GOD IN OUR MIDST



Prelude Rock of Ages

violin & piano arr. Catherine McMichael

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Moment of silent meditation Exodus 19:3–6

...Moses went up to God. The LORD called to him out of the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: 'You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel."

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP



Call to worship

Revelation 19:6b-8, 11-14

Elder Jim Visser

"Hallelujah!
For the Lord our God
the Almighty reigns.
Let us rejoice and exult
and give him the glory,
for the marriage of the Lamb has come,
and his Bride has made herself ready;
it was granted her to clothe herself
with fine linen, bright and pure"—
for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints.

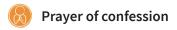
Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse! The one sitting on it is called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he judges and makes war. His eyes are like a flame of fire, and on his head are many diadems, and he has a name written that no one knows but himself. He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood, and the name by which he is called is The Word of God. And the armies of heaven, arrayed in fine linen, white and pure, were following him on white horses.

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GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Zechariah 3:1-3

Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments.



Declaration of forgiveness Zechariah 3:4-5

And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by.

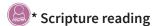
On the final verse of the second song below, 4 to 6 year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

** Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

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* By the Sea of Crystal Trinity Hymnal 549

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US



Exodus 28:1-5, 21, 29-30, 29:1-2, 10-12, 19-21, 35-36

^{28:1} "Then bring near to you Aaron your brother, and his sons with him, from among the people of Israel, to serve me as priests—Aaron and Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. ² And you shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother, for glory and for beauty. ³ You shall speak to all the skillful, whom I have filled with a spirit of skill, that they make Aaron's garments to consecrate him for my priesthood. ⁴ These are the garments that they shall make: a breastpiece, an ephod, a robe, a coat of checker work, a turban, and a sash. They shall make holy garments for Aaron your brother and his sons to serve me as priests. ⁵ They shall receive gold, blue and purple and scarlet yarns, and fine twined linen.

- ²¹ There shall be twelve stones with their names according to the names of the sons of Israel. They shall be like signets, each engraved with its name, for the twelve tribes.
- ²⁹ So Aaron shall bear the names of the sons of Israel in the breastpiece of judgment on his heart, when he goes into the Holy Place, to bring them to regular remembrance before the LORD. ³⁰ And in the breastpiece of judgment you shall put the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be on Aaron's heart, when he goes in before the LORD. Thus Aaron shall bear the judgment of the people of Israel on his heart before the LORD regularly.
- ^{29:1} "Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests. Take one bull of the herd and two rams without blemish, ² and

unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers smeared with oil. You shall make them of fine wheat flour.

- ¹⁰ "Then you shall bring the bull before the tent of meeting. Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the bull. ¹¹ Then you shall kill the bull before the LORD at the entrance of the tent of meeting, ¹² and shall take part of the blood of the bull and put it on the horns of the altar with your finger, and the rest of the blood you shall pour out at the base of the altar.
- ¹⁹ "You shall take the other ram, and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands on the head of the ram, ²⁰ and you shall kill the ram and take part of its blood and put it on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tips of the right ears of his sons, and on the thumbs of their right hands and on the great toes of their right feet, and throw the rest of the blood against the sides of the altar. ²¹ Then you shall take part of the blood that is on the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle it on Aaron and his garments, and on his sons and his sons' garments with him. He and his garments shall be holy, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.
- ³⁵ "Thus you shall do to Aaron and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded you. Through seven days shall you ordain them, ³⁶ and every day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering for atonement. Also you shall purify the altar, when you make atonement for it, and shall anoint it to consecrate it.

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



Sermon Kingdom of Priests

Glory and Beauty

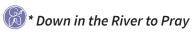
Shoulders and Heart

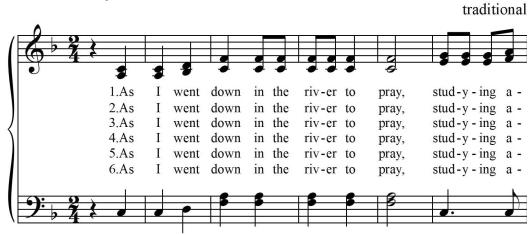
Linen and Blood

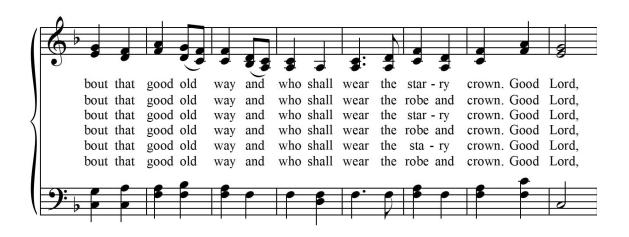
Stand and Serve

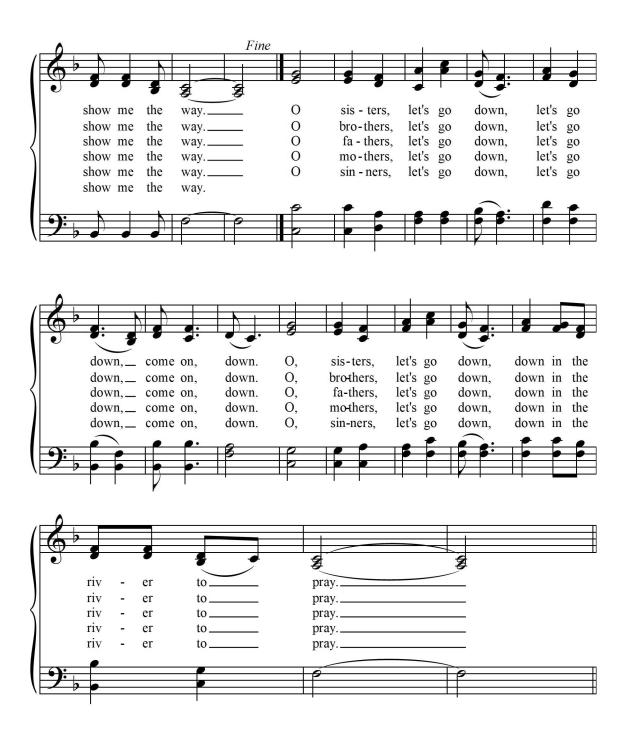
DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

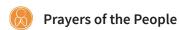
If you have a child in the nursery, please pick him or her up at this time to join us for the remainder of the service.













Offertory Near to the Heart of God violin & piano

arr. Walter Knapp and Ruth Elaine Schram

There is a place of quiet rest, near to the heart of God, a place where sin cannot molest, near to the heart of God.

O Jesus, blest Redeemer, sent from the heart of God, hold us, who wait before thee, near to the heart of God. There is a place of comfort sweet, near to the heart of God, a place where we our Savior meet, near to the heart of God.

There is a place of full release, near to the heart of God, a place where all is joy and peace, near to the heart of God.

* 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** Revelation 1:5–7



To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 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.

* Postlude

WORSHIP MUSICIANS Onsite & Online

Judah Guerra, song leader & bass Linus Guerra, song leader & guitar Isaac Lundell, song leader & guitar Margaret Yasugi, violin Susan Guerra, piano Rebekah LaPlaca, cajon Online additional musicians Buwalda family (All Hail the Power) Scofield family (Doxology)



A weekend of fellowship, rest, worship, and equipping for the continuance of God's story in our community. The All Church Retreat is for everyone. **Plan to join your church family October 1-3 at Cranhill Ranch** as together we focus on *Extending & Enabling: God's Growing Kingdom*. God continues to be at work in our community. He is bringing more people to taste the beauty of the gospel and equipping them to expand His Kingdom into our neighborhoods, city, state, country, and world for His glory and our flourishing.

If you're reading this, you should come! Registration opens soon.

Volunteers needed!

Did you know it takes upwards of 60 volunteers each week to meet our Sunday morning commitments? As we welcome people to worship, extend hospitality, live into our membership vows to care for one another, teach our covenant children, and other ministry activities this fall, we will have numerous volunteer roles to fill. In the coming weeks, more information about specific roles will be shared. In the meantime, please pray about how you might serve Christ Church.

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 21 - pray in person at Christ Church

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

Get link by clicking on praying hands slide on website.

August 18 - pray in person at Christ Church

August 25, September 1 - pray via Zoom

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 Wednesday, July 21.

"Thank you so much to our amazing church family for blessing us at the church wedding shower. We are so grateful to be part of such a wonderful church family"

~Tucker & Carly Besch.

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

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RYM participants: more details about the conference will be out this week.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Trail & Ale! today, Sunday, July 18th. Gather at church at 3:00pm to carpool to hike the Egypt Valley Trail & Austin Lake Loop before heading to HopCat (on the Beltline) for food and refreshments. For questions, contact Mike at lake.mikal@gmail.com.

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 brattih@live.com.

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.

Hope and Hygiene Drive to support Grace's Table! Thank you for the donations that have already come in. We can still use larger sizes of diapers and pull ups! Donations will be collected through THIS Sunday the 18th.

Lake Night Wednesday, August 18th from 6-9pm at the Den Dulks. Bring an appetizer, salad, or dessert to share if you're able but come either way! Also plan to have athletic clothes as well as swimwear.

Book Club Tuesday, August 24 at 7pm at church. Come discuss *War and Turpentine* by Stefan Hertmans.

Financial Report

January - June Receipts January - June Expenses January - June Over (Under)	ACTUAL \$513,909 \$482,879 \$ 31,030	BUDGET \$ 520,925 \$ 513,708 \$ 7,217
Tithes and Offerings July 4 July 11	\$ 13,718 \$ 30,471	
July Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 44,188	\$ 82,125
EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN		
Total Commitments Campaign Funds Received	\$1,720,942 \$1,164,275	



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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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