



GOD IN OUR MIDST



CHRIST
CHURCH

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Moment of silent meditation

Isaiah 41:9b-10

“You are my servant,
I have chosen you and not cast you off”;
fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP



Call to worship

Psalm 99:1-5

Elder Jerry Stutzman

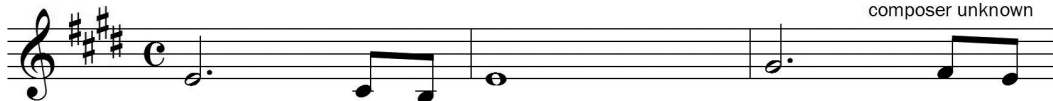
The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!
The Lord is great in Zion;
he is exalted over all the peoples.
Let them praise your great and awesome name!
Holy is he!
The King in his might loves justice.
You have established equity;
you have executed justice
and righteousness in Jacob.
Exalt the Lord our God;
worship at his footstool!
Holy is he!

** Please rise in body and/or in spirit.*



* We See the Lord

composer unknown



1. We see the Lord, we see the
2. We see the Lord, we see the
3. We hear the Lord, we hear the
4. We bless the Lord, we bless the



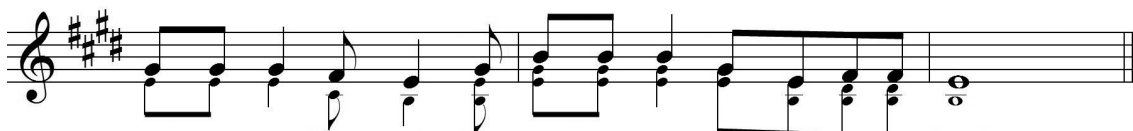
Lord, and He is high and lift - ed up, and his
Lord, and His face_____ shines____ forth like a
Lord, and His word_____ is - sues forth and re -
Lord, and as in_____ - cense goes up, so our



train fills the temp - le, He is high and lift - ed up, and His
light in the tem - ple, and His face_____ shines____ forth like a
sounds through the tem - ple, and His word_____ is - sues forth and re -
prayers fill the tem - ple, and as in_____ - cense goes up, so our



train fills the tem - ple. The an - gels cry "Ho - ly." The
light in the tem - ple. The ser - aphs cry "Wor - thy." The
sounds through the tem - ple. The eld - ers cry "A - men." The
prayers fill the tem - ple. The peo - ple cry "Glo - ry." The



an - gels cry "Ho - ly." The an - gels cry "Ho - ly is the Lord."
ser - aphs cry "Wor - thy." The ser - aphs cry "Wor - thy is the Lord."
el - ders cry "A - men." The eld - ers cry "A - men. It is so."
peo - ple cry "Glo - ry." The peo - ple cry "Glo - ry to the Lord."

Cherubim and Seraphim and the Presence of God

Five readers are needed for the following litany.

- Elder The first time we see angels in the Bible, they are blocking the entrance to the garden after Adam and Eve had disobeyed God. If they had eaten from the Tree of Life after they had sinned, we all would have lived forever, but in a state of eternal estrangement from God.
- Reader 1 ...the Lord God sent him out from the garden of Eden to work the ground from which he was taken. He drove out the man, and at the east of the garden of Eden he placed the cherubim and a flaming sword that turned every way to guard the way to the tree of life. Genesis 3:23-24
- Elder When the Israelites were wandering in the desert, God instructed Moses to build the tabernacle. This was the place where they could know the presence of God and included many artistic representations of the cherubim which reflected the realities of the heavenly tabernacle.
- Reader 2 And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with the Lord, he heard the voice speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim; and it spoke to him. Numbers 7:89
- Elder After the Israelites settled in the promised land, King Solomon built the more permanent temple, and again angels were associated with the presence of God.
- Reader 3 Now the word of the Lord came to Solomon, “Concerning this house that you are building, if you will walk in my statutes and obey my rules and keep all my commandments and walk in them, then I will establish my word with you, which I spoke to David your father. And I will dwell among the children of Israel and will not forsake my people Israel.”
So Solomon built the house and finished it.... The inner sanctuary he prepared in the innermost part of the house, to set there the ark of the covenant of the Lord.... In the inner sanctuary he made two cherubim of olivewood...
I Kings 6:11-14, 19, 23
- Elder The angels, seen here serving in the heavenly tabernacle, prepared Isaiah to be welcomed into God’s presence.
- Reader 4 In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said:
“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory!” Isaiah 6:1-3

Elder When the Israelites were in captivity, God pursued them in a chariot, drawn by cherubim. He gave Ezekiel a vision of how he would both judge and then restore the people of Israel.

Reader 5 Then the glory of the Lord went out from the threshold of the house, and stood over the cherubim. And the cherubim lifted up their wings and mounted up from the earth before my eyes as they went out, with the wheels beside them. And they stood at the entrance of the east gate of the house of the Lord, and the glory of the God of Israel was over them. Ezekiel 10:18-19

Elder In Revelation we still see the angels in the presence of God, and we can add our voices to their worship: “And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures...and day and night they never cease to say,

All ‘Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!’” Rev 4:6b, 8



Prayer of adoration

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession I Corinthians 14:40

...all things should be done decently and in order.



Prayer of confession

Declaration of forgiveness Hebrews 8:1-2, 8-12

Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord,
 when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel
 and with the house of Judah,
not like the covenant that I made with their fathers
 on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt.
For they did not continue in my covenant,
 and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord.
For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel
 after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws into their minds,
 and write them on their hearts,
and I will be their God,
 and they shall be my people.
And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor
 and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’
for they shall all know me,
 from the least of them to the greatest.
For I will be merciful toward their iniquities,
 and I will remember their sins no more.”

On the final verse of the following song, 4 to 6 year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship.

8:30 service, after the sermon your child will return to the sanctuary.

10:30 service, after the sermon please meet your child in the church foyer.



* Before the Throne of God Above

text, Charite Lees Bancroft/arr. Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a -
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des -
3. Be - hold him there! The Ris - en



bove I have one strong and per - fect plea: a great High
pair and tells me of the wrong with - in, up - ward I
Lamb; my per - fect spot - less Right - eous - ness; the great un -



Priest whose name is Love, who - ev - er lives and pleads for
look and see him there, who made an end to all my
change - a - ble I Am; the King of Glo - ry and of



me. My name is grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
sin. Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died my sin - ful soul is count - ed
Grace. One with Him - self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his



heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands no tongue can
free. For God, the Just, is sat - is - fied to look on
blood. My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
Sav - ior and my God, with Christ my Sav - ior and my God.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US



* Scripture reading Exodus 25:1-9; 26:1-6; 37:1-9

^{25:1} The LORD said to Moses, ² “Speak to the people of Israel, that they take for me a contribution. From every man whose heart moves him you shall receive the contribution for me. ³ And this is the contribution that you shall receive from them: gold, silver, and bronze, ⁴ blue and purple and scarlet yarns and fine twined linen, goats’ hair, ⁵ tanned rams’ skins, goatskins, acacia wood, ⁶ oil for the lamps, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, ⁷ onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod and for the breastpiece. ⁸ And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell in their midst. ⁹ Exactly as I show you concerning the pattern of the tabernacle, and of all its furniture, so you shall make it.

^{26:1} “Moreover, you shall make the tabernacle with ten curtains of fine twined linen and blue and purple and scarlet yarns; you shall make them with cherubim skillfully worked into them. ² The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits; all the curtains shall be the same size. ³ Five curtains shall be coupled to one another, and the other five curtains shall be coupled to one another. ⁴ And you shall make loops of blue on the edge of the outermost curtain in the first set. Likewise you shall make loops on the edge of the outermost curtain in the second set. ⁵ Fifty loops you shall make on

the one curtain, and fifty loops you shall make on the edge of the curtain that is in the second set; the loops shall be opposite one another. ⁶ And you shall make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains one to the other with the clasps, so that the tabernacle may be a single whole.

^{37:1} Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood. Two cubits and a half was its length, a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. ² And he overlaid it with pure gold inside and outside, and made a molding of gold around it. ³ And he cast for it four rings of gold for its four feet, two rings on its one side and two rings on its other side. ⁴ And he made poles of acacia wood and overlaid them with gold ⁵ and put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark to carry the ark. ⁶ And he made a mercy seat of pure gold. Two cubits and a half was its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth. ⁷ And he made two cherubim of gold. He made them of hammered work on the two ends of the mercy seat, ⁸ one cherub on the one end, and one cherub on the other end. Of one piece with the mercy seat he made the cherubim on its two ends. ⁹ The cherubim spread out their wings above, overshadowing the mercy seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy seat were the faces of the cherubim.

Reader: The Word of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!



* Prayer



Sermon

Sanctuary

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

To Share from our Hearts

To See Through God's Eyes

To Surrender at the Mercy Seat

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

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

*If you have a child in the nursery, please pick him or her up at this time to join us for the remainder of the service.
10:30 service, if you had a child go to Christ Kids Worship, please go now to meet him or her in the church foyer.*



* **God Himself Is With Us**

Trinity Hymnal 382

1. God him - self is with us: let us now a - dore him,
 2. God him - self is with us: hear the harps re - sound - ing!
 3. O thou fount of bless - ing, pu - ri - fy my spir - it;

and with awe ap - pear be - fore him. God is in his tem - ple—
 See the crowds the throne sur - round - ing! “Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly”—
 trust - ing on - ly in thy mer - it, like the ho - ly an - gels

all with - in keep si - lence, pros - trate lie with
 hear the hymn as - cend - ing, an - gels, saints, their
 who be - hold thy glo - ry, may I cease - less -



deep - est rev - 'rence. Him a - lone God we own,
voic - es blend - ing! Bow thine ear to us here:
ly a - dore thee, and in all, great and small,

him, our God and Sav - ior; praise his name for - ev - er.
hear, O Christ, the prais - es that thy church now rais - es.
seek to do most near - ly what thou lov - est dear - ly.

*** Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing**

Trinity Hymnal 457

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be;
let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander – Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, O take and seal it,
seal it for thy courts above.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God:
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.



Prayers of the People



Tithes & Offerings

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

Offertory

From Every Stormy Wind that Blows

by Hugh Stowell

From ev'ry stormy wind that blows,
from ev'ry swelling tide of woes,
there is a calm, a sure retreat;
'tis found beneath the mercy seat.

There is a place where Jesus sheds
the oil of gladness on our heads,
a place than all besides more sweet;
it is the blood-stained mercy seat.

There is a spot where spirits blend,
where friend holds fellowship with friend,
tho' sundered far; by faith they meet
around the common mercy seat.

Ah, whither could we flee for aid,
when tempted, desolate, dismayed,
or how the hosts of hell defeat,
had suff'ring saints no mercy seat?

There, there on eagle wings we soar,
and time and sense seem all no more,
and heav'n comes down our souls to greet,
and glory crowns the mercy seat.

O may my hand forget her skill,
my tongue be silent, cold, and still,
this bounding heart forget to beat,
if I forget the mercy seat.



* 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

Jude 24–25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

* Postlude

WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Onsite & Online

Lys Blakeslee, song leader

Debbie Bukovietski, song leader

Emma Bukovietski, song leader (8:30 service)

Susan Guerra, piano

Online

Milagro Guerra (*Before the Throne of God Above*)

Guerra & Bryant McGee (*Come, Thou Fount*)

Scofield family (*Doxology*)

Life of the church

The next stated **session meeting is Tuesday, July 13**, 6:30pm. Be in prayer for our pastors and elders.

Our next **Senior (55+) luncheon will be on Tuesday, July 13th at noon**. We will plan to do brown bag lunch at the church under the pines. Bring your lawn chairs and cookies and beverage provided. Pastor Addison will be bringing our devotion that day.

Moving Inside. Beginning July 18 we will move our 10:30 service inside. In meeting outside we've wanted to provide an opportunity for the majority of our congregation to transition to worshiping in person. We'll now use the weeks after July 18 to transition to the fall and our plans to bring back many of the things that have been suspended during these many months. If your situation still presents challenges your elders would love to hear from you to see how we can aid.

Administrative Assistant: Christ Church is seeking a part-time administrative assistant (20-24 hrs/week) for the office to support the ministry of the church. To learn more about position requirements and the application process, contact Jim Visser, Executive Director, at jimvisser@christchurchgr.org or 616-366-4228 by July 16.

An open house celebrating the life Ron Christensen will be held July 17 from 12-2 at 3468 Goodwood Drive SE, Grand Rapids.

In Depth Theological Study:

Are you interested in diving deeper into God's word and growing in your understanding of it? Are you interested in committing yourself to intense study with a group of fellow believers? Pastor Andrew and Shinji Yasugi are exploring putting together such a group to start this fall using curriculum from Third Millennium and running for 16 weeks. Contact either Shinji (shinji.yasugi@gmail.com) or Andrew (andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org) for more information. All are welcome!

Together in Prayer.

All ages are invited to pray, listen, be prayed over, or to share praises, laments and requests. It's a safe group and there is a place for you. Any questions contact Susan Guerra.

Summer schedule: Wednesdays, 7-8pm

July 14 - pray via Zoom.

Get link by clicking on praying hands slide on website.

July 21 - pray in person at Christ Church

July 28, August, 4, 11 - pray via Zoom.

August 18 - pray in person at Christ Church

August 25, September 1 - pray via Zoom

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Parents, if you are joining us for worship onsite, your infants (6 mos and older) and toddlers up to age 3 are welcome each week in our nursery during the 8:30 and 10:30 services. Please continue to RSVP by Friday each week. Contact Debbie with questions about current protocols. debbiebuko@christchurchgr.org

YOUTH

Jr High

Cedar Bay Team: We leave tomorrow (Monday) for our mission trip. Be at church at 11:30 to load up

Sr High

RYM participants: pay attention to your e-mail for more details about the conference

MEN'S MINISTRY

Bible Studies

Mon, 7pm - Hebrews Study
Jerry Stutzman will lead the discussion.

Wed, 6:30am - Gospel of John
contact Bob at lafleur1@comcast.net
or 616-988-9285

Fellowship Breakfasts

Tuesdays, 8:30 am
Russ' Restaurant, 2750 28th St
Contact Linn Peterson

Wednesdays, 8:00 am
Rainbow Grill, 4158 Chicago Dr
Contact Dick Malone

Join the Golf League! 5pm Thursdays at Indian Trails. Contact John at 919-451-8123 or brattjh@live.com.

Trail & Ale is back! Sunday, July 18th at 3pm.
Gather for a brisk 4 or 5 mile walk then adjourn to a local watering hole for food and refreshments. Details to follow. For questions, contact gregmeibeyer@christchurchgr.org.

WOMEN’S DISCIPLESHIP

Tuesday morning Bible study group will be discussing the Holy Spirit this summer. Join us from 10-11:30 at church. For a tentative outline, contact Anthoinette Bom.

Summer Psalm Study - This Thursday night, 7:00 pm at church, join women from many generations to study Psalm 16 led by Alicia Harley and Nina Gortmaker. “Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.” Snacks provided. No preparations necessary. It would be helpful if you read through the Psalm.

Hope & Hygiene Drive to support Grace’s Table in the month of July! Check your mailboxes for a postcard with a list of what is needed to support the Hope & Hygiene kits. Donations will be collected Sunday, July 11th and 18th .

Lake Night Wednesday, August 18th at the Den Dulks. More information to come.

Financial Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
January - May Receipts	\$405,584	\$ 436,604
January - May Expenses	\$397,027	\$ 425,672
January - May Over (Under)	\$ 8,557	\$ 10,932
Tithes and Offerings		
July 4	\$ 13,718	
June Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 13,718	\$ 82,125
EXTENDING COMMUNITY		
ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN		
Total Commitments	\$1,720,772	
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,163,755	



CHRIST CHURCH

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Worship Onsite Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the sanctuary, 10:30 outside as weather permits

Summer office hours: Wednesdays & Fridays 9:00-3:00pm

PRAYER REQUESTS: please submit by 7:30pm Tuesday to prayer@christchurchgr.org

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

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