the Throne of God Above

Words: Bancroft | Music: Cook

Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my 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*, 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.*

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 15

- ¹ O LORD, who shall sojourn in your tent?
Who shall dwell on your holy hill?
- ² He who walks blamelessly and does what is right
and speaks truth in his heart;
- ³ who does not slander with his tongue
and does no evil to his neighbor,
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;
- ⁴ in whose eyes a vile person is despised,
but who honors those who fear the LORD;
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;
- ⁵ who does not put out his money at interest
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.
He who does these things shall never be moved.

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 Let brotherly love continue. ² Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. ³ Remember those who are in prison, as though in prison with them, and those who are mistreated, since you also are in the body. ⁴ Let marriage be held in honor among all, and let the marriage bed be undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterous. ⁵ Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." ⁶ So we can confidently say,

"The Lord is my helper;
I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"

⁷ Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. ⁸ Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. ⁹ Do not be led away by diverse and strange teachings, for it is good for the heart to be strengthened by grace, not by foods, which have not benefited those devoted to them. ¹⁰ We have an altar from which those who serve the tent have no right to eat. ¹¹ For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy places by the high priest as a sacrifice for sin are burned outside the camp. ¹² So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. ¹³ Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. ¹⁴ For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. ¹⁵ Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. ¹⁶ Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

¹⁷ Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.

¹⁸ Pray for us, for we are sure that we have a clear conscience, desiring to act honorably in all things. ¹⁹ I urge you the more earnestly to do this in order that I may be restored to you the sooner.

²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

²² I appeal to you, brothers, bear with my word of exhortation, for I have written to you briefly. ²³ You should know that our brother Timothy has been released, with whom I shall see you if he comes soon. ²⁴ Greet all your leaders and all the saints. Those who come from Italy send you greetings. ²⁵ Grace be with all of you.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Sacrifices Pleasing to God

Dr. Justin Young

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Words: Croft | Music: Wesley

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful name;
The name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh, his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

David Ristau

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.

OFFERTORY

Send Out Your Light (Psalm 43)

Words & Music: McCracken

*Vindicate me, O God, and defend my cause
Against the deceitful man, O deliver us
For you are the God in whom I take refuge
Why have you rejected me? I walk around confused.*

Chorus:

*Send out your light and truth
Let them lead me
Bring me to your holy hill
To your dwelling
Then I will go to the alter of God
To God, my exceeding joy
Then I will praise him with my guitar
Oh, my joy, my joy*

*Why are you cast down low, O my soul?
Why are you cast down low, and in turmoil?
Hope in God, for I shall again praise him
Hope in God, for he is my salvation.*

⊕ 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

For All the Saints
Words: How | Music: Williams

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

The Cobbs have been missionaries with MTW since 1996. Since 2004, Don has been teaching New Testament and church planting at the seminary in Aix, today one of the few evangelical seminaries in Western Europe. He is also involved in church-planting facilitation through the Conseil national des Evangéliques de France (CNEF). His burden is to instill in his students a vision for church planting and a desire to see God's kingdom moving forward in French-speaking Europe.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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