

### **Prelude and Silent Prayer**

*And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel, who also said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will so come in like manner as you saw Him go into heaven."*  
**Acts 1:10-11**

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

*\* Denotes congregation standing.*

*\*\* Denotes congregation standing, and lifting of hands.*

### **\*God Calls His People to Worship**     *Isaiah 44:22-23*

*I have blotted out, like a thick cloud, your transgressions, and like a cloud, your sins. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you." Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it! Shout, you lower parts of the earth; break forth into singing, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and glorified Himself in Israel.*  
**AMEN**

### **God's People Respond to His Call to Worship**

*(Hymn 660)*

*O God beyond all praising, we worship You today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end;  
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.*

*Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:  
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.     **AMEN***

### **\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 22:27-31**

*Leader: All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before You.*

*Congregation: For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations.*

*Leader: All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship;*

*Congregation: All those who go down to the dust shall bow before Him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.*

*Leader: A posterity shall serve Him. It will be recounted of the Lord to the next generation,*

*Congregation: They will come and declare His righteousness to a*

*people who will be born, that He has done this.     **AMEN***

### **\*Psalm 22I     Book of Psalms for Singing**

### **God Calls His People to Repentance**     *Isaiah 64:6-7*

*But we are all like an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are like filthy rags; we all fade as a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. And there is no one who calls on Your name, who stirs himself up to take hold of You; for You have hidden Your face from us, and have consumed us because of our iniquities.     **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: O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; who pardons all such as truly repent and turn to You; we humbly confess our sins, and implore Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently; neither have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercy, nor walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within us. Cast us not away from Your presence, and take not Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore unto us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with your free Spirit. In Jesus' 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**

#### **Westminster Confession of Faith – 5.1**

*Leader: Christians, what do you believe concerning God's works of providence?*

*Congregation: God the great Creator of all things doth uphold, direct, dispose, and govern all creatures, actions, and things, from the greatest even to the least, by His most wise and holy providence, according to His infallible foreknowledge, and the free and immutable counsel of His own will, to the praise of the glory of His wisdom, power, justice, goodness, and mercy.     **AMEN***

### **God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares upon Him**

*Matthew 18:19-20 Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.     **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:     Luke 24:46-53; Daniel 7:13-14*

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

The Sermon:     **"The Ascension: For He Must Reign"**

*\*All Authority and Power     Hymn 453*

### **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: Almighty Father, Whose dear Son, on the night before He suffered, did institute the Sacrament of His Body and Blood; mercifully grant that we may thankfully receive the same in remembrance of Him, Who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of life eternal; Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, Who now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end.     **AMEN***

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

*\*At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing     Hymn 420*

### **God Commissions His People**

*Matthew*

*28:18-20*

*And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age."     **AMEN***

### **\*\*Benediction**

*\*Congregational Response     Hymn 385*

*God be with you till we meet again, by His counsels guide, uphold you,  
With His sheep securely fold you: God be with you till we meet again.  
**AMEN***

# Christ Church

## **Opportunities for Fellowship and Service**

**- Ladies' Meeting at the Phillips' home at 6:30pm on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> – RSVP to Karen Phillips**

***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.*

*For more information please check out our website at:  
[www.ChristChurchBranchCove.org](http://www.ChristChurchBranchCove.org)*

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

## ***Sermon Notes***

### **Sunday Service Teams**

<b>May</b>	<b>C. King</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>C. Diamond</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>J. LaBreche</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>D. Ferrill</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>A. Marsh</b>

### **Officer**

### **Partner Families**

**T. Phillips, Wheeler**  
**K. Diamond, Stephens, D. Phillips**  
**Crawford, Vest, Anderson, Randall**  
**McCoy, Reese**  
**Taylor, White, Brodock, J. Phillips**

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

***The Lord's Day  
Covenant Renewal Service  
May 17, 2015***