

# Christ Church

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

Covenant Renewal Worship  
Lord's Day, June 26, 2016  
9:30 am

Meditation

When Christ returned to heaven, He withdrew His physical presence from our sight. He didn't stop being with the disciples but by the ascension fulfilled His promise to be with us to the end of the world. As His body was raised to heaven, so His power and reign have spread to the uttermost parts.

*John Calvin*

## God Calls Us to Worship

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! ...Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children! Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. **AMEN**

*Psalm 148:1, 11-13*

### Rejoice, the Lord Is King

1 Rejoice, the Lord is King;  
your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.

*Refrain*

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

2 Jesus the Savior reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above. *Refrain*

3 His kingdom cannot fail,  
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;

### Trinity Hymnal 310

the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus giv'n. *Refrain*

4 He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet. *Refrain*

5 Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home. *Refrain 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,**

Leader: "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."

**Congregation: Now therefore, be wise, O kings;  
be instructed, you judges of the earth.**

Leader: Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little.

**Congregation: Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him. AMEN**

## Psalm 2

## Book of Psalms for Singing

Why do heathen nations rage?  
Why do peoples folly mind?  
Kings of earth in plots engage,  
Rulers are in league combined;  
Then against Jehovah high,  
And against Messiah's sway,  
"Let us break their bands", they cry,  
"Let us cast their cords away."

But the Lord will scorn them all;  
He will laugh Who sits on high.  
Then His wrath will on them fall;  
Sore displeased He will reply:  
"Yet according to My will  
I have set My King to reign,  
And on Zion's holy hill  
My Anointed I'll maintain."

His decree I will make known:

Unto me the Lord did say,  
"Thou art My beloved Son;  
I've begotten Thee this day.  
Ask of Me, and Thee I'll make  
Heir to earth and nations all;  
Them with iron Thou shalt break,  
Dashing them in pieces small."

Therefore, kings, be wise, give ear;  
Hearken, judges of the earth;  
Serve the Lord with godly fear;  
Mingle trembling with your mirth.  
Kiss the Son, His wrath to turn,  
Let ye perish in the way,  
For His anger soon will burn.  
Blessed are all that on Him stay. **AMEN**

## Confession of Sin

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return: "To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance." **AMEN** *Isaiah 45:22-23*

## Silent Confession followed by Corporate Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins to Almighty God.

**Congregation: Lord Jesus, we sin.**  
Grant that we may never cease grieving because of it,  
Never be content with self,  
Never think we can reach a point of perfection.  
Kill our envy, command our tongues, trample down self.  
Give us grace to be holy, kind, gentle, pure, peaceable,  
To live for You and not for self, to copy Your words, acts, spirit,  
To be transformed into Your likeness, to be consecrated wholly to You,  
To live entirely to Your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN**

## Assurance of Pardon

"Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; to him shall come and be ashamed all who were incensed against him. In the Lord all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory." **AMEN** *Isaiah 45:24-25*

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation: Thanks be to God!**

## The Nicene Creed

Trinity Hymnal, page 846

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilot; he suffered and was buried;  
and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory,  
to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;

And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. AMEN

## O God, the Rock of Ages

Trinity Hymnal 28

1 O God, the Rock of Ages,  
who evermore hast been,  
what time the tempest rages,  
our dwelling place serene:  
before thy first creations,  
O Lord, the same as now,  
to endless generations  
the Everlasting Thou!

2 Our years are like the shadows  
on sunny hills that lie,  
or grasses in the meadows  
that blossom but to die;  
a sleep, a dream, a story  
by strangers quickly told,  
and unremaining glory  
of things that soon are old.

3 O thou who canst not slumber,  
whose light grows never pale,  
teach us aright to number  
our years before they fail;  
on us thy mercy lighten,  
on us thy goodness rest,  
and let thy Spirit brighten  
the hearts thyself hast blessed.

4 Lord, crown our faith's endeavor  
with beauty and with grace,  
till, clothed in light forever,  
we see thee face to face:

a joy no language measures;  
a fountain brimming o'er;  
an endless flow of pleasures;  
an ocean without shore. **AMEN**

## Confession of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

**Congregation:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
He descended into Hades.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. **AMEN**

## Intercessory Prayer

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. . . . For there is one God, and there is one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. **AMEN**  
*1 Timothy 2:1-2, 5*

## Leader Prays

**Congregation:** Our Father in heaven,  
Hallowed be Your name.  
Your kingdom come.  
Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts,  
As we forgive our debtors.  
And do not lead us into temptation,  
But deliver us from the evil one.  
For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.

**AMEN**

## Tithes and Offerings

## Doxology

## God Consecrates Us with His Word

### The Reading of the Scriptures

Galatians 3:26-4:7

Leader: The word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

## The Sermon

Daniel Ferrill “Growing Up”

### Notes

#### **Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

#### **Trinity Hymnal 342**

1 Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the head and cornerstone,  
chosen of the Lord and precious,  
binding all the church in one;  
holy Zion's help forever  
and her confidence alone.

2 All that dedicated city,  
dearly loved of God on high,  
in exultant jubilation  
pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
in glad hymns eternally.

3 To this temple, where we call thee,  
come, O Lord of hosts today:  
with thy wonted loving-kindness  
hear thy people as they pray;  
and thy fullest benediction  
shed within its walls alway.

4 Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
what they ask of thee to gain,  
what they gain from thee forever  
with the blessed to retain,  
and hereafter in thy glory  
evermore with thee to reign.

5 Laud and honor to the Father,  
laud and honor to the Son,  
laud and honor to the Spirit,  
ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory,  
while unending ages run. **AMEN**

## **God Communes With Us**

Elder:        God is good!

**Congregation: All the time!**

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

**Congregation: It is truly appropriate and right that we should at all times  
and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty everlasting God.  
But it is especially fitting that we should now,  
gathered around this table,  
thank You for Your gracious covenant promises to us in Christ.  
Remember, Father, our Lord's humble birth,  
His holy life, His innocent sufferings and death,  
and His resurrection and ascension for us.  
Faithfully keep Your covenant with us for Jesus' sake  
and come now to nourish and equip us for service in Your kingdom.  
By Your Spirit make the body and blood of our Lord  
life-giving nourishment for Your people;  
in Jesus' name we pray. AMEN**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing**

**Trinity Hymnal 420**

1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who has washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2 Where the paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
paschal victim, paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

3 Mighty victim from the sky,  
pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie;  
death is conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light:  
hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
holy Father, praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be. **AMEN**

## **God Commissions Us**

...To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. **AMEN**

*Revelation 1:5b-6*

## **Benediction**

### **God Be with You Till We Meet Again**

**Trinity Hymnal 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**

