



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 13, 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

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| September 13 | Directory Photos (after both services) |
| September 13 (Noon) | Newcomer Info Meeting (after 10.30a service) |
| September 14 (6.30p) | Session Meeting |
| September 19 (8a) | Galatians 6.2 Service Day |
| September 19 (9a-12p) | Men's Work Day |
| September 20 (9a) | Worship Service |
| September 20 (10.30a) | Worship Service |
| September 21 (6.30p) | Deacons' Meeting |

NEWCOMER INFORMATION MEETING TODAY

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 this morning. Childcare will not be provided, but families are welcome and the meeting will be brief.

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 and women's groups are available online now. Visit the church website for details.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

This fall we will 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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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name!

Bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness!

Tremble before him, all the earth!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Words: Dykes | Music: Heber

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
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CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from our sins and blot out our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and restore to us the joy of your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Good and Upright

Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Zipf

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
O my God, in you I trust;
Make me to know your ways,
And teach me your paths.

For the sake of your name, Lord,
Pardon my guilt for it is great.
Consider my affliction
And forgive all my sin.

Chorus:

O Lord, remember your mercy
And your steadfast love,
For they are from of old.
Good and upright are you, Lord!
Good and upright are you, Lord!

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
For you are the God
Of my salvation;
For you I wait all the day long.

Lord, turn to me and be gracious,
You know the troubles of my heart.
Oh, guard my soul, Lord,
And deliver us!

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 2

¹ Why do the nations rage
and the peoples plot in vain?

² The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the LORD and against his
Anointed, saying,

³ “Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us.”

⁴ He who sits in the heavens laughs;
the LORD holds them in derision.

⁵ Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
and terrify them in his fury, saying,

⁶ “As for me, I have set my King
on Zion, my holy hill.”

⁷ I will tell of the decree:
The LORD said to me, “You are my Son;
today I have begotten you.

⁸ Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron
and dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.”

¹⁰ Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
be warned, O rulers of the earth.

¹¹ Serve the LORD with fear,
and rejoice with trembling.

¹² Kiss the Son,
lest he be angry, and you perish in the
way,
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

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!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Revelation 1.1-8

¹ The revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show to his servants the things that must soon take place. He made it known by sending his angel to his servant John, ² who bore witness to the word of God and to the testimony of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. ³ Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear, and who keep what is written in it, for the time is near.

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ⁶ and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ⁷ Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸ “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Blessed is the One Who Reads
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Words: Bridges | Music: Elvey

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

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.

OFFERTORY

Shout for Joy, All Ye People!

Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

*Blessed is the man who walks in your way,
Who contemplates your works throughout the day
Like a tree, planted by a stream,
Bearing fruit in season down to old age.*

Chorus:

*O rejoice! Sing His praise!
Shout for joy, all ye people!
O rejoice! Sing His praise!
Come hallow His holy name!*

*Blessed is the man whose sin is washed away
Whose trespass is covered, who freely says,
"Hide your face, Lord. From my sin;
And renew a right spirit within me."*

*Blessed is the man who fears your holy name
Who delights in your promise and walks without blame.
In the dark, light will dawn from him,
Guiding him safely to your holy hill.*

⊕ 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

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

Juan José Cotto is planting Iglesia Comunción (PCA) in Caguas, Puerto Rico, in partnership with Trinity Church PCA and Iglesia La Travesía (PCA). Juan José has vast experience proclaiming God's word and ministering to the spiritual needs of people in Puerto Rico. He has also been trained under the leadership of Pastor Ronnie García, the first PCA pastor and church planter on the island. Their vision is to see a new generation of Latino men and women raised up and equipped with the gospel of grace in Jesus Christ.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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

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