



a feast to
enjoy



CHRIST
CHURCH

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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

Bethany Slusher
Member of the Associate Pastor Search Team

Silent meditation

Longer than there've been fishes in the ocean
Higher than any bird ever flew
Longer than there've been stars up in the heavens
I've been in love with you -Dan Fogelberg

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to worship Psalm 98

Elder Jerry Gortmaker

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!
His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.
The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!
Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!
With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!
Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
before the Lord, for he comes
to judge the earth.
He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

Break Forth into Song

choir

text, Psalm 98; music, Allen Pote

Make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise all the earth
Break into song, break into joyous singing and praise.
Sing praise unto God with sound of melody.
Sing with trumpet and horn make a joyful noise.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth.
Break into joyous singing and praise.
Sing praise unto God with sound of melody.
Make a joyful noise unto God.

Let the sea roar and all that fills it.
Let the world rejoice and all that is therein.
Let the floods lift up their voice and clap their hands.
Let the hills together sing for joy.
For God will come to judge the world,
Judging with righteousness,
Judging the people with equity,
And the world with righteousness,
And the people with equity.

Make a joyful noise, make a joyful noise all the earth
Break into song, break into joyous singing and praise.
Sing praise to God with the lyre and sound of melody.
With trumpet and horn make a joyful noise.

Make a joyful noise, all the earth.
Break into joyous singing and praise.
Sing praise unto God with songs of joy
Make a joyful noise unto God.

Psalm 98:2-4 responsively

Elder The Lord has made known his salvation;
 he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**All He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
 to the house of Israel.**

Elder All the ends of the earth have seen
 the salvation of our God.

**All Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
 break forth into joyous song and sing praises!**

* Aleluyah, Aleluyah

Before everyone sings, the choir will introduce the song.

Aleluyah, Aleluyah! Gloria Dios en la altura. (Hallelujah, hallelujah! Glory to God in the highest.)

Sing 3 times.

Juan Luis Guerra

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, Glor - i'a Dios en las al - tur - as.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, Glor - i'a Dios en las al - tur - as.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya! _____

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, A - le - lu - ya! _____

Tag

A - le - lu - yah, a - le - lu - yah, A - le - lu - yah, a - le - lu - yah,

A - le - lu - yah, a - le - lu - yah. A - men. _____

* O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

words by George Matheson
music by Christopher Miner



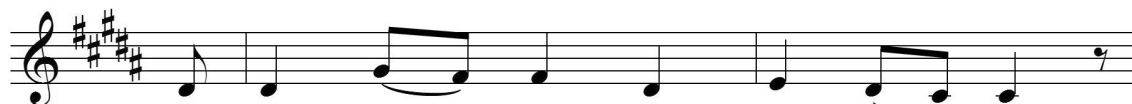
1. O Love that will not - let me go,
2. O Light that foll - ow'st all my way,
3. O Joy that seek - est me through pain,
4. O Cross that lift - est up my head



I rest my wear - y soul in thee;
I yield my flick' - ring torch to thee;
I can - not close my heart to thee;
I dare not ask to fly from thee;



I give thee back the life I owe,
My heart re - stores its bor - rowed ray,
I trace the rain - bow through the rain,
I lay in dust life's glo - ry dead,



That in thine o - cean depths its flow
That in thy sun - shine's blaze its day
And feel the prom - ise is not vain,
And from the ground there bless - oms red



May rich - er, ful - ler be.
May brigh - ter, fair - er be.
That morn shall tear - less be.
Life that shall end - less be.

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* **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 Philippians 2:10a

...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow....

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of forgiveness Ephesians 2:4–7

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.

8:30 service: During the second 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.

* I Sought the Lord and Afterward I Knew

1 I sought the Lord, and af-ter-ward I knew He moved my soul to
 2 Thou didst reach forth Thy hand and mine en-fold; I walked and sank not
 3 I find, I walk, I love; but O, the whole Of love is but my

seek Him, seek-ing me; It was not I that found, O Sav-ior true;
 on the storm-vexed sea; 'Twas not so much that I on Thee took hold,
 an-swer, Lord, to Thee! For Thou wert long be-fore-hand with my soul;

No, I was found, was found of Thee. It was not
 As Thou, dear Lord, on me, on me. 'Twas not so
 Al-ways, al-ways Thou lov-edst me. For Thou wert

I that found, O Sav-ior true; No, I was found, was found of Thee.
 much that I on Thee took hold, As Thou, dear Lord, on me, on me.
 long be-fore-hand with my soul; Al-ways, al-ways Thou lov-edst me.

* *Trinity Song* congregation

Parts 1 & 2 can be sung at the same time.

by Sandra McCracken

Part 1



Ho - ly__ Fa-ther, Son, and Spir - it. Ho - ly com-mun - ion,



Three in One. Ho - ly__ Fa-ther, Son, and Spir - it. Ho - ly com-mun-ion,

Part 2



Three in One. Come with your peace, with your in - vi - ta - tion.



Bind us to-gether in ho - ly__ love. Come with your peace, with your



in - vi - ta - tion. Bind us to-gether in ho - ly__ love.

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

³ Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon A Father's Love
Picked Out

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Planned For

Peopled With

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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Trinity Hymnal 457

Prayers of the People

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

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Offertory *How Great Thou Art* piano

arr. Adam Smith

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble admiration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art."

* *Doxology* Trinity Hymnal 731

* **Benediction** From Ephesians 3:16–19

[May the Lord] according to the riches of his glory... grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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**

Worship musicians

Adult Choir

Sarah Griffioen, director

Jude Snyder, glockenspiel

Rebekah LaPlaca, claves

Ethan Klamer, bass

Susan Guerra, piano

Moses Vander Maas, drums

Adam Smith, piano