



CHRIST
CHURCH

October 3, 2021



Welcome to worship at Christ Church!

Our aim is to enjoy the goodness of our triune God in fellowship within the community he has formed, lifting our hearts as an offering to the Lord using the varied and unique gifts of this local congregation. We await his transformative word in our lives.

We are glad that you have joined us.

Young children are an important part of our community as well. We are very happy to be part of this very significant stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. You are welcome to keep your children with you throughout the service, or you may choose to use one of our nurseries for children ages 3 years and younger, and Christ Kids Worship for 4- to 6-year olds during the sermon. If you have a baby and would like a quiet space, you are welcome to use the nursery or room 102.

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

Moment of silent meditation Ephesians 2:4-5a

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ...

G O D C A L L S U S T O W O R S H I P

Call to worship Proverbs 3:19-22

Elder Mike Wilbraham

The Lord by wisdom founded the earth;
by understanding he established the heavens;
by his knowledge the deeps broke open,
and the clouds drop down the dew.

My son, do not lose sight of these—
keep sound wisdom and discretion,
and they will be life for your soul
and adornment for your neck.

* *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing* Trinity Hymnal 457

* Prayer of adoration

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Hosea 7:14-16a

They do not cry to me from the heart, but they wail upon their beds; for grain and wine they gash themselves; they rebel against me. Although I trained and strengthened their arms, yet they devise evil against me. They return, but not upward; they are like a treacherous bow; their princes shall fall by the sword because of the insolence of their tongue.

Prayer of confession Psalm 52 responsively and with sung refrains
Congregation reads bold type.

music, Aaron David Miller



But I am like a green ol-ive tree in the house of God.

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Why do you boast of evil, O mighty man?

The steadfast love of God endures all the day.

Your tongue plots destruction,

like a sharp razor, you worker of deceit.

You love evil more than good,

and lying more than speaking what is right.

You love all words that devour,

O deceitful tongue.

refrain

But God will break you down forever;
he will snatch and tear you from your tent;
he will uproot you from the land of the living.
The righteous shall see and fear,
and shall laugh at him, saying,

**“See the man who would not make
God his refuge,
but trusted in the abundance of his riches
and sought refuge in his own destruction!”**

refrain

But I am like a green olive tree
in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God
forever and ever.
I will thank you forever,
because you have done it.

**I will wait for your name, for it is good,
in the presence of the godly.**

refrain

Declaration of forgiveness Hosea 11:8

How can I give you up, O Ephraim?
How can I hand you over, O Israel?
How can I make you like Admah?
How can I treat you like Zeboiim?
My heart recoils within me;
my compassion grows warm and tender.

At the 8:30 service, during the following song, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

* Beautiful, Scandalous Night



1. Go on__ up to the moun - tain of mer - cy____
 2. Fol-low Christ to the ho - - - ly moun - tain,____
 3. On the hill - side you will____ be de - li - vered;____



to the crim - son per - pe - - tu - al__ tide.____
 Sin - ner sor - ry and wrecked__ by the__ Fall.____
 at the foot of the cross____ just - i - fied____



____ Kneel down on the shore,____ be__ thir - sty no__
 Cleanse your__ heart and your soul____ in the fount-ain that__
 ____ and your spir - it re - stored____ by the riv - er that__



more. Go__ un - der and be____ pur - i - fied.____ *Go to Vs. 2*
 flows for__ you and for me____ and for__ all. *to chorus*
 pours from our bless - ed Sa - - - vior's side. *to chorus*



At the won - der - ful, tra - gic, my - ster - i - ous tree on that beau - ti - ful,



scan - da - lous night you and me__ were a - toned by His blood and for - ev - er washed



white__ on that beau - ti - ful, scan - da - lous night.

Sermon Gospel Flourishing

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Humbled

Lifted Up

Spread Out

Further discussion/questions? andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org
Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

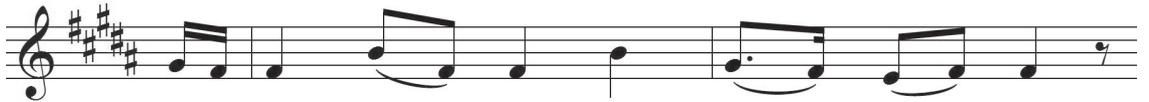
words by George Matheson
music by Christopher Miner



1. O Love that will not - let me go,
2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way,
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain,
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head



I rest my wear - y soul in thee;
I yield my flick' - ring torch to thee;
I can - not close my heart to thee;
I dare not ask to fly from thee;



I give thee back the life I owe,
My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,
I trace the rain - bow through the rain,
I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,



That in thine o - cean depths its flow
That in thy sun - shine's blaze its day
And feel the prom - ise is not vain,
And from the ground there bless - oms red



May rich - er, ful - ler be.
May brigh - ter, fair - er be.
That morn shall tear - less be.
Life that shall end - less be.

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Invitation to the Lord's Table

The bread served is gluten free. Rows will be dismissed to walk forward.

He Will Hold Me Fast congregation sings during communion

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
When the tempter would prevail, He will hold me fast.
I could never keep my hold through life's fearful path;
For my love is often cold; He must hold me fast.

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight, Christ will hold me fast;
Precious in his holy sight, He will hold me fast.
He'll not let my soul be lost; His promises shall last;
Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;
Justice has been satisfied; He will hold me fast.
Raised with Him to endless life, He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at last!

Prayers of the People

Give online at christchurchgr.org or by texting (616) 208-2820.

Offertory *Teach Us Your Ways (Psalm 119)*

Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan
Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach

Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways
As we learn from one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us Your ways

Teach us to give, teach us to give
Give ourselves for one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us to give

Teach us to weep, teach us to weep
Let us weep with one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us to weep

Hallelujah, hallelujah
Let us learn from one another
Learn to love each other
Teach us Your ways

*** 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.

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

*Join us for brunch in the atrium at 10:00am.
Sunday School for all ages will resume next week.*

Worship musicians

Debbie and Annie Bukovietski, song leader (8:30 service)
Vivian Stutzman, song leader (11:15 service)
Susan Guerra, piano

Life of the church

Today is Deacon Fund Sunday.

Take this opportunity to serve those in need. This offering, beyond your regular tithe, should be marked for the Deacon Fund or give online at <https://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/give/online>

Summer '21 Rewound & Chili Cook-off, Oct.

10, 5:30 – 8:00. Come together for a wonderful and encouraging evening together as a church family and encourage our youth in the process. We will share testimonies of God's blessings from our Jr High mission trip to Cedar Bay, our Sr High mission trip to Chattanooga, our Sr High conference in Baltimore, and we'll sneak in our spring Sr High backpacking trip to Pisgah National Forest. Our evening will start with a chili cook-off, so if you want to enter that read below, otherwise just come and enjoy being the taste testers. **Chili Cook-off:** Bring a full pot (approx. 2 gallons) of chili (no dessert chilies please) to church at 5:15PM. It does not need to be in a crockpot, but it should be heated through and ready to serve. Prizes awarded to the top 3 placing chilies

Senior (55+) luncheon will be Tuesday, Oct. 12th at noon in the Atrium. We plan on bringing soup and bread for the occasion. Text or email Jerry Gortmaker and as to what you can bring. There will be a sign up at welcome center on Sunday Oct 10th. See you there.

Volunteer reminders for nursery, AV team, ushering, CKW, coffee service, etc., will be sent via email six days prior to scheduled time slot, and via text & email two days before volunteering spot. If you have any questions, contact the leader of your volunteering group, or the church office. Please add office@christchurchgr.org to your list of contacts.

C-Groups are a way to connect, care and challenge one another in community. Learn more about C-Groups and connect with current C-Group facilitators at our Fall Launch on September 19 & 26 or you can find information on our website at <http://christchurchgr.org/connect/c-groups/>

Interested in learning more about Christ Church? Currently you can participate in the First Things class online and then either meet with an elder or pastor or wait for the in person offering coming this fall in our Adult Institutes. Participating in this class doesn't in any way obligate you to become a member of Christ Church, but hopefully will help prepare those who do wish to become members. If you'd like to sign up, contact the office at office@christchurchgr.org.

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We still need adults and youth helpers to serve in the nursery and in Christ Kids Worship!

Contact Debbie Bukovietski (nursery) or Ginnie Stawicki (CKW) to find out how you can get involved.

If you're intersted to help with AV contact Matt at mbkelly@me.com. No experience necessary.

YOUTH

Jr & Sr High

It's back! Our annual Summer Rewound and Chili Cook-off happens next Sunday, Oct. 10. We'll be sharing stories from the past summer and putting on the cook-off. Plan to be around from 4:30-8:30 to help set up, run and clean up the event

Youth group meetings will start on the 17th: Jr High from 4:30-6:00 and Sr High from 6:30-8:00, with dinner between for both groups

Jr High

Oct. 16, 6:30-8:30. Fall festivities: pumpkin carving, cookie decorating, hayride; starts and ends at church

Sr High

Oct. 15, 5:00-9:00. Corn maze, bonfire, donuts, maybe apple picking, but for sure good times; starts and ends at church

MEN'S MINISTRY

No Monday Evening Bible Study this week.

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Single Women will meet Friday, Oct. 8, at 6:00 pm in room 203/204 for a potluck meal. Note date & time change.

October 14, 7:00-8:30pm, a meeting co-sponsored by Women's Discipleship and Advocates for the Wounded & Abused (AWA). Last year we discussed Rachel denHollander's book, *What is a Girl Worth*. We will look further into her insights through the lens of Scripture to wrestle with some big questions. More information to come.

Saturday, October 16th Come for a **morning hike** in the beautiful woods surrounding Pickerel Lake (6001 Ramsdell Dr NE, Rockford). We will gather and meet in the parking lot of the park at 9:00am Contact Leah (slgritter@sbcglobal.net)

Financial Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Jan - August Receipts	\$697,956	\$ 689,567
Jan - August Expenses	\$658,169	\$ 689,779
Jan - August Over (Under)	\$ 39,787	\$ (212)

Tithes and Offerings

September 5	\$ 22,500	
September 12	\$ 16,083	
September 19	\$ 17,631	
September 26	\$ 11,561	
September Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 66,776	\$ 82,125

EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN

Total Commitments	\$1,724,032
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,201,994

This Week's Events

Today	8:30 AM	All Church Retreat - Cran-hill Ranch
		Worship Service
	10:00 AM	Brunch
	11:15 AM	Worship Service
	2:30 PM	College-Age Men's Bible Study
	7:00 PM	College-Age Women's Bible Study
Monday	6:45 PM	Women's 7 Feasts Study (<i>over Zoom</i>)
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>Russ' - 2750 28th St</i>
	8:00 PM	College-Age Men's Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Gospel of John Study - <i>contact Bob 616-915-5477</i>
	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>Rainbow Grill - 4158 Chicago Drive</i>
	9:00 AM	Women's 7 Feasts Study
	6:00 PM	Together in Prayer - <i>in lounge or via Zoom (click on praying hands slide on website)</i>
	7:00 PM	Adult choir rehearsal
Friday	5:00 PM	College-Age F.I.S.H. Friday



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Worship Sunday mornings at 8:30 and 11:15 am in the sanctuary.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS: please submit by 7:30pm Wednesday to announcements@christchurchgr.org

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