

### **Prelude and Silent Prayer**

*Most modern freedom is at root fear. It is not so much that we are too bold to endure rules; it is rather that we are too timid to endure responsibilities.*  
**G.K. Chesterton**

*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 24:1-2, 9-10*

*The earth is the Lord's, and all its fullness, the world and those who dwell therein. For He has founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the waters... Lift up your heads, O you gates! Lift up, you everlasting doors! And the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, He is the King of glory. AMEN*

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

*(Psalm 65A)*

*Praise waits for Thee in Zion! To Thee vows paid shall be.  
O God, of prayer the hearer, all flesh shall come to Thee.  
Iniquities are daily prevailing over me,  
But all of our transgressions are covered o'er by Thee.*

*How blessed the man Thou choosest and bringest near to Thee,  
That in Thy courts forever his dwelling place may be.  
We shall within Thy temple be wholly satisfied  
And filled with all the goodness Thy sacred courts provide.*

*O God of our salvation, Thou in Thy righteousness  
With awesome deeds and wonders Thine answer wilt express,  
O Thou in Whom confiding all ends of earth agree,  
And people who are sailing upon the farthest sea.  
AMEN*

### **\*Responsive Reading: Psalm 40:5-10**

*Leader: Many, O Lord my God, are Your wonderful works which You have done; and Your thoughts toward us cannot be recounted to You in order; if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.*

*Congregation: Sacrifice and offering You did not desire; my ears You have opened. Burnt offering and sin offering You did not require.*

*Leader: Then I said, "Behold, I come; in the scroll of the book it is written of me. I delight to do Your will, O my God, and Your law is within my heart."*

*Congregation: I have proclaimed the good news of righteousness in the great assembly; indeed, I do not restrain my lips, O Lord, You Yourself know.*

*Leader: I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart; I have declared Your faithfulness and Your salvation;*

*Congregation: I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great assembly. AMEN*

### **\*Psalm 40C Book of Psalms for Singing**

### **God Calls His People to Repentance** *Romans 7:18-19, 22-24*

*For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh) nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but how to perform what is good I do not find. For the good that I will to do, I do not do; but the evil I will not to do, that I practice... For I delight in the law of God according to the inward man. But I see another law in my members, warring against the law of my mind, and bringing me into captivity to the law of sin which is in my members. O wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of 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: 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**

*Romans 7:24b-25a* *Who will deliver me from this body of death? I thank God – through Jesus Christ our Lord! AMEN*

*Leader: Our sins are forgiven!*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

### **\*God's People Respond with Praise for the Forgiveness of Sins**

*\*We Are God's People*

**Hymn 355**

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

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

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

*Jonah 2:2-3, 7* *I cried out to the Lord because of my affliction, and He answered me. Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and You heard my voice. For You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the floods surrounded me; all Your billows and Your waves passed over me... When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer went up to You, into Your holy temple. 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: Acts 18:3*

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

The Sermon: **Your Job and Your Calling**

*\*God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory* **Hymn 122**

### **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*

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

### **God Commissions His People**

*Ephesians*

*4:1b-3*

*...Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 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*

### **Opportunities for Fellowship and Service**

**- Reformation Celebration Friday, October 30, 6:00pm – R.S.V.P. to Daniel Ferrill**

# 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.

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

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

**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  
September 27, 2015**