



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

Welcome & Announcements

Alicia Harley

Silent Meditation Psalm 116:7

Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

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

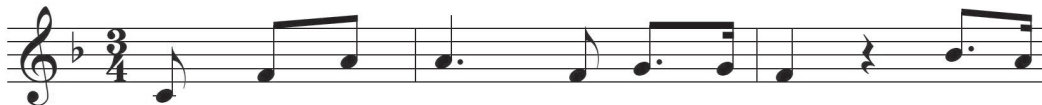
Call to worship Matthew 11:28-30

Elder Bryan Burke

“Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

* *Christ Our Hope In Life And Death*

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

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* Invocation

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Genesis 3:8

And they heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,
and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the
trees of the garden.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of forgiveness

Psalm 27:1, 4

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?

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.

*** The Apostles' Creed** spoken together

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell.

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

8:30 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.

11:15 service: Church bags are available in the foyer.

*** *It Is Well with My Soul***

Trinity Hymnal 691

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Psalm 116 (particularly v7)

- ¹ I love the LORD, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.
- ² Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.
- ³ The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.
- ⁴ Then I called on the name of the LORD:
“O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!”
- ⁵ Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
- ⁶ The LORD preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
- ⁷ Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.
- ⁸ For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
my feet from stumbling;
- ⁹ I will walk before the LORD
in the land of the living.
- ¹⁰ I believed, even when I spoke:
“I am greatly afflicted”;
- ¹¹ I said in my alarm,
“All mankind are liars.”
- ¹² What shall I render to the LORD
for all his benefits to me?
- ¹³ I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
- ¹⁴ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people.
- ¹⁵ Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.
- ¹⁶ O LORD, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.
You have loosed my bonds.
- ¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the LORD.
- ¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the LORD
in the presence of all his people,
- ¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the LORD,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.
- Praise the LORD!

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon Returning to Rest
So Weary...

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

So Cherished...

So Free...

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Sermons are available online at www.christchurchgr.org

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* **Memory Verse** Psalm 116:7 read or spoken by memory together

Return, O my soul, to your rest; for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

* **Jesus, I Am Resting, Resting**

text, Jean Sophia Pigott
music, David Hampton



1. Je - sus, I am rest - ing, rest - ing in the
 2. O how great thy lov - ing kind - ness, vast - er,
 3. Sim ply trust - ing thee, Lord Je - sus, I be -
 4. Ev - er lift thy face up - on _____ me as I



joy of what thou art; _____ I am find - ing out _____ the great -
 broad - er than the sea! _____ O how mar - vel - ous _____ thy good -
 hold thee as _____ thou art, _____ and thy love, so pure, so change -
 work and wait for thee; _____ rest - ing 'neath thy smile, Lord Je -



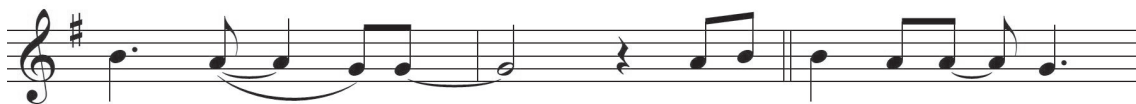
- ness of _____ thy lov - ing _____ heart. _____ Thou hast
 - ness lav - ished all on _____ me! _____ Yes, I
 - less, sat - is - fies my _____ heart; _____ sat - is -
 - sus, earth's dark shad - ows _____ flee. _____ Bright - ness



bid me gaze up - on__ thee, and thy beau - ty fills__ my__ soul,
 rest in thee, Be - lov - ed, know what wealth of grace is__ thine,
 fies its deep - est long - ings, meets, sup - plies its ev - 'ry__ need,
 of my Fa - ther's glo - ry, sun - shine of my Fa - ther's face,



— for by thy trans - form - ing pow - er, thou hast
 — know thy cer - tain - ty__ of prom - ise and have
 — com - pass - eth me round with bless - ings: thine is
 — keep me ev - er trust - ing, rest - ing, fill__ me



made me_____ whole.____ to Verse 2
 made it_____ mine.____ to Chorus
 love in - deed.____ to Chorus
 with thy_____ grace.____ to Chorus

Je - sus, I am rest - ing,



rest - ing in the joy of what thou art;____ I am



find - ing out__ the great - ness of__ thy lov - ing_____ heart.____

Invitation to the Lord's Table *Trays will be passed through the rows. The bread served is gluten free. Hold the bread or cup until all are served and we'll partake together.*

During the passing of the bread *Psalm 116: I Love the Lord* congregation

text-from Psalm 116:1& 2
by Isaac Watts

music, anonymous
harm., Richard Smallwood
arr., Dave Maddux



1. I love the Lord; _____ he heard my cry _____ and pit-ied
2. I love the Lord; _____ he heard my cry _____ and pit-ied



ev - 'ry groan. _____ Long as I live _____ and trou-bles
ev - 'ry groan.. _____ O let my heart _____ no more des -



rise, _____ I'll has - ten to _____ his throne.
pair _____ while I have breath _____ to pray.

During the passing of the cup *Our Blessing Cup* solo & congregation by John Michael Talbot

Solo Our blessing cup is a communion with the blood of the Lamb.

Chorus - Congregation

Our_bless-ing cup is a com-mun-ion with the blood of the

Lamb._____ Our_bless-ing cup is a com-mun-ion with the

blood of our Lord Je-sus Christ; he__ is the Lamb of God._____

Solo

What return shall I make to the Lord for all the good he has done for me?
I will take the cup of salvation, I will call upon the name of the Lord.

Chorus

How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his children.
Your servant am I, your handmaid's son, and you have loosed my bonds.

Chorus

I offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, I will call upon the name of the Lord.
My vows to the Lord I will fulfill in the presence of the people of our God.

Chorus

Prayers of the People

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Offertory *Tender Mercy* solo

Enter the Worship Circle

Praise the Lord, O my soul, and all my deepest parts.
Give praise to the One Who pulled you out of darkness.
Tender mercy, you forgive me. Slow to anger, quick to love.
As high as the mountains high your love falls all around me.
As wide as the east to west my sins are taken from me.

* **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**

Memory verse for the week Psalm 73:25–26

Worship musicians

Richard Mason, song leader & guitar
Susan Guerra, piano
Judah Guerra, bass
Cameron Risma, drums