



GOD IN OUR MIDST

**Prelude**      *How Great Thou Art*

arr. Fred. M. Hughes

**Welcome & Announcements**

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

**Moment of silent meditation**      Exodus 33:18

Moses said, "Please show me your glory."

# GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP



**Call to worship**

Luke 9:28-31, 34-36

Elder Bob LaFleur

...[Jesus] took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his face was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were talking with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

...a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen One; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.



**\* Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

Trinity Hymnal 193

*Unison*

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard  
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph; cher - u - bim, with

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

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth pres - ence,  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the

for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to  
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to  
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of  
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,

earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

## GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

### **Overview of Exodus** *Seven readers are needed; please go to a microphone.*

*We'll use this overview of Exodus to come before the Lord to lament and confess, receive forgiveness and hope.*

Reader 1 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. And he said to his people, "Behold, the people of Israel are too many and too mighty for us. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them..." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to afflict them with heavy burdens. Exodus 1:8-10a, 11a

Reader 2 Now a man from the house of Levi went and took as his wife a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son, and when she saw that he was a fine child, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer, she took for him a basket made of bulrushes.... She put the child in it and placed it among the reeds by the river bank.... The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river.... She saw the child, and behold, the baby was crying. She took pity on him and said, "This is one of the Hebrews' children." ...And he became her son. She named him Moses.... One day, when Moses had grown up, he went out to his people and looked on their burdens.... Exodus 2:1-11 selections

Reader 3 ...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. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. God saw the people of Israel—and God knew. Exodus 2:23-25

Elder Lord, with Israel, we groan under the burden of brokenness around us: sickness, war, poverty, difficult relationships, hurricanes, viruses. God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, thank you for seeing us as you saw the people of Israel; thank you that you know. Hear our silent prayers of lament.

Reader 4 The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt..."Tell all the congregation of Israel that on the tenth day of this month every man shall take a lamb according to their fathers' houses, a lamb for a household.... Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. ... I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:1-3, 7, 12-13



- Elder      Lord, you passed over all the doorframes that were sprinkled with blood, and the firstborn were not destroyed; Lamb of God, you cover us with your blood so that we are not destroyed and lost in our sin. We praise your name for interceding and rescuing us. Hear our silent prayers of confession.
- Reader 5   When Pharaoh drew near, the people of Israel lifted up their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians were marching after them, and they feared greatly. And the people of Israel cried out to the LORD.... And Moses said to the people, “Fear not, stand firm, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will work for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall never see again. The LORD will fight for you, and you have only to be silent.”      Exodus 14:10–14
- Reader 6   The LORD called to [Moses] out of the mountain, saying, “Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the people of Israel: ‘You yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles’ wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine; and you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.’ These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.”      Exodus 19:1–6
- Reader 7   The LORD descended in the cloud and stood with [Moses] there, and proclaimed the name of the LORD. The LORD passed before him and proclaimed, “The LORD, the LORD, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children’s children, to the third and the fourth generation.” And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped.      Exodus 34:5–8
- Elder      Lord, just as you did with Israel, you fight for us, you bear us on eagles’ wings and bring us to yourself. You call us your treasured possession. You are the same God who passed before Moses and showed yourself to be merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness. In the midst of our fear you encourage us to stand firm and to fear not. You sanctify us to be priests to the world. In these ways may we see your salvation today. Hear our silent prayers of thanks and hope.

*During the following song, 4- to 6-year-olds are dismissed to the foyer for Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon. 10:30 service, please walk your child to the door at the north end of the building.*



\* *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

Trinity Hymnal 253 Verses 1-3 & 5

Capo 1: ♮ (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) ♮ (D) (A) (E)

1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;  
2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;  
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,  
4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,

(A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E<sup>7</sup>) (A)

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains;  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:  
• re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:  
till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:

(E<sup>7</sup>) (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (D) (A) (E)

lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;  
washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;  
• and shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;  
be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;

and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.  
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.  
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
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William Cowper, 1771  
Mod.

FOUNTAIN 8.6.8.6.6.6.8.6.  
Lowell Mason, 1830

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US



### \* Scripture reading

Exodus 40:34-38

<sup>34</sup> Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>35</sup> And Moses was not able to enter the tent of meeting because the cloud settled on it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle. <sup>36</sup> Throughout all their journeys, whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the people of Israel would set out. <sup>37</sup> But if the cloud was not taken up, then they did not set out till the day that it was taken up. <sup>38</sup> For the cloud of the LORD was on the tabernacle by day, and fire was in it by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel throughout all their journeys.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!



### \* Prayer



**Sermon**

A Final Appreciation of Exodus

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

From Darkness

To Light

Filled

Follow

Foresee

Further discussion/questions?    [andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org](mailto:andrewvandermaas@christchurchgr.org)  
Sermons are available online at [www.christchurchgr.org](http://www.christchurchgr.org)



## DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

10:30 service, please meet your child at the door at the north end of the building.



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

David Evans



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.



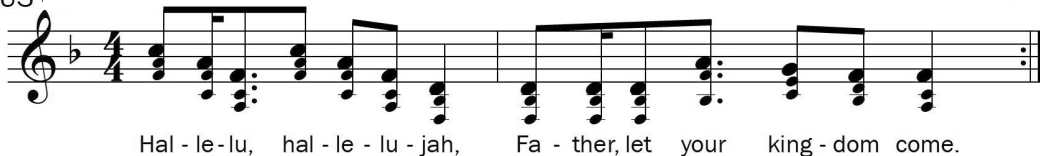
# Prayers of Dedication *The congregation is invited to offer prayers of dedication; please use a microphone.*



## \* Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

Orlando Palmer, Paul Zach, Isaac Wardell  
Liz Vice, Latifah Phillips

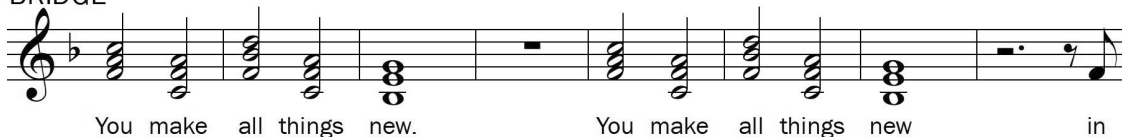
### CHORUS



### VERSE



### BRIDGE





## Invitation to the Lord's Table

*If you need an all-in-one serving of bread & juice for the celebration of the Lord's Supper please alert the elder.*



## Prayers of the People



### Offertory     *Amazing Grace*     violin

arr. Fred M. Hughes

Give online at [christchurchgr.org](http://christchurchgr.org) or by texting (616) 208-2820.



### \* *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*     based on Colossians 1:9–14

You have been delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

May you be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

May you walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him:

May you bear fruit in every good work and increase in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy.

### \* *Postlude*

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#### WORSHIP MUSICIANS

##### Onsite

Sarah Griffioen, song leader & violin  
Susan Guerra, organ & piano

##### Online musicians

Scofield family (*Let All Mortal Flesh & Doxology*)  
Craig Kooienga (*There is a Fountain*)  
Guerra family (*Be Still & Amazing Grace*)  
Bethany Morse (*Father, Let Your Kingdom Come*)



# What else should I know?

- Gifts are available to help with cost.
- Day-only transportation is available, but spots are limited!
- Registration deadline is September 26.

Connect with the committee at [allchurchretreat@christchurchgr.org](mailto:allchurchretreat@christchurchgr.org) or stop by the registration table on Sundays between services or following the second service. We would love to find ways to make all or part of the retreat work for you!

*Register on Sundays at church or with this QR code.*



## **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 meals are included?**

Snacks Friday, 3 group meals Saturday, and breakfast Sunday are all included. List medically relevant food allergies when you register so we can provide alternative food options for you.

## **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. Saturday afternoon from 1-5pm 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.

## **How do I register?**

Register with the QR code above or at the welcome center on ipads or with paper and pay with a check. If you have concerns about cost or have a special need, email the committee at [allchurchretreat@christchurchgr.org](mailto:allchurchretreat@christchurchgr.org).

## **Is this event for me?**

Absolutely! You are part of our body, and the retreat would not be the same without YOU!

## Life of the church

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**Today is Deacon Fund Sunday.** Take this opportunity to serve those in need. This offering, beyond your regular tithe, should be marked for the Deacon Fund in the memo line or give to the fund online by selecting Deacon fund. <https://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/give/online>

**Starting next Sunday September 12 we will resume our regular service times of 8:30 and 11:15am with Sunday School for all ages at 10:00.** Adult Institute will start with one class offering for all adults with guest speakers.

- September 12th  
Dr Daniel Doriani on *Faith in the Workplace*
- September 19th  
Jon Medlock on *Healthy Church Ecosystem*
- September 26th  
a group of new classes will begin

**Church office hours are now Tuesdays - Thursdays 9:00am - 2:00pm.**

**C-Groups** are a way to connect, care and challenge one another in community. Learn more about C-Groups and connect with current C-Group facilitators at our Fall Launch on September 19 & 26 or you can find information on our website at <http://christchurchgr.org/connect/c-groups/>

**Service of Lament.** September 26 at 6:30 PM. Join for a time to lament to God about the brokenness in our lives, in our community, and in the world. Hear the refreshing good news of Jesus, who gives us hope in the dark places and who is making all things new.

**We are hosting Daniel Doriani, MDiv, PhD, on Saturday, Sept 11 from 9am–Noon,** for a presentation and discussion of his newly published book, *Work That Makes A Difference*. Purchase a book (\$5 for congregants) and sign up at <https://christchurchgr.breezechms.com/form/dorianipresentation>

### **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.

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

Toddler - 1 assistant  
K - 1 assistant  
5th-6th - 1 teacher  
7th-8th - 1 teacher  
9th-10th - 1 teacher  
11th-12th - 2 teachers

**Together in Prayer: Wednesdays 6-7pm.** In person or via Zoom (get link from praying hands slide on our website)

**Interested in learning more about Christ Church?** Currently you can participate in the First Things class online and then either meet with an elder or pastor or wait for the in person offering coming this fall in our Adult Institutes. Participating in this class doesn't in any way obligate you to become a member of Christ Church, but hopefully will help prepare those who do wish to become members. If you'd like to sign up, contact the office at [office@christchurchgr.org](mailto:office@christchurchgr.org).



**Next Senior Luncheon** will be September 14, noon, at church. Please sign up today at the coffee bar as to what you will bring.

### New in the Library

*Suffering is Never for Nothing*  
by Elisabeth Elliot

*Why I Don't Desire God* by John Piper

*The Rise and Triumph of the Modern Self*  
by Carl Trueman

*Jesus* by Devon Provencher

*A New Systematic Theology  
of the Christian Faith*  
by Robert Reymond

## COLLEGE AGE

### Bible Studies

*starting week of Sept 12 at church*

- **Men**

Sundays at 2:30pm

Tuesdays at 8:00pm

- **Women**

Sundays at 7:00pm

### F.I.S.H.

*Fridays 5:00- 9:30pm at church*

**Food. Intermingle. Study. Hangout.**

Come & leave whenever!

*... did we mention*

*dinner is free?!*

## 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](mailto:debbiebuko@christchurchgr.org)

## YOUTH

### All Youth (5th-12th)

A calendar of events and meetings went out this past week, be sure to check your e-mail.

### Jr High

Info for our fall retreat was emailed this past week, be sure to sign up ASAP; the retreat is this weekend.

Regular youth group meetings will start in Oct.

### Sr High

Sign up info for our fall retreat Sept. 17-19 will be out this week by email.

We will start our regular meetings in Oct.

## WOMEN'S DISCIPLESHIP

**10-11:30am Tuesday Bible study on the Holy Spirit.** Join us from 10-11:30 at church. Contact Anthoinette Bom.

### Fall Bible Studies

**Tuesday Morning Study of Acts**  
begins September 20.

**7 Feasts** by Erin Davis.

**Mondays at 6:45pm over Zoom**  
beginning September 13 (a link will be sent to participants)

**Wednesdays at 9:00am in person**  
begins this week with a light brunch and introduction to the study. Sign up for childcare when you sign up yourself.

Signup at <https://christchurchgr.breeze-chms.com/form/7feasts> or at the Welcome Center where books are also available.

**Fellowship Night:** Have you recently started worshipping at Christ Church or have you been attending for awhile but feel like you keep seeing new faces and want an opportunity to get to know and welcome others? Join us at the church Thursday, September 16th from 7:00pm-9:00pm for a night of games & fellowship. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. Beverages will be provided.

**Fall shower September 21,** 7:00pm in the atrium. Join us in sharing the joy of expectant parents Nabiha (& Andy) Adams. If you would like to contribute to a group gift, contact Mandi Rodenbeck Paypal, Venmo, or write a check to Mandi Rodenbeck (labeled for the fall shower group gift) @Mandirodenbeck

**October 14, 7-8:30pm** discussion of *What is a Girl Worth* by Rachel denHollander hosted by Women's Discipleship and Advocates for the Wounded & Abused. More information to come!

## MEN'S MINISTRY

## Financial Report

### Bible Studies

#### **Mondays at 7:00pm, starting Sept 13**

Jerry Stutzman will lead a study of Leviticus. We will meet at church, with an option to participation via Zoom. Contact Greg: gregmeibeyer@christchurchgr.org

#### **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

### The Potter's House Elementary School is

**looking for men to volunteer** in their 4th & 5th grade discipleship program from 8:30 to 9:30am on Wednesdays. Help with prayer & discussion time in a small group, a service project, and write a letter monthly to each of the 3 or 4 students. For questions or to sign up, contact Emma at etoronto@tphgr.org.

	ACTUAL	BUDGET
Jan - July Receipts	\$591,317	\$ 605,246
Jan - July Expenses	\$574,688	\$ 601,743
Jan - July Over (Under)	\$ 16,629	\$ 3,502

#### **Tithes and Offerings**

August 1	\$ 19,858
August 8	\$ 20,393
August 15	\$ 17,218
August 22	\$ 33,618

August Total Tithes & Offerings	\$ 91,088	\$ 82,125
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#### **EXTENDING COMMUNITY ENABLING MISSION CAMPAIGN**

Total Commitments	\$1,722,987
Campaign Funds Received	\$1,193,050



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Worship Onsite Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the sanctuary, 10:30 outside as weather permits

Office hours: Tuesday - Thursday 9:00-2:00pm

**PRAYER REQUESTS:** please submit by 7:30pm Tuesday to prayer@christchurchgr.org

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** please submit by 7:30pm Wednesday to announcements@christchurchgr.org