



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 11, 2020

WELCOME *to* CHRIST CHURCH

Thanks for joining us for worship this morning! We gather each week because we believe Jesus Christ is the one true hope for our tired and broken world. So, wherever your walk is with God, we are glad you are here to be part of our celebration of God's generosity to us in Jesus.

Christ Church is an inter-generational congregation rooted in our common faith in Christ and commitment to serving His kingdom. These commitments propel us into the future as we continue our congregation's thirty-year tradition of joyful and reverent worship, dedication to spiritual growth, and passion for advancing the Gospel in Jacksonville and around the world.

If you have any questions about Christ Church, please don't hesitate to ask an usher, a friendly face with a name tag in the lobby, or seek out one of our pastors.

GUIDELINES *for* WORSHIP

With the spread of disease around our country, it is important for us, as a church, to be responsive to the circumstances. While we have aggressively implemented social distancing protocols and cleaning regimens, we cannot guarantee a non-compromised environment. All common areas of the church building must be used at one's own risk. Please follow these guidelines:

- In keeping with our mayor's order, face masks are required of all attendees over six years of age. If you do not have a mask, or perhaps forget to bring one, we have face coverings available in the Narthex.
- Please allow for six feet of distance between you and others not in your immediate family unit. Additionally, please refrain from physical greetings and congregating in the aisles and Narthex.
- We will not pass offering plates to collect our tithes and offerings. Rather, after the service, gifts can be deposited in the box labeled *Tithes & Offerings* located just outside the sanctuary doors in the Narthex. Also, financial gifts can always be submitted online through the website.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

October 11	Directory Photos
October 11 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
October 12 (6.30p)	Session Meeting
October 16-17	New Members' Class
October 18 (9a)	Communion Service
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October 18 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
October 31 (8-9a)	Galatians 6.2 Service Day
October 31 (9a-Noon)	Men's Work Day

NEW MEMBERS' CLASS

Our next New Members' class will be offered October 16-17. If you are new to Christ Church and would like to become a member or simply desire to know more about who we are and what we do, we welcome you to join us! Childcare will not be provided. Please RSVP to Charlotte Reeves.

Schedule:

Friday, October 16 (6-8p) - Dinner & Session 1

Saturday, October 17 (9a-Noon) - Session 2

SEAMARK RANCH VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Seventh Annual Seamark MudRun will take place on Saturday, October 17 (7a-Noon). Volunteers will be needed on this day to assist with things like handing out t-shirts, directing participants through the course, directing parking, etc. If you wish to volunteer, please email Terri Cooper (volunteer@seamarkranch.com).

TREASURER'S REPORT

SEPTEMBER	YEAR-TO-DATE
Budget: \$65,500	Budget: \$589,500
Offering: \$48,915	Offering: \$559,607
Difference: -25.3%	Difference: -5.1%

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————— ENTER *the* PRESENCE *of* GOD —————

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

Please take a moment to prepare your heart for worship, and silence all mobile devices.

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 96

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name!

Tell of his salvation from day to day!

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name!

Bring an offering, and come into his courts!

INVOCATION

HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Words: Wesley | Music: Glaser

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King,
The triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God,
Assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin,
He sets the pris'ner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Prior to the corporate prayer, we take a moment to confess our sins in silence.

Merciful Father, you alone know how often we have sinned against you: forgetting your steadfast love and failing to give thanks to you for your goodness. We confess our iniquity; we are sorry for our sin. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ forgive us and strengthen us that we may be filled with the fruits of righteousness to the glory and praise of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Words: Wesley | Music: Thompson

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, 'til life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none; I, helpless hang on thee;
Leave, O, leave me not alone; support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed; all help from thee I bring.
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

And, in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our LORD, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit; born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church*, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The "holy catholic Church" refers to the entire company of God's redeemed people throughout the world and across the centuries.*

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 67

- ¹ May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
² that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
³ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
⁴ Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth. Selah
⁵ Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!
⁶ The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.
⁷ God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!

After the Psalm, we respond:

All men are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.
The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the word of our God stands forever!

10 ¹ Then I saw another mighty angel coming down from heaven, wrapped in a cloud, with a rainbow over his head, and his face was like the sun, and his legs like pillars of fire. ² He had a little scroll open in his hand. And he set his right foot on the sea, and his left foot on the land, ³ and called out with a loud voice, like a lion roaring. When he called out, the seven thunders sounded. ⁴ And when the seven thunders had sounded, I was about to write, but I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Seal up what the seven thunders have said, and do not write it down." ⁵ And the angel whom I saw standing on the sea and on the land raised his right hand to heaven ⁶ and swore by him who lives forever and ever, who created heaven and what is in it, the earth and what is in it, and the sea and what is in it, that there would be no more delay, ⁷ but that in the days of the trumpet call to be sounded by the seventh angel, the mystery of God would be fulfilled, just as he announced to his servants the prophets.

⁸ Then the voice that I had heard from heaven spoke to me again, saying, "Go, take the scroll that is open in the hand of the angel who is standing on the sea and on the land." ⁹ So I went to the angel and told him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, "Take and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey." ¹⁰ And I took the little scroll from the hand of the angel and ate it. It was sweet as honey in my mouth, but when I had eaten it my stomach was made bitter. ¹¹ And I was told, "You must again prophesy about many peoples and nations and languages and kings."

11 ¹ Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, ² but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. ³ And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth."

⁴ These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. ⁵ And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth

and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. ⁶ They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire. ⁷ And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, ⁸ and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. ⁹ For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, ¹⁰ and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹ But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹² Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here!" And they went up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies watched them. ¹³ And at that hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. Seven thousand people were killed in the earthquake, and the rest were terrified and gave glory to the God of heaven.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Take and Eat
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Words: Lyte | Music: Moore

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.
Human hearts and looks deceive me, thou art not like them, untrue.
O, while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might;
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure; come, disaster, scorn, and pain.
In thy service, pain is pleasure, with thy favor, loss is gain.
I have called thee, 'Abba, Father.' I have stayed my heart on thee.
Storms may howl and clouds may gather, all must work for good to me.

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heav'n's eternal days before thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days .
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

After our congregational supplications, we say the prayer our Savior has taught us.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Tithes & Offerings may be deposited after the service in the offering box outside the sanctuary doors. Alternately, gifts can be made online at www.christchurchpresjax.org or mailed to the church office.

OFFERTORY

We Rest on Thee

Words: Cherry | Music: Sibelius

*We rest on thee, our shield and our defender!
We go not forth alone against the foe;
Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,
Strong in thy strength, safe in thy keeping tender,
We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.*

*Yes in thy name, O Captain of salvation!
In thy dear name, all other names above:
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation,
Our Prince of glory, and our King of love,
Jesus our righteousness, our sure foundation
Our Prince of glory, and our King of love.*

*We go in faith, our own great weakness feeling,
And needing more, each day thy grace to know:
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
We rest on thee, and in thy name we go,
Yet from our hearts a song of triumph pealing,
We rest on thee, and in thy name we go.*

⊕ DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below;

O praise him, alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son;

And praise the Spirit three in one!

O Praise him, O Praise him;

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

DEPART *in* PEACE

HYMN

O Love that Will Not Let Me Go

Words: Peace | Music: Matheson

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn' shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

Third Millennium Ministries exists to equip church leaders in their own lands by creating a multimedia seminary curriculum in five major languages. Their goal is goal is to provide Christian education to hundreds of thousands of pastors around the world who lack sufficient training for ministry by publishing and globally distributing a free multilingual, multimedia, digital seminary curriculum in English, Arabic, Chinese (Mandarin), Russian and Spanish.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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