

Prelude and Silent Prayer

You have made us for Yourself, O Lord, and caused our hearts to be disquieted until they find rest in You. – Augustine of Hippo

To prepare for worship, please be seated when the prelude begins.

** Denotes congregation standing.*

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***God Calls His People to Worship** *Revelation 5:12b-13*

... “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom, and strength and honor and glory and blessing!” And every creature which is in heaven and on the earth and under the earth and such as are in the sea and all that are in them, I heard saying: “Blessing and honor and glory and power be to Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb forever and ever!” AMEN

God’s People Respond to His Call to Worship

(Hymn 164)

*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.*

*He speaks and, list’ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.*

*He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood avails for me.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen’d tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.
AMEN*

***Responsive Reading: Psalm 2**

Leader: Why do the nations rage, and the people plot a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying,

Congregation: “Let us break their bonds in pieces and cast away their cords from us.”

Leader: He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; the Lord shall hold them in derision.

Congregation: Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, and distress them in His deep displeasure:

Leader: “Yet I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion.”

Congregation: “I will declare the decree: the Lord has said to Me, ‘You are My Son, today I have begotten You. Ask of Me, and I will give You the nations for Your inheritance, and the ends of the earth for Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter’s vessel.’”

Leader: Now therefore, be wise, O kings; be instructed, you judges of the

earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling.

Congregation: Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. AMEN

***Psalm 2 Book of Psalms for Singing**

God Calls His People to Repentance

Hebrews 12:28-29 ...Since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. For our God is a consuming fire. AMEN

God’s People Respond by Confessing Their Sins

Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

Congregation: Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. 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

God Assures His People of their Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8, 10, & 12 The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor punished us according to our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

***God’s People Respond with Praise for the Forgiveness of Sins**

***Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing Hymn
457**

God’s People Confess Their Faith

***The Nicene Creed Trinity Hymnal Page 846**

God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares upon Him

1 John 5:14-15 Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. AMEN

God’s People Respond by Bringing Their Petitions

Prayer of Intercession followed by **The Lord’s Prayer**

God’s People Worship by Bringing Their Tithes and Offerings

*Offertory, followed by **The Doxology*

God Speaks to His People through His Word

**The Reading of the Scriptures: Ephesians 5:1-21*

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon Practical Ways to Redeem the Time

***We Are God’s People Hymn 355**

God Communes with His People

Leader: God is good!

Congregation: All the time!

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Let us pray.

Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving

Congregation: Merciful Father, we lift our eyes from the visible elements even as we lift up our hearts to heaven itself, where Jesus Christ is, seated on the right hand of the Father, from where He shall come again to complete our redemption, in whom all the promises of God are fulfilled, and all spiritual blessings are to be found. In joy of heart, in brotherly union, in Christian love we come to partake of Your table, giving thanks for the great love which You have shown to us through Christ our Lord. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

***Let All Things Now Living Hymn 125**

God Commissions His People

Ezekiel 37:26-27 ...I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. AMEN

****Benediction**

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

- Dance class from 7-9pm on Friday, March 13th in the Fellowship Hall

- Financial Peace University – Start date to be determined

Christ Church

To our guests: We are delighted that you have joined us for our covenant renewal worship! Our liturgy begins with God calling His people into His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise (Ps. 100:4). As we draw nearer to God, we confess our sins together and receive cleansing in the blood of Jesus (Eph. 2:11-14). Clothed in the covering of His righteousness, we proclaim our faith and offer our prayers as incense before the throne of God (Rev. 5:8). After hearing the Word of the Lord and its exhortation, we are consecrated to approach the throne of grace, commune with the Lamb of God, and renew our covenant with the Lord of glory at His table (Heb. 4:14-16). Finally, God sends us out into the world with His lessons to extend Jesus' kingdom on earth (John 17:17-18; Matt. 28:18-20).

All those baptized into Jesus Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper as a means of renewing our faith and our vows of covenant love and fidelity with Christ, who is with us by His Spirit, and with the church, which is His Body. We serve both wine and grape juice for communion. If you have a preference, please inform the elder who is distributing the elements.

Morning worship is at **9:30 AM**, followed by coffee & fellowship. Men's Bible Study and Ladies' Meetings are held regularly; please ask for details.

*Worshiping Christ and equipping God's people
to extend His Lordship
down through our generations
and out into the world.*

For more information please check out our website at:
www.ChristChurchBranchCove.org

Elders: Keith Diamond and Ted Phillips
Deacons: Christopher Diamond, Daniel Ferrill, Chris King,
John LaBreche, and Alan Marsh

**The Lord's Day
Covenant Renewal Service
March 15, 2015**

Sunday Service Teams	Officer	Partner Families
March	D. Ferrill	McCoy, Porter, Reese
April	A. Marsh	Taylor, White, Brodock, J. Phillips
May	C. King	T. Phillips, Wheeler
June	C. Diamond	K. Diamond, Stephens, D. Phillips
July	J. LaBreche	Crawford, Vest, Anderson, Randall

Sermon Notes