



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

July 25, 2021

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.

KIDS *during* WORSHIP

During our service, we encourage parents of young children to keep their kids in worship as long as they like. We also provide age-appropriate care and instruction for kids. Parents with children 2-years old or younger may drop-off their children in the Nursery (0-Walking) or the Toddler Room (Walking-2) where a team of trained child-care professionals and volunteers await them. Children ages 3-5 are dismissed for Children's Chapel after we recite the Apostles' Creed. They exit the sanctuary through the back doors to study God's Word. All children above nursery age return to the sanctuary for the offering so that we close our worship with the family of God together.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

July 26-29	Youth Backyard Mission Trip
July 28 (9.30a)	Women's <i>Psalms and Prayer</i>
August 1 (10.30a)	Worship Service
August 8 (10.30a)	Communion Service
August 15 (9.30a)	Joint Congregational Community
August 15 (10.30a)	Worship Service
August 15 (Noon)	Fall Kick-Off

FALL MINISTRY KICK-OFF—AUGUST 15

Join us on August 15 as we resume many of the ministries that have been on hold due to disruptions caused by the building renovation and Covid. School of Discipleship for children and youth, and Congregational Communities for adults will resume. In addition, we will be celebrating the start of the semester and the release of the next Yellowhammer Hymns album with food trucks and water slides on the lawn after church. Stay tuned for details to come!

TOOLS NEEDED FOR YOUTH BACKYARD MISSION TRIP

Our 7th-12th graders are doing their annual week of serving our local mission partners and could use some yard tools (shovels, rakes, hoes, blowers, weed eaters, etc.). If you're able to lend some tools, please contact Alec Cotton.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Lawler

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 103

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! The LORD is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love!

But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant

and remember to do his commandments!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Words: Neander & Winkworth

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near,
Praise him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen, how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly fore'er we adore him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Heavenly Father, nothing is hidden from your sight; we cannot cover our sins or conceal our faults from you. We confess that we've failed to love our neighbor as we ought, putting our own interests ahead of theirs. We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us that we may walk in a manner worthy of your calling through the power of your Spirit. 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?

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.

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.

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.

HYMN

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

Words & Music: Townend

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
The Father turns his face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon his shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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.*

Children, ages 3-5, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. Children exit the sanctuary through the main rear doors. They will return for the Offering.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 133

- ¹ Behold, how good and pleasant it is
when brothers dwell in unity!
- ² It is like the precious oil on the head,
running down on the beard,
on the beard of Aaron,
running down on the collar of his robes!
- ³ It is like the dew of Hermon,
which falls on the mountains of Zion!
For there the LORD has commanded the blessing,
life forevermore.

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!

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 2.42-47

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common. ⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

The Church: A Loving Community

John Lawler

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

Jon Groh

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

OFFERTORY

Help Us to Love Our Brother

Words & Music: Zipf

*Our God will judge the heart of the wicked
There will come a day when each deed is counted
He will reveal the darkness into the light*

*Let justice roll on like a river
And righteousness never failing
Hear our cry, be gracious O God*

*Forgive us, Lord
Help us to love our brother
Have mercy, Lord
Help us to love the other*

*He has shown you, man, what is good
What does the Lord require of his children?
To do justice, to love mercy, to walk humbly*

*Stand for the fatherless, for the widow
Stand for those stood upon by the weight of evil
Rise up, O children of Zion*

⊕ 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

MINISTRIES *of the* WEEK

LOCAL

Aldo Mondin graduated from the University of North Florida in 2015 and attended Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary, earning a degree in biblical studies and theology. He and his wife, Abby, were involved in RUF in college and have loved it ever since. In 2019 he joined the staff of RUF at UNF and became the campus minister at the University of South Florida in 2021. His passion is to help students realize their hope in Jesus Christ.

INTERNATIONAL

Gethsemane Garden Christian Centre (GGCC) is a Christian boarding school for HIV/AIDS orphans in Kenya, founded by Naphtaly and Nerea Mattah in 2003. Nerea continues the legacy left behind by her husband with a desire to rescue orphans and vulnerable children, provide them with hope, and equip them with the Gospel of Jesus Christ to empower them to impact Kenya and the world for His Kingdom. The school currently serves over 725 students.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Jan Brittingham (*Covid*); JR Brittingham (*Covid*); Barb Day (*cancer*); Louis Fassnacht; Sue Forsyth (*back*); Elizabeth Garnett (*surgery*); Gar Gurganious (*cancer*); Hector (*dementia*) & V'Elna Harima; Wayne Noble; Sandy Reynolds; Jewell Smith (*surgery*); Ken Van Til (*Covid*)

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