

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

“Our lives are illustrations of heavenly goodness, parables of divine wisdom, poems of sacred thought, and records of infinite love; happy are we whose lives are such tales....yet is life long enough for virtue and piety and all too long for vice and blasphemy.” -Charles Spurgeon

*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 9:1-2***

*I will praise You, O LORD, with my whole heart;*

*I will tell of all Your marvelous works.*

*I will be glad and rejoice in You;*

*I will sing praise to Your name, O Most High. AMEN*

### **\* God’s People Respond to His Call to Worship (Hymn 116)**

*For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow’r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind’s delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv’n,  
Graces human and divine, flow’rs of earth and buds of heav’n,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. AMEN*

### **\* Responsive Reading: *Psalm 128***

*Leader: Blessed is every one who fears the LORD, who walks in His ways.*

*Congregation: When you eat the labor of your hands, you shall be happy, and it shall be well with you.*

*Leader: Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the very heart of your house, your children like olive plants all around your table.*

*Congregation: Behold, thus shall the man be blessed who fears the LORD.*

*Leader: The LORD bless you out of Zion, and may you see the good of Jerusalem all the days of your life.*

*Congregation: Yes, may you see your children’s children. Peace be upon Israel! AMEN*

### **\* Book of Psalms *Psalm 128B***

### **God Calls His People to Repentance *2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1***

*And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them and walk among them. I will be their God, and they shall be My people.” Therefore*

*“Come out from among them and be separate, says the Lord. Do not touch what is unclean, and I will receive you.” “I will be a Father to you, and you shall be My sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”*

*Therefore, having these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 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: 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 Thee and not for self,*

*To copy Thy words, acts, spirit,*

*To be transformed into Thy likeness,*

*To be consecrated wholly to Thee,*

*To live entirely to Thy glory*

*Through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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**

*\* And Can It Be That I Should Gain*

*Hymn 455*

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

*\* The Apostles’ Creed*

*Trinity Hymnal Page 845*

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

*Psalm 102:1-2: Hear my prayer, O LORD, and let my cry come to You. Do not hide Your face from me in the day of my trouble; Incline Your ear to me; In the day that I call, answer me speedily. 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*

*Acts 2*

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

*The Sermon:*

*“Pentecost”*

*\* Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

*Hymn 335*

### **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**

*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**

*\* A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

*Hymn 92*

### **God Commissions His People**

*1 Thessalonians 3:12-13*

*He has shown you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with your God? AMEN*

**\*\* Benediction**

*Sermon Notes*

**\* 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*

# *Christ Church*

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**Opportunities for Fellowship and Service:**

- **Ladies' Meeting – Tuesday, May 26, 6:30pm – RSVP to Karen**
- **Financial Peace University – Wednesday, May 27, 6:30pm**
- **Service Project – Coming Up Soon**

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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>May</b>	<b>C. King</b>	<b>T. Phillips, Wheeler</b>
<b>June</b>	<b>C. Diamond</b>	<b>K. Diamond, Stephens, D. Phillips</b>
<b>July</b>	<b>J. LaBreche</b>	<b>Crawford, Vest, Anderson, Randall</b>
<b>August</b>	<b>D. Ferrill</b>	<b>McCoy, Reese</b>
<b>September</b>	<b>A. Marsh</b>	<b>Taylor, Brodock, J. Phillips</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*

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

**Pentecost  
Covenant Renewal Service  
May 24, 2015**