

Prelude and Silent Prayer

By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name. Hebrews 13:15

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 33:1-3*

Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful. Praise the Lord with the harp; make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings. Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully with a shout of joy. AMEN

God's People Respond to His Call to Worship

(Hymn 101)

*Come, Thou Almighty King, help us Thy name to sing;
Help us to praise, Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,
Come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.*

*Come, Thou Incarnate Word, gird on Thy mighty sword,
Our prayer attend, come, and Thy people bless
And give Thy Word success, Spirit of holiness, on us descend.*

*Come, Holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour. Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of pow'r.*

*To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,
Hence evermore, His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. AMEN*

*** Responsive Reading: Psalm 96**

*Leader: Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Congregation: Sing to the Lord, bless His name; proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His wonders among all peoples.*

Leader: For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised; He is to be feared above all gods.

Congregation: For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

Leader: Honor and majesty are before Him; strength and beauty are in His sanctuary.

Congregation: Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, give to the Lord glory and strength.

Leader: Give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts.

Congregation: Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth. AMEN

***Book of Psalms for Singing**

Psalm 96A

God Calls His People to Repentance *Psalm 51:1-3*

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to Your lovingkindness; according to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is always before me. 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: *Holy Lord, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find Thy mind in Thy Word, of neglect to seek Thee in our daily life. Our transgressions and short-comings present us with a list of accusations, but we bless Thee that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every accretion of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of Thy grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in Thee. Then we shall bless Thee, O Father, for helping us to be upright. For Christ's sake, AMEN.*

God Assures His People of their Forgiveness

Psalm 34:17-18 The righteous cry out, and the Lord hears, and delivers them out of all their troubles. The Lord is near to those who have a broken heart, and saves such as have a contrite spirit. AMEN

Leader: Our sins are forgiven!

Congregation: *Thanks be to God!*

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

***O God, to Us Show Mercy**

Hymn 437

***Corporate Confession: Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 60**

How are you righteous before God?

Only by true faith in Jesus Christ; that is, although my conscience accuses me, that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God, and have never kept any of them, and am still prone always to all evil; yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never committed nor had any sins, and had myself accomplished all the obedience which Christ has fulfilled for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart. AMEN

God Calls His People to Cast Their Cares upon Him

Psalm 86:6-7, 10 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer; and attend to the voice of my supplications. In the day of my trouble I will call upon You, for You

will answer me... For You are great, and do wondrous things; You alone are God. 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 4:32-5:16

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Congregation: *Thanks be to God!*

The Sermon:

"The Apostolic Community"

***Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation**

Hymn 342

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: *Thanks be to You, O God, for Your presence and Your purpose, for Your lovingkindness and Your steadfast Spirit. May the blessings of this table strengthen our faith, increase our generosity, and unify our hearts, for we pray in the name of Jesus, the Risen One. AMEN*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

***Jesus, Lover of My Soul**

Hymn 508

God Commissions His People

I Corinthians 15:58

Elder: Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord. AMEN

****Benediction**

***Congregational Response**

Gloria Patri (735)

Opportunities for Fellowship and Service

- Reformation Celebration – Friday, October 30, 6:00pm

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

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

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

Christ Church

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

Sermon Notes

*The Lord's Day
Covenant Renewal Service
September 20, 2015*