



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

October 25, 2020 | 10.30a

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 25 (5.30-7p)	Youth Small Groups
October 31 (8-9a)	Galatians 6.2 Service Day
October 31 (9a-Noon)	Men's Work Day
November 1 (9a)	Worship Service
November 1 (10.30a)	Worship Service

VIRTUAL SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

This fall we will provide high quality educational resources for our church through a virtual School of Discipleship. Video lectures are released for the adults every Sunday. Our children's ministry will also release a weekly video and provide families with an at home curriculum that will walk the children of Christ Church through the Ten Commandments this fall.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP & WORK DAY

All men at Christ Church are invited to join us for a morning of fellowship and work on the church property on Saturday, October 31, 9a-noon. Individually wrapped chicken biscuits will be available from 9-9.30a and we'll work until noon. Bring work gloves, shovels, rakes, axes, saws, or any other yard equipment you have on hand. If you have any questions, please contact John Lawler.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

This fall, several morning and evening Bible studies, primarily through our men's and women's ministries, are being hosted at the church. Groups meet in our multipurpose room and under the pavilion with social distancing parameters. Visit our website for more information.

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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 97

The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory!

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth!

You who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked! Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous!

We give thanks to his holy name!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Words: Williams | Music: Hughes

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
Hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
Be thou still my strength and shield,
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee.

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you only, we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Hide your face from our sins and blot out our iniquity. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and restore to us the joy of your salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

From the Depths of Woe, I Raise to Thee

Words: Luther | Music: Massie

From the depths of woe, I raise to thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication;
If thou iniquities dost mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before thee? O who shall stand before thee?

To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:
No man can glory in thy sight, all must alike confess thy might,
And live alone by mercy. And live alone by mercy.

Therefore, my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;
On him my soul shall rest, his word upholds my fainting spirit:
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience. I wait for it with patience.

Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is he, who will at last his Israel free;
From all their sin and sorrow. From all their sin and sorrow.

— CELEBRATE *the* COVENANT *of* BAPTISM —

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

VOWS OF THE COVENANT

⊕ 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.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

BAPTISM OF VALYN JOSEPHINE RAGLAND

HYMN

Savior, In Your Promise
Words: Colson | Music: Bradbury

Savior in your promise, you take,
This lil' lamb into your care;
Keep and guard her for your name's sake,
All her troubles may you bear.

Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Listen to our humble prayer!
Blessed Jesus, Blessed Jesus,
Listen to our humble prayer!

Dear child, trust in him forever;
Follow him all of your days;
Hold to him who faileth never,
He is true and strong to save.

Trust in Jesus! Trust in Jesus!
Follow him all of your days.
Trust in Jesus! Trust in Jesus!
Follow him all of your days.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 144

- ¹ Blessed be the LORD, my rock,
 who trains my hands for war,
 and my fingers for battle;
- ² he is my steadfast love and my fortress,
 my stronghold and my deliverer,
 my shield and he in whom I take refuge,
 who subdues peoples under me.
- ³ O LORD, what is man that you regard him,
 or the son of man that you think of him?
- ⁴ Man is like a breath;
 his days are like a passing shadow.
- ⁵ Bow your heavens, O LORD, and come down!
 Touch the mountains so that they smoke!
- ⁶ Flash forth the lightning and scatter them;
 send out your arrows and rout them!
- ⁷ Stretch out your hand from on high;
 rescue me and deliver me from the many waters,
 from the hand of foreigners,
- ⁸ whose mouths speak lies
 and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
- ⁹ I will sing a new song to you, O God;
 upon a ten-stringed harp I will play to you,
- ¹⁰ who gives victory to kings,
 who rescues David his servant from the cruel sword.
- ¹¹ Rescue me and deliver me
 from the hand of foreigners,

whose mouths speak lies
and whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.

- ¹² May our sons in their youth
be like plants full grown,
our daughters like corner pillars
cut for the structure of a palace;
- ¹³ may our granaries be full,
providing all kinds of produce;
may our sheep bring forth thousands
and ten thousands in our fields;
- ¹⁴ may our cattle be heavy with young,
suffering no mishap or failure in bearing;
may there be no cry of distress in our streets!
- ¹⁵ Blessed are the people to whom such blessings fall!
Blessed are the people whose God is the LORD!

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!

13 ¹ And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, with ten diadems on its horns and blasphemous names on its heads. ² And the beast that I saw was like a leopard; its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And to it the dragon gave his power and his throne and great authority. ³ One of its heads seemed to have a mortal wound, but its mortal wound was healed, and the whole earth marveled as they followed the beast. ⁴ And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

⁵ And the beast was given a mouth uttering haughty and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. ⁶ It opened its mouth to utter blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. ⁷ Also it was allowed to make war on the saints and to conquer them. And authority was given it over every tribe and people and language and nation, ⁸ and all who dwell on earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written before the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb who was slain. ⁹ If anyone has an ear, let him hear:

¹⁰ If anyone is to be taken captive,
to captivity he goes;
if anyone is to be slain with the sword,
with the sword must he be slain.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

¹¹ Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. ¹² It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. ¹³ It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, ¹⁴ and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵ And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that

the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain.¹⁶ Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead,¹⁷ so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.¹⁸ This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

14 ¹ Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads.
² And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps,³ and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth.⁴ It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb,⁵ and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Endurance of the Saints
John Lawler

RESPOND *to* GOD

⊕ HYMN

How Firm A Foundation
Words: Funk | Music: Rippon

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.

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

Hasten to Me, O God

Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

Hasten to me, O God; do not delay;

Come be my help in troubled days.

Turn back the plans of those who walk in shame.

They speak in lies; their tongues are open graves.

Chorus:

Let all who love you say: "Our God is great!"

You, the Lord, my God are my refuge!

Lord, you never, never forsake.

Lord, you never, never forsake.

My mouth will testify; I will proclaim

Your righteousness throughout the day.

With hope and joy, I will sing your praise.

I will glory in your works and your ways.

⊕ 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

For All the Saints
Words: How | Music: Williams

For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

First Coast Women's Services (FCWS) provides free-of-charge medical services and accurate evidence-based education on all options regarding unplanned pregnancy. They desire to help women and men understand all their options in a safe and respectful environment by providing lab-grade pregnancy testing, limited ultrasounds, options counseling, and community referrals from a professional and caring staff.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Mike Berry; Branson Bishop; Barb Day; Sue Forsyth; Elizabeth Garnett; Gar Gurganious; Hector & V'Elna Harima; Tim Seise

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