



GOD IN OUR MIDST



***W**elcome 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.

Small children are part of our community as well, wiggles and whispers and all. We are very happy to be part of this very important stage in their lives — learning to worship together in the community of believers. If you would like a quiet space to care for your baby, you are welcome to use the nursery or room 102.



Prelude

Rock of Ages

instrumental

James Ward

Rock of Ages, cleft for me let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

Moment of silent meditation

I Corinthians 10:1-8

For I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual Rock that followed them, and the Rock was Christ. Nevertheless, with most of them God was not pleased, for they were overthrown in the wilderness.

Now these things took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not be idolaters as some of them were; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to worship

Psalm 103 responsively; congregation reads bold type

Pastor Addison Hawkins

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,
who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
who redeems your life from the pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
who satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

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

The Lord works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

**The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

**He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

**As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.**

For he knows our frame;
he remembers that we are dust.
As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.

**But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting
to everlasting on those who fear him,
and his righteousness to children's children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

**Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!**

Bless the Lord, all his hosts,
his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!



* *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*

Trinity Hymnal 76



* *Prayer of adoration*

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Psalm 106:6-15

Both we and our fathers have sinned;
we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.
Our fathers, when they were in Egypt,
did not consider your wondrous works;
they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love,
but rebelled by the sea, at the Red Sea.
Yet he saved them for his name's sake,
that he might make known his mighty power.
He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry,
and he led them through the deep as through a desert.
So he saved them from the hand of the foe
and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.
And the waters covered their adversaries;
not one of them was left.
Then they believed his words;
they sang his praise.

But they soon forgot his works;
they did not wait for his counsel.
But they had a wanton craving in the wilderness,
and put God to the test in the desert;
he gave them what they asked,
but sent a wasting disease among them.



Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

The Southern Harmony, 1835



1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y,
2. Come, ye thirst - y, come, and wel - come,
3. Come ye wea - ry hea - vy lad - en,
4. Let not con - science make you lin - ger,



weak and wound - ed, sick and sore; Je - sus read - y
God's free boun - ty glo - ri - fy; true be - lief and
lost and ruin - ed by the fall; if you tar - ry
nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream; all the fit - ness



stands to save you, full of pit - y, love and power.
true re - pen - tance, ev - ery grace that brings you nigh.
till you're bet - ter, you will nev - er come at all.
he re - quir - eth is to know your need of him.



I will a-rise and go to Je - sus; he will em-brace me with his arms;



in the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou-sand charms.

Your Kindness



It's Your kind - ness that leads us to re - pen - tance, O



Lord. Know - ing that You love us no mat - ter what we



do, makes us want to love You. It's Your kind - ness that



leads us to re - pen - tance, O Lord. Know - ing that You



love us no mat - ter what we do, makes us want to



love You too.



Prayer of confession

Declaration of forgiveness

Ezekiel 36:24-28

I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

On the final verse of the song below, 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.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US



* Scripture reading Exodus 32:1-9, 15-29, 35

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, "Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him."² So Aaron said to them, "Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me."³ So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron.⁴ And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out

of the land of Egypt!"⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD."⁶ And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

⁷ And the LORD said to Moses, "Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves.⁸ They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of

Egypt!”⁹ And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people.

¹⁵ Then Moses turned and went down from the mountain with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand, tablets that were written on both sides; on the front and on the back they were written. ¹⁶ The tablets were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved on the tablets. ¹⁷ When Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said to Moses, “There is a noise of war in the camp.” ¹⁸ But he said, “It is not the sound of shouting for victory, or the sound of the cry of defeat, but the sound of singing that I hear.” ¹⁹ And as soon as he came near the camp and saw the calf and the dancing, Moses’ anger burned hot, and he threw the tablets out of his hands and broke them at the foot of the mountain. ²⁰ He took the calf that they had made and burned it with fire and ground it to powder and scattered it on the water and made the people of Israel drink it.

²¹ And Moses said to Aaron, “What did this people do to you that you have brought such a great sin upon them?” ²² And Aaron said, “Let not the anger of my LORD burn hot. You know the people, that they are set

on evil. ²³ For they said to me, ‘Make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.’ ²⁴ So I said to them, ‘Let any who have gold take it off.’ So they gave it to me, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf.”

²⁵ And when Moses saw that the people had broken loose (for Aaron had let them break loose, to the derision of their enemies), ²⁶ then Moses stood in the gate of the camp and said, “Who is on the LORD’s side? Come to me.” And all the sons of Levi gathered around him. ²⁷ And he said to them, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel, ‘Put your sword on your side each of you, and go to and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and each of you kill his brother and his companion and his neighbor.’” ²⁸ And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses. And that day about three thousand men of the people fell. ²⁹ And Moses said, “Today you have been ordained for the service of the LORD, each one at the cost of his son and of his brother, so that he might bestow a blessing upon you this day.”

³⁵ Then the LORD sent a plague on the people, because they made the calf, the one that Aaron made.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!



* Prayer



How easy it is to forget God.

How easy it is to chase idols.

How slippery our hearts can be in owning sin.

How very real are the consequences of sin.

How gracious God is in the face of our hearts rebellion.

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD



* *Thou Lovely Source of True Delight*



1. Thou love - ly source of true de - light, whom
2. Thy glo - ry o'er cre - a - tion shines but
3. 'Tis here, when-e'er my com - forts droop and
4. But ah! Too soon the pleas - ing scene is
5. Je - sus, my Lord, my life, my light, oh
6. Then shall my soul with rap - ture trace the



I un - seen a - dore,	un - veil thy beau - ties to
in Thy sa - cred word	I read, in fair - er, bright -
sin and sor - row rise	thy love with cheer - ing beams
cloud - ed o'er with pain.	My gloom - y fears rise dark
come with bliss - ful ray;	break rad - iant through the shades
won - ders of Thy love,	but the full glo - ries of



my sight	that I might love	Thee more,	O that
er lines	my bleed - ing, dy - ing	Lord,	see my
of hope	my faint - ing heart	sup - plies,	my
be - tween	and I a - gain	com - plain,	Oh and
of night	and chase my fears	a - way,	won't You
Thy face	are on - ly known	a - bove,	they are



I	might	love	Thee	more.
bleed	- ing,	dy	- ing	Lord.
faint	- ing	heart's	sup	- plied.
I	a	- gain	com	- plain.
chase	my	fears	a	- way?
on	- ly	known	a	- bove.

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Prayers of the People



Offertory *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

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

O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred Head, what glory,
what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered
was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest Friend,
for this, thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love to thee.



* **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**

Hebrews 12:2, 3

Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

* **Postlude**

WORSHIP MUSICIANS

Onsite

Joël Neele, song leader
Linus Guerra, alto saxophone
Judah Guerra, trombone
Susan Guerra, piano

Online additional musicians

Debbie Bukovietski (*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*)
Saralyn Kolkman (*Beautiful, Scandalous Night*)
Linda Bokma-deJong, Cameron Risma &
Mark Lundell (*Thou Lovely Source*)
Scofield family (*Doxology*)



How do I register?

Sign up for the fun and fellowship happening October 1-3 in any of the following ways:

- Register at the Welcome Center. Retreat committee members will be available to help with ipads so you can sign up online between services and after the second service. *(Stop by the Welcome Center if you prefer to sign up with a paper registration form and pay with a check.)*
- Scan this QR code or one found on the invitation post-card in your mailbox which will take you to the online registration form where you can pay with a card.



If you have concerns about cost or have a special need, email the committee at allchurchretreat@christchurchgr.org.

Registration is now open!

What is the All Church Retreat?

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 at Cranhill Ranch as together we focus on *Extending & Enabling: God's Growing Kingdom*. God continues to be at work in our community.

Where is the Retreat?

CranHill Ranch, near Big Rapids, is a fun Christian camp offering an unforgettable experience for young and old. Lodging will be available in a variety of formats, including camping!

What will we do?

We'll use the weekend to connect and grow as we look to the future as a church family. We'll gather for meals and three large group sessions led by Pastor Andrew. We'll have fun with group activities as well as free time for hiking, canoeing and kayaking, sports courts, crafts, horses and ponies, rock climbing, zip lining, and more! We'll even have live music by the *Band of Breton* featuring some of our fellow Christ Church members.

Life of the church

The next stated session meeting is Tuesday, August 10, 6:30pm. Be in prayer for our pastors and elders.

Opportunities to Serve!

Thank you to all who have used the Volunteer form to commit to serving at Christ Church. Highlighted below are some of the pressing needs that remain. We also still need more volunteers for the nursery. Thank you.

Lord's Supper - 3 more

AV team - 2 more

Ushers - 10 more

Sunday school *Not all of these are weekly commitments; see the schedule on the form.*

Toddlers - 4 teachers

Preschool - 1 assistant

Kindergarten - 1 assistant

2nd-4th - 4 teachers & 4 assistants

5th-6th - 3 teachers

7th-8th - 1 teacher

9th-10th - 1 teacher

11th-12th - 1 teacher

We are happy to say that we plan to have choir again this fall! Sarah Griffioen will be directing the choir, and Susan Guerra will be the accompanist. You are invited to two rehearsals/get-togethers that are both for returning choir members and those who just want to check out what choir is like. The dates are Wednesdays, August 18 & 25, at 7:00pm. We are excited to bring back this ministry after a long time without it, and we hope to see you there!

Together in Prayer. It was so good to pray together in person recently! We've decided to continue to gather in person throughout August instead of going back to Zoom. Wednesdays at 7pm. If you would still like to join to pray using Zoom use the same link accessed through the praying hands slide on the website. All ages are welcome to join in prayer.

Senior(55+) lunch Tuesday August 10 at noon. You're invited to the Gortmaker's backyard (5253 Londonderry SE in Kenwood). Walter & Mynda Lorenz will join us and bring a devotion. Bring lawn chairs and if you can a salad or bread to pass. Signup at the coffee bar in the atrium.

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. For more information about the study sign up at <https://christ-churchgr.breezechms.com/form/study>

Alger Ravine Work - We are partnering with with the City of Grand Rapids and Plaster Creek Stewards to mitigate long standing erosion issues for our neighbors behind church and downstream. Construction will begin in August and is estimated to last 3 to 4 months. For questions, contact gregmeibeyer@christchurchgr.org.

Bob Bristol (former member) passed away this past February. His memorial service is Thursday, August 12 at 2pm at LaGrave CRC.

Missing a coat, Bible or favorite water bottle? Check the lost & found (*temporarily in the lobby*) for all your missing items before we donate what isn't claimed August 9.

FAITHFULLY WORKING

Lunch: *Workplace 2.0*, Friday, August 27th from 11:30-1:00pm - COVID transformed many of our working lives, presenting us with new challenges and opportunities. Dan Churchwell and a panel of workers representing several industries will talk about this new era of work, the value of human connection, and how we can pursue the flourishing of our peers. Sign up online or at the Welcome Center.

We are hosting Daniel Doriani, MDiv, PhD, on Saturday, Sept 11, for a presentation and discussion of his newly published book, *Work That Makes A Difference*. The Faithfully Working team is hosting group discussions of the book on August 19 and 26 (7pm) or August 22 and 29 (noon / after second service). Purchase a book (\$5 for congregants) and sign up at <https://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/fwbook>

Check out our **Faithfully Working podcast**. We release bi-weekly episodes designed to bridge the gap between faith and work by providing opportunities for God's people to learn about God's vision for work and apply it to your vocations. You can find it on podcasting platforms including Apple Podcasts, Google Podcasts, Spotify and more. You can also find us on our church website under the resources tab.

COLLEGE AGE

River Tubing

Float down the river on Sunday, August 29th from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm. We'll leave together after the second service and return to church in the afternoon. You won't need your own tube, but you'll want to pack a lunch. Cost is \$5 per person, and sign up details are coming soon. Hope to see you there!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Families with children, please take a few minutes to fill out our Sunday Morning Children and Youth Ministries Registration page. This will help us plan for nurseries as well as Sunday School which starts with our toddlers and goes up through high school. <https://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/e2e121>

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

Financial Report

	ACTUAL	BUDGET	EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN	
Jan - June Receipts	\$513,909	\$ 520,925		
Jan - June Expenses	\$482,879	\$ 513,708		
Jan - June Over (Under)	\$ 31,030	\$ 7,217		
Tithes and Offerings				
August 1	\$ 19,858			
August Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 19,858	\$ 82,125		
			Total Commitments	\$1,721,837
			Campaign Funds Received	\$1,165,502

MEN'S MINISTRY

Bible Studies

Mon, August 9 at 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 today! Join us at 3pm in the
church parking lot as we head off to hike Mer-
rell Trail then gather at Perrin Brewing Com-
pany afterward for food, drink and fellowship.
Questions, contact Mike at (734) 770-0668.

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.

The last summer Psalm study will be Thursday evening, August 12 at 7:00pm in the Atrium. Emily Lorenz will lead as we look at Psalm 85. All women, high school and older are invited.

Lake Night Wednesday, August 18th from 6-9pm at the Den Dulk (4101 Reeds Lake Blvd SE). 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.



CHRIST CHURCH

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