



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
October 4, 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

October 4	Directory Photos
October 4 (5-7p)	Youth Gathering
October 10 (9a-Noon)	Seamark Ranch Volunteer Day
October 11 (9a)	Worship Service
October 11 (10.30a)	Worship Service
October 12 (6.30p)	Session Meeting
October 16-17	New Members' Class

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Our next New Members' class will be offered October 16-17. 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! Childcare will not be provided. Please RSVP to Charlotte Reeves.

Schedule:

Friday, October 16 (6-8p) - Dinner & Session 1

Saturday, October 17 (9a-Noon) - Session 2

SEAMARK RANCH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

The Seventh Annual Seamark MudRun is taking place Saturday, October 17th and they are in need of volunteers to assist with preparing for and conducting the event. There will be a volunteer day on Saturday, October 10 (9a-Noon) to prepare the ranch for the event. The MudRun will take place on Saturday, October 17 (7a-Noon) and volunteers will be needed on this day as well to assist with things like handing out t-shirts, directing participants through the course, directing cars to parking spots, etc). If you wish to volunteer, please email Terri Cooper (volunteer@seamarkranch.com).

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE
Budget: \$65,500	Budget: \$589,500
Offering: \$48,915	Offering: \$559,607
Difference: -25.3%	Difference: -5.1%

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 107

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!

And gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south! Let us thank the LORD for his steadfast love, or 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

HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

Words: Watts | Music: Gustafson

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom spread from shore to shore,
Til moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on his love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all who suffer want are blessed.

Let every creature rise and bring
The highest honors to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud Amen!

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 been stubborn of heart, following our own counsel and forsaking your ways. Pardon our guilt, for it is great. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, cleanse us from our sins that we may walk in a manner pleasing to you by the power of your Spirit. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Words: Francis | Music: Williams

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
'Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to thee.

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 86

¹ Incline your ear, O LORD, and answer me,
for I am poor and needy.

² Preserve my life, for I am godly;
save your servant, who trusts in you—
you are my God.

³ Be gracious to me, O LORD,
for to you do I cry all the day.

⁴ Gladden the soul of your servant,
for to you, O LORD, do I lift up my soul.

⁵ For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving,
abounding in steadfast love to all who
call upon you.

⁶ Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer;
listen to my plea for grace.

⁷ In the day of my trouble I call upon you,
for you answer me.

⁸ There is none like you among the gods, O
LORD,
nor are there any works like yours.

⁹ All the nations you have made shall come
and worship before you, O LORD,
and shall glorify your name.

¹⁰ For you are great and do wondrous
things;
you alone are God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
that I may walk in your truth;
unite my heart to fear your name.

- ¹² I give thanks to you, O LORD my God, with
my whole heart,
and I will glorify your name forever.
- ¹³ For great is your steadfast love toward me;
you have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.
- ¹⁴ O God, insolent men have risen up against me;
a band of ruthless men seeks my life,
and they do not set you before them.
- ¹⁵ But you, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.
- ¹⁶ Turn to me and be gracious to me;
give your strength to your servant,
and save the son of your maidservant.
- ¹⁷ Show me a sign of your favor,
that those who hate me may see and
be put to shame
because you, LORD, have helped me
and comforted me.

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

Revelation 7.1-17

¹ After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding back the four winds of the earth, that no wind might blow on earth or sea or against any tree. ² Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, ³ saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” ⁴ And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel:

⁵ 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,
12,000 from the tribe of Reuben,
12,000 from the tribe of Gad,

⁶ 12,000 from the tribe of Asher,
12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali,
12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh,

⁷ 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon,
12,000 from the tribe of Levi,
12,000 from the tribe of Issachar,

⁸ 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun,
12,000 from the tribe of Joseph,
12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

⁹ After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰ and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” ¹⁴ I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ “Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will
shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb in the midst of the throne
will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

In the Midst of the Throne
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

At the Mountain of God

Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

When the Lord comes down with the city of Zion,
Our hearts will find comfort at last.
We who've sown tears in grief will know laughter once again.
All his people will shout Amen!

Chorus:

“Great things he has done!”, the redeemed will say.
“Great things! Great things he has done!”
We will come to the feast at the mountain of God, Hallelujah!
He has done great things!

The rolling hills will dance, and the rivers will clap.
The sea will roar when he bids death to pass.
We will drink from the fountain of the everlasting God,
And our thirst will be quenched! Amen!

There will be no need of the sun and moon to shine,
For the glory of the Lord will give the light.
The lame will stand and walk, the mute will raise their voice,
And the blind will see his glorious sight!

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

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

Is He Worthy?

Words & Music: Peterson

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)

Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)

*But do you know that all the dark won't stop
the light from getting through? (We do)*

*Do you wish that you could see it all
made new? (We do)*

Is all creation groaning? (It is)

Is a new creation coming? (It is)

*Is the glory of the Lord to be the light
within our midst? (It is)*

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,

he is David's root and the

Lamb who died to ransom the slave.

*Is he worthy? Is he worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy of this? (He is)*

*Does the Father truly love us? (He does)
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)
And does Jesus, our Messiah hold forever
those he loves? (He does)
Does our God intend to dwell again
with us? (He does)*

*Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave,
he is David's root and the
Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From ev'ry people and tribe every nation and tongue
He has made us a kingdom and priests
to God to reign with the Son.*

*Is he worthy? Is he worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory?
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? Is he worthy of this? (He is!)
Is he worthy? Is he worthy? (He is! He is!)*

⊕ 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.**

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

Christ Our King
Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

In might, the Father of glory
Raised Jesus out of the dead;
And seating our Lord in splendor
Crowned him th' exalted head.

Chorus:

Every tribe, come bow in tribute;
Every tongue proclaim his praise!
Jesus, name above all names
Christ our King over all reigns!

Can a mortal name be spoken
Passing that on him bestowed?
Christ, whose shame made his glory,
His cross the way to the throne.

He reigns, to break earth's bondage,
Ending all futility.
He will crush death's dominion,
And at long last set us free.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

Josh, Anna, and their sons, Daniel, Jacob, and Benjamin live in Bundibugyo, Uganda, working with Serge with a focus on using clean water projects as a vehicle for sharing the Gospel. God's heart for the poor has inspired Josh and Anna to live and minister to the Babwisi, Bakongo, and Bwamba tribes in Bundibugyo. They envision a life of walking alongside these diverse friends and serving God there through preaching, healing, and equipping.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Branson Bishop; Barb Day; Sue Forsyth; Elizabeth Garnett; Gar Gurganious; Hector & V'Elna Harima; Tim Seise

DEPLOYMENTS: Jonathan Waddell (Abigail)

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