

Prelude and Silent Prayer
O Holy Spirit, descend plentifully into my heart. Enlighten the dark corners of this neglected dwelling and scatter there Thy cheerful beams. St. Augustine

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

** Denotes congregation standing.*

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***God Calls His People to Worship:** Psalm 95:1-3

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD! Let us shout joyfully to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to Him with psalms. For the LORD is the great God, and the great King above all gods. AMEN

God's People Respond to His Call to Worship

(Hymn 164)

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy name.*

*He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, He sets the prisoner free;
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood avails for me.*

*He speaks and, list'ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

AMEN

***Responsive Reading from the "Te Deum Laudamus"**

*Leader: We praise Thee, O God; we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.*

*Congregation: To Thee all angels cry aloud; the heavens and all the powers therein. To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,
"Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory."*

Leader: The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee. The noble army of martyrs praise Thee. The holy Church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee; the Father of an infinite majesty; Thine honourable, true, and only Son; also the Holy Ghost the comforter.

Congregation: Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ; Thou are the everlasting Son of the Father... When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, Thou didst open the Kingdom of Heaven to all believers.

Leader: Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that Thou shalt come to be our Judge. We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants, whom Thou has redeemed with Thy precious

blood. Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

Congregation: O Lord, save Thy people, and bless Thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify Thee; we worship Thy Name ever, world without end. AMEN

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty**

Hymn 53

God Calls His People to Repentance: Micah 6:1-2

Hear now what the Lord says: "Arise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, O you mountains, the Lord's complaint, and you strong foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a complaint against His people.... 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

Micah 7:18-19 Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

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

***Psalm 51D**

Book of Psalms for Singing

God's People Confess Their Faith

***The Nicene Creed**

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God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares upon Him

Ephesians 6:18 With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints. 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:

Ephesians 4:11-32

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

The Sermon:

"Body Building"

***O God, the Rock of Ages**

Hymn 28

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: God of all good,

I bless Thee for the means of grace.

Thou hast prepared for me a feast;

And though I am unworthy to sit down as guest,

I wholly rest on the merits of Jesus,

And hide myself beneath His righteousness.

In the supper I remember His eternal love,

Boundless grace, infinite compassion, agony, cross,

Redemption, and receive assurance of pardon, adoption, life, glory.

As the outward elements nourish my body,

So may the indwelling Spirit invigorate my soul,

Until that day when I hunger and thirst no more,

And sit with Jesus at His heavenly feast. AMEN

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***For All the Saints**

Hymn 358

God Commissions His People *1 Thessalonians 3:12-13:*

And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints. AMEN

****Benediction**

*Congregational Response (Hymn 737)
Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

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*

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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 30, 2015*

Sermon Notes