

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 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* organ arr. Dale Wood

When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: May Jesus Christ be praised.
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: May Jesus Christ be praised.

When sleep her balm denies, my silent spirit sighs: May Jesus Christ be praised.
When evil thoughts molest, with this I shield my breast: May Jesus Christ be praised.

Welcome & Announcements

Susan Guerra
Director of Music & Arts

Silent Meditation Matthew 13:13, 16

This is why I speak to them in parables, because seeing they do not see, and hearing they do not hear, nor do they understand.... But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear.

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

Call to worship Ephesians 2:4-10 Elder Dan Churchwell

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—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

* *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?* Trinity Hymnal 455

* **Invocation**

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

Psalm 27

*Nine readers are needed for the following scripture passage and have not been assigned.
Please use one of the microphone provided.*

- Reader 1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;
 whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
 of whom shall I be afraid?
- Reader 2 When evildoers assail me
 to eat up my flesh,
my adversaries and foes,
 it is they who stumble and fall.
- Reader 3 Though an army encamp against me,
 my heart shall not fear;
though war arise against me,
 yet I will be confident.
- Reader 4 One thing have I asked of the LORD,
 that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
 all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
 and to inquire in his temple.
- Reader 5 For he will hide me in his shelter
 in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
 he will lift me high upon a rock.
- Reader 6 And now my head shall be lifted up
 above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
 sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.
- Reader 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;
 be gracious to me and answer me!
You have said, "Seek my face."
My heart says to you,
 "Your face, LORD, do I seek."

Reader 8 Hide not your face from me.
 Turn not your servant away in anger,
 O you who have been my help.
 Cast me not off; forsake me not,
 O God of my salvation!
 For my father and my mother have forsaken me,
 but the LORD will take me in.

Reader 9 Teach me your way, O LORD,
 and lead me on a level path
 because of my enemies.
 Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;
 for false witnesses have risen against me,
 and they breathe out violence.
 I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD
 in the land of the living!
 Wait for the LORD;
 be strong, and let your heart take courage;
 wait for the LORD!

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God?

Prayer of confession

Declaration of forgiveness

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death,
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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.

* He Will Hold Me Fast

text, Ada Habershon & Matt Merker
music, Matt Merker



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me
2. Those He saves are His de - light, Christ will hold me
3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me



fast; when the tempt - er would pre - vail,
fast; pre - cious in his ho - ly sight,
fast; just - ice has been sat - is - fied;



He will hold me fast. I could nev - er keep my
He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be
He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end - less



hold Through life's fear - ful path; for my love is
lost; His prom - is - es shall last; bought by Him at
life, He will hold me fast 'til our faith is



oft - en cold; He must hold me fast. _____
such a cost, He will hold me fast. _____
turned to sight, when He comes at last! _____

sing in parts

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

for my Sav-ior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Luke 10:25-37

²⁵ And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶ He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" ²⁷ And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸ And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."

²⁹ But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰ Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him and departed, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side.

³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was, and when he saw him, he had compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he set him on his own animal and brought him to an inn and took care of him. ³⁵ And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, 'Take care of him, and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.'

³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" ³⁷ He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Am I a Good Samaritan?

Rev. Dr. Ken Campbell
South Texas Presbytery, PCA

Dialogue in two rounds

1)

2)

The parable

The Victim

The Priest

The Levite

The Samaritan

Conclusion

Who is the neighbor?

Who is the Good Samaritan?

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

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

Matthew 13:13, 16

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* ***Man of Sorrows! What a Name!*** Trinity Hymnal 246

Prayers of the People Deacon Rob LaPlaca (9am service), Deacon Chad Mosher (11am service)
including prayer for our high schoolers and volunteers going to Baltimore for the Reformed Youth Ministries Conference "All Things New."

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Offertory *Land of Rest* organ arr. Wilbur Held

The tune "Land of Rest" is an American folk tune often paired with the hymn "Jerusalem, My Happy Home." In that hymn, the writer speaks of his longing to escape the sorrows of this world and walk in his heavenly home. Referring to heaven as the "happy harbor of the saints," the text describes its beauties in terms of a lush garden. The perfection of the new Jerusalem is noted: "In thee no sorrow may be found, no grief, no care, no toil." The hymn concludes with a heartfelt plea:

"Jerusalem, my happy home,
Would God I were in thee!
Would God my woes were at an end,
Thy joys that I might see!"

* ***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** Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

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** *Psalm 19* organ Benedetto Marcello

Preaching next week **Dan Denk**
Memory verse for the week **John 17:3**

Worship musicians
Margaret Yasugi, violin
Susan Guerra, piano
David Bading, organ



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