

## ***Prelude and Silent Prayer***

*I will extol You, my God, O King; and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; and His greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts. I will meditate on the glorious splendor of Your majesty, and on Your wondrous works. Men shall speak of the might of Your awesome acts, and I will declare Your greatness. They shall utter the memory of Your great goodness, and shall sing of Your righteousness. –Psalm 145:1-7*

*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** *Psalm 150*

*Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary;*

*Praise Him in His mighty firmament! Praise Him for His mighty acts;*

*Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

*Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!*

*Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;*

*Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!*

*Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!*

*Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord! AMEN*

## **\* God’s People Respond to His Call to Worship**

*(Psalm 150 – Tune of Lo He Comes with Clouds Descending)*

*Praise the LORD, to God give praises;*

*Praise Him in His holy place.*

*Praise Him in His mighty heavens;*

*For His mighty deeds give praise.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,*

*He is excellent and great.*

*Praise with harp and lyre and trumpet;*

*Praise from strings and pipes be poured.*

*Praise with tambour--ine and dancing;*

*With loud cymbals, praise accord.*

*Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah,*

*All with breath, O praise the LORD. AMEN*

## **\* Responsive Reading: Psalm 148**

*Leader: Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise Him*

*in the heights! Praise Him, all His angels; praise Him, all His hosts!*

*Congregation: Praise Him, sun and moon; praise Him all you stars of light! Praise Him, you heavens of heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for He commanded and they were created.*

*Leader: He also established them forever and ever; He made a decree which shall not pass away. Praise the LORD from the earth, you great sea creatures and all the depths; fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy winds fulfilling His word; mountains and all hills; fruitful trees and all cedars;*

*Congregation: Beasts and all cattle; creeping things and flying fowl; kings of the earth and all peoples; princes and all judges of the earth; both young men and maidens; old men and children.*

*Leader: Let them praise the name of the LORD, for His name alone is exalted; His glory is above the earth and heaven.*

*Congregation: And He has exalted the horn of His people, the praise of all His saints – of the children of Israel, a people near to Him. Praise the LORD. AMEN*

## **\* Book of Psalms for Singing** **Psalm 148**

## **God Calls His People to Repentance** *Romans 6:19-21*

*For just as you presented your members as slaves of uncleanness, and of lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves of righteousness for holiness. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. What fruit did you have then in the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. 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 103:8-13, 17-18: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him. The steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to our children's children, to those who keep His covenant. AMEN*

*Leader: Our sins are forgiven!*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

## **God’s People Respond with Praise for Forgiveness**

*\* Book of Psalms for Singing* *Psalm 65A*

## **God’s People Confess Their Faith**

*\* The Apostles’ Creed* *Trinity Hymnal Page 845*

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

*Psalm 34:2-4: My soul shall make its boast in the Lord; the humble shall hear of it and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. AMEN*

## **God’s People Respond by Bringing Their Petitions**

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

## **God’s People Worship by Bringing Tithes & Offerings**

*Offertory, followed by \*\* The Doxology*

## **God Speaks to His People through His Word**

*\* The Reading of the Scriptures*

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

*The Sermon*

*\* The God of Abraham Praise* *Hymn 34*

## **God Communes with His People**

*Elder: God is good!*

*Congregation: All the time!*

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

## **Corporate Prayer of Thanksgiving**

*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**

**\* How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place**

**Hymn 469**

**God Commissions His People**

*Ezekiel 37:26-27*

*Moreover 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**

**Hymn 733**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! AMEN*

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**Opportunities for Fellowship and Service:**

- **Fellowship Meal – Next Lord's Day (Potluck)!**
- **Men's Meeting – Wednesday, August 19, 6:30pm**
- **Rally at Planned Parenthood, Saturday, August 22, 9:30am**

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*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.*

<b>Sunday Service Teams</b>	<b>Officer</b>	<b>Partner Families</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>D. Ferrill</b>	<b>McCoy, Reese, Machamer</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>A. Marsh</b>	<b>Brodock, J. Phillips</b>
<b>October</b>	<b>C. King</b>	<b>T. Phillips, Wheeler</b>
<b>November</b>	<b>C. Diamond</b>	<b>K. Diamond, Stephens, D. Phillips</b>
<b>December</b>	<b>J. LaBreche</b>	<b>Crawford, Vest, Anderson, Randall</b>

*For more information please visit our website at:  
**ChristChurchBranchCove.org***

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

# Christ Church

***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  
August 9, 2015***