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**CHRIST**  
CHURCH

September 25, 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**      *God Himself Is With Us*      organ      arr. M. Burkhardt  
                  *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee*      arr. E.L. Diemer

**Welcome & Announcements**      David and Julie Blakeslee

**Silent meditation**      I Peter 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you....

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

**Call to worship**      Psalm 100      Elder Jerry Stutzman

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!  
Serve the Lord with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

\* *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*      Trinity Hymnal 53

\* **Invocation**

**\* The Nicene Creed**      spoken together

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
and of all things visible and invisible.

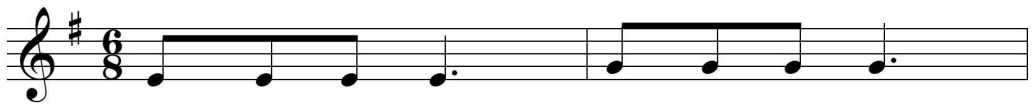
We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made; of one substance with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man.  
He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified;  
he spoke by the prophets.

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins;  
we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*Come, Holy Ghost*

Bruce Benedict & Ray Mills



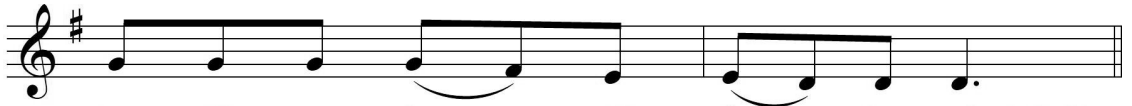
1. Come, Ho - ly Ghost,	Cre - a - tor blest,
2. O Com - for - ter,	to thee we cry,
3. O Ho - ly Ghost,	through thee a - lone,
4. Praise we the Lord,	Fa - ther and Son,



and in our hearts take up thy rest; come with thy grace  
 thou heav'n - ly gift of God most high; thou fount of life,  
 know we the Fa - ther and the Son; be this our firm  
 and Ho - ly Spir - it with them one; and may the Son



and heav'n - ly aid to fill our hearts which thou hast made,  
 and fire of love, and sweet a - noin - ting from a - bove,  
 un - chang - ing creed, that thou dost from them both pro - ceed,  
 on us be - stow all gifts that from the Spir - it flow,



to fill our hearts which thou has made. *to Vs 2*  
 and sweet a - noin - ting from a - bove. *to Chorus*  
 that thou dost from them both pro - ceed. *to Vs 4*  
 all gifts that from the Spir - it flow. *to Chorus*



*Harmony (optional) >* Ah \_\_\_\_\_ where you go there I am



*Melody >* Be not a - fraid, \_\_\_\_\_ where you go there I am



with you. Ah \_\_\_\_\_ where you go there I am with you. \_\_\_\_\_



with you. Be not a - fraid, \_\_\_\_\_ where you go there I am with you. \_\_\_\_\_

# GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

## Call to confession

Psalm 51:9-10

Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Prayer of confession** followed by a time of silent confession

## 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.

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### Declaration of forgiveness

Ezekiel 37:11-14

Then he said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. Behold, they say, ‘Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are indeed cut off.’ Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will open your graves and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will bring you into the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and raise you from your graves, O my people. And I will put my Spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it, declares the Lord.”

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.*

\* *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

Trinity Hymnal 4

## GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

### \* Scripture reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

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

<sup>11</sup> 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, <sup>12</sup> so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> 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 Spiritual Inheritance  
An Inheritance

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Spiritually

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# DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

## \* On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

text, Samuel Stennett  
music, Christopher Mine



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, And  
 2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines  
 3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath, Can  
 4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And



cast a wish - ful eye To  
 one e - ter - nal day There  
 reach that health - ful shore, —  
 be for - ev - er blessed? Where



Can - aan's fair and hap - py land, Where  
 God, the Son for - ev - er reigns, And  
 Sick - ness, sor - row, pain and death, Are  
 shall I see my Fa - ther's face, And



my pos - ses - sions lie. to Verse 2  
 scat - ters night a - way. to Chorus  
 felt and feared no more. to Chorus  
 in his bos - om rest? to Chorus

CHORUS

MEN I am bound I am bound. I am

WOMEN I am bound I am bound

bound for Prom - ised Land! I am

I am bound. I am bound. I am

bound for Prom - ised Land!

bound for Prom - ised Land

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## Greeting

Nelly Vos  
MTW France

## Prayers of the People

Deacon Paul Wilhelm (8:30)  
Deacon Jason Harley (11:15)

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

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**Offertory**      *Now We Implore the Holy Spirit*      organ      D. Buxtehude

This piece is based on the melody of a 13th-century German hymn to the Holy Spirit that Martin Luther later augmented with additional verses.

Shine in our hearts, O Spirit, precious Light;  
Teach us Jesus Christ to know aright,  
That we may abide in the Lord who bought us,  
Till to our true home he has brought us.      Martin Luther

\* *Doxology*      Trinity Hymnal 731

**\* Benediction**

Based on Romans 8:14–17

(In Christ we go out) led by the Spirit of God ... For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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**

*Trumpet Tune*

organ

H. Purcell

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**Worship musicians**

Sarina Sharp, song leader

Jacob Lahman, song leader & guitar

Lia Gelder & Leah Gritter, handbells

David Bading, piano & organ



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