

CALENDAR *of* EVENTS

September 9 (6.30p)	Officers' Meeting
September 11 (7-8.30p)	High Life at the Ringhavers'
September 12 (6.30p)	Mom's Night Out
September 15 (10.30a)	Worship Service
September 17 (6.30p)	An Evening with Nancy Guthrie

MEN'S SMALL GROUPS

In an effort to strengthen fellowship and growth, the men of Christ Church are invited to gather in men's small groups this semester. These groups will consist of 4-6 men gathering regularly together for the purposes of fellowship, accountability, prayer, and study. If you're interested, sign up online or there will be a sheet on the welcome table in the back of the Ramada. For more information, please contact John Lawler.

DEACON'S FUND OFFERING

Along with Communion, we will have a special Deacon's Fund offering today. If you would like to participate, you can designate a check for the Deacon's Fund and place it in the offering plate or in the special offering plates in the back of the sanctuary.

AN EVENING WITH NANCY GUTHRIE

All Christ Church women are invited to join us at Leyda Moreno's on Tuesday, September 17 (6.30-8.30p) for an evening with Nancy Guthrie. Nancy is an international Bible teacher, speaker, and author of the books *Even Better than Eden*, *The Wisdom of God*, & *Holding on to Hope*.

ORDER *of* WORSHIP

Twelfth Sunday after Trinity • September 8, 2019

————— 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 47

Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy! For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared!

A great king over all the earth!

Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth!

INVOCATION

Alec Cotton

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne:
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his wondering eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown Him the Lord of heav'n, one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for thou for us hast died;
Be thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

Words: Bridges

Music: Thring

CONFESSION OF SIN

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

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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 delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your name. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊕ HYMN

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

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, oh, 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.

Words: Wesley

Music: Thompson

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

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 has spoken through the Prophets.

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.

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

Children, ages 3-1st grade, are dismissed for Children's Chapel. They will return to the sanctuary to join their family for the collection of the offering.

HEAR *the* WORD of GOD

PSALM OF THE DAY

Psalm 132

- ¹ Remember, O Lord, in David's favor,
all the hardships he endured,
² how he swore to the Lord
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
³ "I will not enter my house
or get into my bed,
⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵ until I find a place for the Lord,
a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."
⁶ Behold, we heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place;
let us worship at his footstool!"
⁸ Arise, O Lord, and go to your resting place,
you and the ark of your might.
⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your saints shout for joy.
¹⁰ For the sake of your servant David,
do not turn away the face of your anointed one.
¹¹ The Lord swore to David a sure oath
from which he will not turn back:
"One of the sons of your body
I will set on your throne.
¹² If your sons keep my covenant
and my testimonies that I shall teach them,
their sons also forever
shall sit on your throne."

- ¹³ For the Lord has chosen Zion;
he has desired it for his dwelling place:
- ¹⁴ “This is my resting place forever;
here I will dwell, for I have desired it.
- ¹⁵ I will abundantly bless her provisions;
I will satisfy her poor with bread.
- ¹⁶ Her priests I will clothe with salvation,
and her saints will shout for joy.
- ¹⁷ There I will make a horn to sprout for David;
I have prepared a lamp for my anointed.
- ¹⁸ His enemies I will clothe with shame,
but on him his crown will shine.”

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!

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 1.1-7

¹ Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, ³ concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh ⁴ and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, ⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, ⁶ including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

After the lesson, we respond:

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

A Sure Oath
Chuck Colson

RESPOND *to* GOD

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.

⊕ GREETING GOD'S PEOPLE

The peace of the LORD be always with you!

And also with you!

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

Then, after the offering, we thank God for his gifts by singing the 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.**

CELEBRATE *the* LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THANKSGIVING & PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

It is right to give him thanks and praise!

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Then, the pastor continues in prayer by giving thanks to God for our salvation in Jesus Christ and sets apart the bread and wine for the meal.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Ushers will invite the congregation to come forward down the outer aisles. All baptized Christians, who are seeking to walk in repentance and faith, are welcome to join us at the table. Children, who are not communing members of the church, are invited to come forward with their families for prayer.

HYMN

Abide with Me

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide:
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes:
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

Words: Lyte

Music: Monk

HYMN

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Words: Byrne

Music: Hull

HYMN

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Chorus:

O precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
For my cleansing this my plea,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for this atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Words & Music: Lowry

⊕ HYMN

Christ Our King

In might, the Father of glory
Raised Jesus out of the dead;
And seating our Lord in splendor
Crowned him th' exalted head.

Chorus:

Every tribe, come bow in tribute;
Every tongue proclaim his praise!
Jesus, name above all names
Christ our King over all reigns!

Can a mortal name be spoken
Passing that on him bestowed?
Christ, whose shame made his glory,
His cross the way to the throne.

He reigns, to break earth's bondage,
Ending all futility.
He will crush death's dominion,
And at long last set us free.

Words: Colson

Music: Zipf

MINISTRY *of the* WEEK

INTERNATIONAL

Josh and Anna Dickenson, and their sons, Daniel and Jacob, live in Bundibugyo, Uganda, working with Serge with a focus on using clean water projects as a vehicle for sharing the Gospel. God's heart for the poor has inspired Josh and Anna to live and minister to the Babwisi, Bakongo, and Bwamba tribes in Bundibugyo. They envision a life of walking alongside these diverse friends and serving God there through preaching, healing, and equipping. They are currently in the States on home assignment for a sabbatical.

LOCAL

Seamark Ranch is a nurturing Christian home and family system that gives children from families in crisis the tools they need for a brighter future. Through a family home model, a specialized residential school, and the lessons of life on a working farm community, Seamark Ranch provides the ideal setting for love, stabilization, healing, education, and empowerment.

ITEMS *for* PRAYER

HEALTH CONCERNS: Branson Bishop; Gar Gurganious; Hector Harima; Jay Kirk; George Mitchell

ON DEPLOYMENT: Chris Manchigiah (Mollie)