

A close-up photograph of a birch tree trunk. The bark is white with characteristic lenticels and a prominent knot hole at the top. A heart-shaped carving is etched into the bark, containing the text "ETCHED ON THEIR HEART" in a hand-drawn, blocky font. The background is a soft-focus scene of autumn foliage in shades of yellow and green.

ETCHED
ON THEIR
HEART



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 the library.

Prelude *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

Welcome & Announcements

Scott Gritter

Silent Meditation Exodus 3:15

God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

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

Call to worship Psalm 99:1-3, 9

Elder Mike Wilbraham

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!

Exalt the Lord our God,
and worship at his holy mountain;
for the Lord our God is holy!

* *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* Trinity Hymnal 529

* **Invocation**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Isaiah 66:1-2

Thus says the Lord:

“Heaven is my throne,

and the earth is my footstool;

what is the house that you would build for me,

and what is the place of my rest?

All these things my hand has made,

and so all these things came to be,

declares the Lord.

But this is the one to whom I will look:

he who is humble and contrite in spirit

and trembles at my word.”

Holy, Holy, Holy

Trinity Hymnal 100 Verses 1 & 3

Prayer of confession

Declaration of forgiveness Psalm 73:25-26

Whom have I in heaven but you?
And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

Update on Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine trip Sasha, Annie, Michael Bukovietski

- 9:00 service During the song below, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.
- 11:00 service Church bags are available in the foyer.

* *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

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Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Jordan Kauflin
and Matthew Merker, Matt Papa



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a-
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is
3. Un - to the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, he



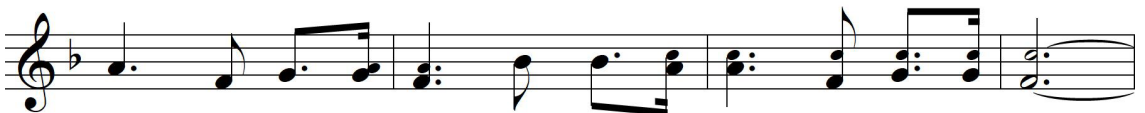
lone, Christ a - lone. What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our
good, God is good. Where is his grace and good-ness known? In our
lives; Christ, he lives!" And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er -



souls to him be - long. Who hold our days with - in his
great Re - deem - er's blood. Who holds our faith when fears a -
last - ing life with Him. There we will rise to meet the



hand? What comes, a - part from his com - mand? And what will
rise? Who stands a - bove the storm - y trial? Who sends the
Lord; then sin and death will be de - stroyed, and we will



keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand. ___
waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more. ___



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O sing hal - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal; O sing ha - le -



lu - jah! Now and ev - er we con - fess Christ our hope in life and death.

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GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Exodus 2:23-3:22

²³ During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. ²⁴ And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. ²⁵ God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

³¹ Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. ² And the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was

not consumed. ³ And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” ⁴ When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” ⁵ Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” ⁶ And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

⁷ Then the LORD said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings,

⁸ and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. ⁹ And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. ¹⁰ Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” ¹¹ But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” ¹² He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

¹³ Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” ¹⁴ God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” ¹⁵ God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout

all generations. ¹⁶ Go and gather the elders of Israel together and say to them, ‘The LORD, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, has appeared to me, saying, “I have observed you and what has been done to you in Egypt, ¹⁷ and I promise that I will bring you up out of the affliction of Egypt to the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, a land flowing with milk and honey.”’” ¹⁸ And they will listen to your voice, and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, ‘The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, please let us go a three days’ journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.’” ¹⁹ But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless compelled by a mighty hand. ²⁰ So I will stretch out my hand and strike Egypt with all the wonders that I will do in it; after that he will let you go. ²¹ And I will give this people favor in the sight of the Egyptians; and when you go, you shall not go empty, ²² but each woman shall ask of her neighbor, and any woman who lives in her house, for silver and gold jewelry, and for clothing. You shall put them on your sons and on your daughters. So you shall plunder the Egyptians.”

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

* Prayer

Sermon The Burning Bush

Rev. Dan Song
Restoration Community Church, PCA, St. Louis, MO

God meets us in our waiting

God meets us in our doubts

God meets us in our captivity

Further discussion/questions? daniel@rescom.church
Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* **Scripture memory verse** read or spoken by memory together

Exodus 3:15

God also said to Moses, "Say this to the people of Israel: 'The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.' This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations."

* *Be Still, for the Presence of the Lord*



1. Be still for the pre-sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.
2. Be still, for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin-ing all a - round.
3. Be still, for the pow - er of the Lord is mov-ing in this place.



Come, bow be - fore Him now, with rev - er - ence and fear.
He burns with ho - ly fire, with splen - dor He is crowned.
He comes to cleanse and heal, to min - is - ter His grace.



In Him no sin is found, we stand on ho - ly ground.
How awe - some is the sight, our rad - iant King of Light!
No work too hard for Him, in faith re - ceive from Him.



Be still for the pre - sence of the Lord, the Ho - ly One is here.

Be still for the glo - ry of the Lord is shin - ing all a - round.

Be still for the pow - er of the Lord is mov - ing in this place.

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Prayers of the People

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Offertory *Burning Bush (Song of Moses)* solo

Aaron R. Stephens, Root Worship Project

As I lay here praying beneath these stars
I hear a voice calling out to my restless heart
I've not been sleeping lo these many days
Still in these darkest of times I lift my praise
And I hold on

“Moses,” he cried over and over again
This desert plays tricks on one’s mind, perhaps it’s the wind
Yet I am moving forward into the night
I come to a place not believing my sight
And I look on

I saw a burning bush not consumed by the flame
The Angel in its midst one that’s been calling my name
He said “Take off your sandals, you’re standing on holy ground”
I was so afraid I did not make a sound
And I bow down

And he said I have seen your oppression and I’ve heard your cry
I know you’re thirsty and I know that your heart is dry
Lo, I am coming and I will stretch out my hand
And show you a place where milk and honey fill the land
Just hold on

I am the I Am—I formed you
I am the I Am—I called you
I am the I Am—I saved you
I am the I Am—I love you
Just hold on...

* **Doxology** Trinity Hymnal 731

**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** 2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward
and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

* ***And All the People Said Amen!***

**And all the people said “Amen!”
Oh, and all the people said “Amen.”
Give thanks to the Lord for his love never ends.
And all the people said “Amen!”**

* **Postlude**

Preaching next week
Memory verse for the week

Ken Campbell
Matthew 13:13 & 16

Worship musicians

Pam and Thomas Scofield, song leaders
Matt Kelly, solo
Susan Guerra, piano
Judah Guerra, bass
Jesse Guerra, percussion
John Bratt, drums

Life of the church

What have Christ Church members Greg and Ingrid Orr been doing this past year? They have been working with Pioneers Mission in the city of Berlin! You are invited to hear them share their heart for this city with us at 12:30 in the atrium after the 11:00am service today. Please come. A simple lunch will be provided.

On July 31 we'd like to begin each worship service having our Etched on Their Heart verses recited by memory. If you, or your family together, or a group of friends, would be willing to recite one of the passages, please e-mail Susan Guerra (susanguerra@christchurchgr.org). These are the verses we've done: 2 Corinthians 4:6, Hebrews 10:24-25, Job 3:23-24, Psalm 29:11, John 13:34-5, Hebrews 4:16, Titus 3:4-5, Matthew 11:28-30, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Isaiah 50:4, Matthew 5:16, Ephesians 5:1-2.

Save the date for a Fiesta to celebrate Pastor Andrew & Lisa's return from sabbatical Wednesday, August 3, 5:45-7:00. Bring your blankets and chairs. Some table seating will be available. Plan on great food, fun games and some surprises.

This week we'll read **Psalms 136-140 from *In the Lord I Take Refuge*** by Dane Ortlund as part of our all-church devotional.

Together in Prayer. Come before Wednesdays in the Word to pray in the lounge from 5:00-5:45pm. Led by Alice den Hollander.

Wednesdays in the Word will happen two more times this summer. 5:45-7ish, outdoors to eat, read scripture, and spend time with each other. Main course provided; bring a little food to share, or don't. You're most important. Plan to join when you can!

July 20: grilled chicken provided; music by Judah Guerra & GR Groove; reading Joseph narrative, part 2

July 27: only a potluck so please do bring food; music by Betsy, Ruthie, Josiah, & Keren Bray; reading the passion narrative

Churchwell/LaFleur Fold Lunch (49506, 49507) Sunday, August 14, potluck lunch at 12:30pm. More details to come!

On Friday, August 19 at 6:30pm we are hosting *The Lion, the Witch, and the Wardrobe: A Contemporary Ballet* right here at Christ Church. See Narnia as you've never seen it before with dancing and narration! Produced by the Midway Theater Company. Free with an optional donation. Plan now to attend this special event. Any questions contact Susan (susanguerra@christchurchgr.org)

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

We are blessed to have a vibrant youth community at Christ Church. If you have ever felt a pull to serve with our youth we'd love to have you volunteer with us this upcoming '22-'23 school year in varying capacities. Please reach out to Morgan (morganvandermaas@christchurchgr.org) if you have any questions or desire to come alongside.

We need to broaden our volunteer base for nursery! If you aren't already serving there, may we add you to our nursery rotation? The commitment is one worship service, four times per year. This will fill a great need, and it is a way to get to know our littlest ones, our young families, and other members of the church who serve! Please contact Debbie Bukovietski to find out more. debbiebuko@christchurchgr.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Christ Kids Worship

July Theme -- Sacraments

YOUTH

As we head into our upcoming trips would you pray alongside the many moving pieces, van rentals, van borrowing, our volunteer leaders, and students heading into new places?

WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

Save the date for our **annual Lake Night Event!** Thursday, August 4th at the den Dulks, 6-9pm. Please 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 swim wear. The address is 4101 Reeds Lake Blvd SE.

A **book discussion** on *Another Gospel?* by Alisa Childers will be held August 25 at 7pm. *Another Gospel?* describes the journey Alisa took over several years as she wrestled with questions that struck at the core of the Christian faith and found the truth.

This Week's Events

Today	9:00 AM	Worship Service
	11:00 AM	Worship Service
	12:30 PM	Missions lunch with Greg & Ingrid Orr - <i>atrium</i>
	5:00 PM	Youth Ministry
Monday	7:00 PM	Men's Bible Study
Tuesday	8:30 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>New Beginnings - 6209 28th Street SE</i>
	6:30 PM	Deacon's Meeting
	7:00 PM	CAM Co-Ed Bible Study
Wednesday	6:30 AM	Men's Acts Study - <i>contact Bob 616-915-5477</i>
	8:00 AM	Men's Breakfast - <i>Rainbow Grill - 4158 Chicago Drive</i>
	5:00 PM	Together in Prayer - <i>lounge</i>
	5:45 PM	Wednesdays in the Word
Thursday	5:00 PM	Men's Golf League
	7:00 PM	Basketball

Financial Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
January - May 2022 Receipts	\$ 398,181	\$ 477,250
January - May 2022 Expenses	\$ 438,862	\$ 476,460
January - May 2022 Over (Under)	\$ (40,681)	\$ 790
Tithes & Offerings		
July 3	\$ 18,619	
July Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 18,619	\$ 94,700
EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN		
Total Commitments	\$1,746,211	
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,650,568	



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