



a feast to
enjoy



CHRIST
CHURCH

September 18, 2022



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 *Shall We Gather at the River* flute & piano

arr. Charles Callahan

Shall we gather at the river,
Where bright angel feet have trod;
With its crystal tide forever
Flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
The beautiful, the beautiful river;
Gather with the saints at the river
That flows by the throne of God.

Soon we'll reach the shining river,
Soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver
With the melody of peace.

At the shining of the river,
Mirror of the Savior's face,
Saints whom death will never sever
Raise their song of saving grace.

Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Andrew Vander Maas

Silent meditation | Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,
vindicated by the Spirit,
seen by angels,
proclaimed among the nations,
believed on in the world,
taken up in glory.

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to worship Psalm 146 responsively

Congregation read bold type

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the Lord his God,

who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;

the Lord loves the righteous.

The Lord watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

The Lord will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the Lord!

* *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

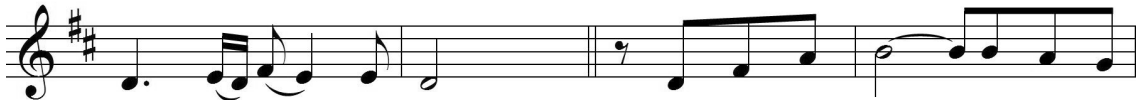
by Chris Tomlin & Louie Giglio



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound that
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me; His
 4. The earth shall soon dis - solve like snow, the



saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now I'm found, was
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear the
 Word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and por - tion be as
 sun for - bear to shine; but God, who called me here be - low, will



blind, but now I see. to Vs. 2
 hour I first be - lieved. to Chorus My chains are gone, I've been set
 long as life en - dures. to Chorus
 be for - ev - er mine to Chorus



free! My God, my Sav - ior, has ransomed me; and like a



flood His mer - cy reigns, un - end - ing love, a - maz - ing grace.

* *Trinity Song*

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.

* **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 II Corinthians 9:8

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of forgiveness John 10:7-11

So Jesus again said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, I am the door of the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the door. If anyone enters by me, he will be saved and will go in and out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

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.*

*** *And Can It Be That I Should Gain?***

Trinity Hymnal 455

GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

*** Scripture reading** Ephesians 1:7-10

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.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

*** Prayer**

Sermon

Coming to Realize How Rich We Really Are

Ryan McVicar
Great Lakes Presbytery
Ann Arbor

1. We have been released

2. We have been lavished with riches

3. We can really live

DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

** Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

by Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson & Michael Farren



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus, my Re - deem - er. There is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en: the fu - ture
4. With ev - 'ry breath I long to fol - low Je - sus for he has



more for hea - ven now to give. He is my
side the Sa - vior he will stay. I la - bor
sure, the price it has been paid, for Je - sus
said that he will bring me home, and day by



joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom, my stead-fast
on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing for in my
bled and suf - fered for my par - don and he was
day I know he will re - new me un - til I



love, my deep and bound-less peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly
need, his po - wer is dis - played. To this I hold, my Shep-herd will de-
raised to ov - er - throw the grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de-
stand with joy be - fore the throne. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly



Je - sus, for my life is whol - ly bound to his. Oh how
fend me; through the deep - est val - ley he will lead. Oh the
feat - ed. Je - sus now and ev - er is my plea. Oh the
Je - sus. All the glo - ry ev - er - more to him. When the



strange and di - vine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not
night has been won, and I shall ov - er - come! Yet not
chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not
race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat: Yet not



I, but through Christ in me.
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Reception of New Members

8:30 service	Martin and Susan McMenamin Skip and Jan Pylman
11:15 service	Nick Lambers Steven and Kendall Ophoff

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 *My Tribute*

by Andrae Crouch

How can I say thanks
For the things you have done for me?
Things so undeserved
Yet you gave to prove your love for me
The voices of a million angels
Could not express my gratitude
All that I am and ever hope to be
I owe it all to thee

To God be the glory
To God be the glory
To God be the glory
For the things he has done

With his blood he has saved me
With his power he has raised me
To God be the glory
For the things he has done

Just let me live my life
Let it pleasing, Lord to thee
And if I gain any praise
Let it go to Calvary (Calvary)

* **Doxology** Trinity Hymnal 731

* **Benediction**

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

Craig Kooienga, song leader & guitar

Leah Paasche, flute

Susan Guerra, viola & piano