



CHRIST CHURCH
— PRESBYTERIAN —

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

August 23, 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, the offering plate will be posted as you leave, where gifts can be deposited. Also, financial gifts can always be submitted online through the website.

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

August 30 (10.30a)	Worship Service
September 6 (10.30a)	Worship Service
September 7	Labor Day (Church Office Closed)
September 8 (6.30p)	Session Meeting

NEWCOMER INFORMATION SESSION ON SEPTEMBER 13

If you are new to Christ Church and would like to know more about who we are and what we do, we welcome you to join us for a short meeting after worship on Sunday, September 13. Childcare will not be provided, but we will aim to keep the meeting very brief.

YOUTH SUNDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUPS THIS SEMESTER

Middle and High Schoolers will meet together at the church on Sunday evenings, 5.30-7p, beginning September 13 for small group Bible studies. While everyone will be at the church at the same time, we will keep the small groups separated from each other the whole time. The first Sunday of the month we'll do a fun large group gathering outdoors, with dinner. If your son or daughter wants to join a group, please contact Alec Cotton to get them signed up.

ADULT SMALL GROUPS

Due to concerns over the spread of the virus, we do not believe it is wise for small groups to gather in home environments. Given this, several morning and evening Bible studies, primarily through our men's and women's ministries, will be hosted at the church building. Groups will meet in our multi-purpose room and under the pavilion with social distancing parameters. Sign-ups for groups of approximately 8-12 individuals will be available in the coming weeks.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP

With the restrictions social distancing places on childcare, we do not believe that we can safely operate our School of Discipleship on Sunday mornings this fall. That said, we do intend to provide high quality educational resources for our church through a virtual School of Discipleship. Video lectures will be released for the adults each week beginning on September 13, 2020. Our children's ministry will also release a video and provide families with an at home curriculum that will walk the children of Christ Church through the Ten Commandments this fall.

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chuck Colson

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

⊕ CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 95

Come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving!

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God,

And we are the people of his pasture!

INVOCATION

HYMN

Let's Go Up to the House of God

Words: Colson | Music: Zipf

Let's go up to the house of God,
The rock of our salvation.
Let's bow down and worship him
In adoration!

Chorus:

Let's go up! Let's go up!
Let's go up to the house of God!

Let's go up to the house of God;
Ascend his holy hill.
Come, seek his light and his truth;
And listen to his will.

Let's go up to the mount of God,
A house of prayer for all;
To pour out our hearts to him
Who listens when we call!

Let's go up to the house of God
To plead he bring the day
When our Savior comes again
And calls us from our graves!

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

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Words: Nettleton | Music: Robinson

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor,
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above.

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 94

¹ O LORD, God of vengeance,

O God of vengeance, shine forth!

² Rise up, O judge of the earth;

repay to the proud what they deserve!

³ O LORD, how long shall the wicked,

how long shall the wicked exult?

⁴ They pour out their arrogant words;

all the evildoers boast.

⁵ They crush your people, O LORD,

and afflict your heritage.

⁶ They kill the widow and the sojourner,

and murder the fatherless;

⁷ and they say, “The LORD does not see;

the God of Jacob does not perceive.”

⁸ Understand, O dullest of the people!

Fools, when will you be wise?

⁹ He who planted the ear, does he not hear?

He who formed the eye, does he not see?

¹⁰ He who disciplines the nations, does he not rebuke?

He who teaches man knowledge—

¹¹ the LORD—knows the thoughts of man,

that they are but a breath.

¹² Blessed is the man whom you discipline, O LORD,

and whom you teach out of your law,

¹³ to give him rest from days of trouble,

until a pit is dug for the wicked.

- ¹⁴ For the LORD will not forsake his people;
he will not abandon his heritage;
- ¹⁵ for justice will return to the righteous,
and all the upright in heart will follow it.
- ¹⁶ Who rises up for me against the wicked?
Who stands up for me against evildoers?
- ¹⁷ If the LORD had not been my help,
my soul would soon have lived in the
land of silence.
- ¹⁸ When I thought, “My foot slips,”
your steadfast love, O LORD, held me up.
- ¹⁹ When the cares of my heart are many,
your consolations cheer my soul.
- ²⁰ Can wicked rulers be allied with you,
those who frame injustice by statute?
- ²¹ They band together against the life of the
righteous and condemn the innocent to death.
- ²² But the LORD has become my stronghold,
and my God the rock of my refuge.
- ²³ He will bring back on them their iniquity
and wipe them out for their
wickedness;
the LORD our God will wipe them out.

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!

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

³ Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. ⁴ In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. ⁵ And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord,
nor be weary when reproved by him.

⁶ For the Lord disciplines the one he loves,
and chastises every son whom he receives.”

⁷ It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? ⁸ If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. ⁹ Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? ¹⁰ For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but he disciplines us for our good, that we may share his holiness. ¹¹ For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

¹² Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, ¹³ and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. ¹⁴ Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. ¹⁵ See to it that no one fails to obtain the

grace of God; that no “root of bitterness” springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;¹⁶ that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal.¹⁷ For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Look to Jesus
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

Carl Ashauer

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

⊕ 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

I Stand Amazed
Words & Music: Gabriel

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how he could love me
A sinner condemned, unclean

Chorus:

O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
And my song shall ever be.
O how marvelous! O how wonderful!
Is my Saviour's love for me.

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy though the ages
To sing of His love for me

BENEDICTION

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

Toby & Lindsey Ragland, with their four daughters, are members at Christ Church. Toby works with College Golf Fellowship, seeking to share the gospel with and make disciples of college golfers on the campuses of UNF, UF, and UCF. His desire is to see college golfers give themselves to the service of Jesus inside and outside of the golfing world.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

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