



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

September 20, 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 20	Directory Photos (following both services)
September 21 (6.30p)	Deacons' Meeting
September 27 (9a)	Worship Service
September 27 (10.30a)	Worship Service
October 16-17	New Members' Class

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

This Sunday we will take photos for a new church directory! If you have not taken a photo previously, or if you desire to update your photo, please see Charlotte Reeves in the front yard between services or after the late service. We appreciate your help as we seek to update our directory.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: 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

DEACONS' FUND OFFERING

Along with Communion, we will have a special Deacons' Fund offering. If you would like to participate, please designate a check for the Deacons' Fund and place it in the offering plates in the Narthex.

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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 135

Praise the LORD! Praise the name of 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 it is pleasant!

For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself!

We are his own possession!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: Williams | Music: Hughes

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we confess to you, that in many times and ways, by thought, word, and deed, we have sinned against you; and are not worthy to be called your children. We humbly ask you, according to your mercy in Christ Jesus, that you forgive our offenses and grant us true repentance for the honor and glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Jesus, I Come

Words & Music: Thompson

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of my sickness into thy health, out of my wanting and into thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm, out of life's storms and into thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come 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 97

- ¹ The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!
- ² Clouds and thick darkness are all around
him;
righteousness and justice are the
foundation of his throne.
- ³ Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- ⁴ His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.
- ⁵ The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,
before the LORD of all the earth.
- ⁶ The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.
- ⁷ All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless
idols;
worship him, all you gods!
- ⁸ Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- ⁹ For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.
- ¹⁰ O you who love the LORD, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

¹¹ Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

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 1.9-20

⁹ I, John, your brother and partner in the tribulation and the kingdom and the patient endurance that are in Jesus, was on the island called Patmos on account of the word of God and the testimony of Jesus. ¹⁰ I was in the Spirit on the Lord's day, and I heard behind me a loud voice like a trumpet ¹¹ saying, "Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches, to Ephesus and to Smyrna and to Pergamum and to Thyatira and to Sardis and to Philadelphia and to Laodicea."

¹² Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking to me, and on turning I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, clothed with a long robe and with a golden sash around his chest. ¹⁴ The hairs of his head were white, like white wool, like snow. His eyes were like a flame of fire, ¹⁵ his feet were like burnished bronze, refined in a furnace, and his voice was like the roar of many waters. ¹⁶ In his right hand he held seven stars, from his mouth came a sharp two-edged sword, and his face was like the sun shining in full strength.

¹⁷ When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, ¹⁸ and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades. ¹⁹ Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this. ²⁰ As for the mystery of the seven stars that you saw in my right hand, and the seven golden lampstands, the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

To the Church
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

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

⊕ 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.**

CELEBRATE *the* LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:



Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Then, the pastor continues in prayer by giving thanks to God for our salvation in Jesus Christ and sets apart the bread and wine for the meal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the center aisle. Please take your place as a family unit on the designated floor markers. When the minister invites you, step up to the table to receive the bread and cup. Please consume at the table. A trash receptacle will be available as you return to your seat by the outside aisle.

All baptized Christians, who are seeking to walk in repentance and faith, are welcome to join us at the table. Children, who are not communing members of the church, are invited to come forward with their families for prayer.

HYMN

By Thy Mercy
Words & Music: Mejas

Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from Heaven thy gracious ear,
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners hear:

Chorus:

By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord

From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within:

When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace:

In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay.

HYMN

He Sets a Table

Words: Colson & Zipf | Music: Colson

He sets a table prepared for us
His body broken his precious blood
Sacrificed to give us life
He sets a table prepared for us

He is our refuge in dire need
When we seek him he will receive
All those weary, all those weak
He sets a table prepared for us

In this desert we wait for him
To give the bread of salvation
To the hungry and to the poor
He sets a table prepared for us

At the supper of the lamb
We will behold the son of man
He will swallow Death forever
He sets a table prepared for us

HYMN

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

Words & Music: Lowry

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 sin 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.

⊕ HYMN

On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

Words: Hustad | Music: McIntosh

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus:

I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain, and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place
And be forever blest?
When shall I see my Father's face
And in his bosom rest?

DEPART *in* PEACE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

Seamark Ranch is a nurturing Christian home and family system that gives children from families in crisis the tools they need for a brighter future.

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ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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

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