

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 *All Creatures of Our God and King* piano arr. Jon Schmidt

Welcome & Announcements Alice den Hollander

Silent Meditation Matthew 16:17

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.”

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

Call to worship Hebrews 1:1-3a Elder Bryan Burke

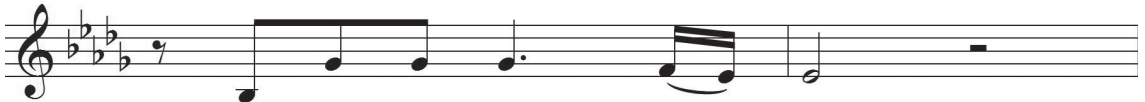
Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.

** I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

words, Horatius Bonar
music, Kevin Twit



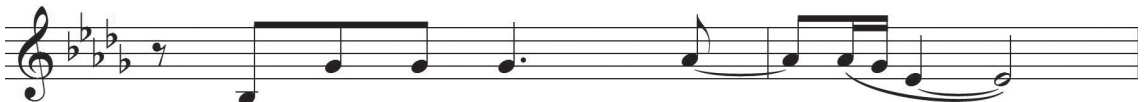
1. I heard the voice of Je - sus say,
2. I heard the voice of Je - sus say,
3. I heard the voice of Je - sus say,



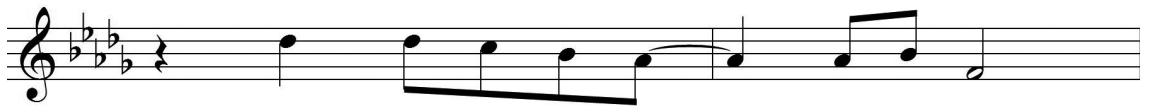
"Come un - to me and rest.
"Be - hold, I free - ly give
"I am this dark world's light



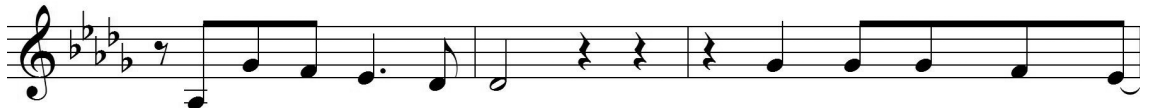
Lay down, O wear - y one, lay down
the Liv - ing Wa - ter, thir - sty one,
Look un - to me thy morn' shall rise,



your head up - on my breast."
stoop down and drink and live."
And all thy days be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was,
I came to Je - sus, and I drank
I looked to Je - sus, and I found,



so wear - y, worn and sad; I found in Him my
of that life - giv - ing stream; my thirst was quenched, my
In Him my star, my sun And in that light of,



rest - ing place, and He has made me glad.
soul re - vived, and now I live in Him.
life I'll walk, 'Til pil - grim days are done.

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*** Come Light Our Hearts**


Sandra McCracken




For you, O Lord, our souls in still-ness wait. For you, O Lord, our



souls in still-ness wait. Tru-ly our hope is in you, tru-ly our hope is in you,



1. O Lord of life, our on - ly hope, your ra - diance shines on all who
2. O joy a - bove all oth - er loves, in you we find more than e -



look to you in the dark. Em-man - u - el come, come light our hearts.
nough, we come as we are, O heal and re-store, come light our hearts.
2014 Drink Your Tea

*** Invocation** concluding with 'The Lord's Prayer,' spoken together

**Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession Psalm 116:5-7

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.
The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.
Return, O my soul, to your rest;
for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart Trinity Hymnal 338

Prayer of confession

Declaration of forgiveness I Timothy 2:5-6

...there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man
Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all, which is the testimony given at
the proper time.

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.

*** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*** Trinity Hymnal 295

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Matthew 16:13–17

Mark 7:31–37

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?”
¹⁴ And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”¹⁵ He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?”¹⁶ Simon Peter replied, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.³² And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.³³ And taking him aside from the crowd privately, he put his fingers into his ears, and after spitting touched his tongue.³⁴ And looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”³⁵ And his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly.³⁶ And Jesus charged them to tell no one. But the more he charged them, the more zealously they proclaimed it.³⁷ And they were astonished beyond measure, saying, “He has done all things well. He even makes the deaf hear and the mute speak.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon

Ears to Hear

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Our struggle to hear ...

is focused through the Word

And given life by the Spirit.

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* Scripture memory verse

Matthew 16:17 read or spoken by memory together

And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven."

* *Speak, O Lord*

Keith Getty & Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food of Your
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly re - ver - ence, true hu -
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your



Ho - ly Word. Take Your Truth, plant it deep in us; shape and
mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness; that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - tho - ri - ty.
pro - mis - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos-es for Your glo - ry.
Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail; let their truth pre-vail o - ver un - be-lief.
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built, and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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Reception of New Members 9:00 am service

David & Lena Bading

Prayers of the People

During the offertory please pass the red friendship pads found at the end of the rows.

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

Offertory

Goodness of God

piano

by Jason Ingram, Ed Cash, Brian Mark Johnson
Jenn Louise Johnson, Ben David Fielding

... I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God
... And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

... I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after 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*

Jeremiah 31:3b-4

I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you.
Again I will build you, and you shall be built,
O virgin Israel!
Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines
and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers.

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*

Be Thou My Vision

organ

arr. Alice Jordan

Memory verse for the week

Isaiah 1:17

Worship musicians

Rick Groggel, song leader

Susan Guerra, piano

Jane Jelgerhuis, piano & organ