

*Prelude and Silent Prayer*

*The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. Psalm 103:17-18*

*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:** *I Chronicles 16:28-29*

*Give to the Lord, O families of the peoples, give to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come before Him. Oh, worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness! AMEN*

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

*(Hymn 302)*

*Come, Christians, join to sing Alleluia! Amen!*

*Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let all, with heart and voice, before His throne rejoice;*

*Praise is His gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!*

*Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!*

*He is our Guide and Friend; to us He'll condescend;*

*His love shall never end. Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!*

*Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!*

*On heaven's blissful shore, His goodness we'll adore,*

*Singing forevermore, "Alleluia! Amen!" AMEN*

**\*Responsive Reading:**

*Leader: The Lord be with you.*

*Congregation: And also with you.*

*Leader: Lift up your hearts.*

*Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.*

*Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

*Congregation: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

*Leader: Blessed are You, Lord God of all creation. In the beginning You separated light from darkness, and placed all Your works in our hands.*

*You have given us the light of day that we might see Your wonders in all we say and do; You give us the gentle darkness of the night that we might rest from our burdens and be refreshed in body and spirit.*

*Congregation: Break through the darkness of our sins with the splendor of Your mercy and love. Send Your light to dispel our fears and anxieties and fill us with hope and joy.*

*Leader: Glory, praise, and honor are Yours, O God, through Jesus Christ our Lord,*

*Congregation: In the power of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN*

**\*Our God, Our Help in Ages Past**

**Hymn 30**

**God Calls His People to Repentance:** *Psalm 79:8-9 Oh, do not remember former iniquities against us! Let Your tender mercies come speedily to meet us, for we have been brought very low. Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of Your name, and deliver us, and provide atonement for our sins. 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**

*Romans 5:9-11 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation. AMEN*

**Leader:** Our sins are forgiven!

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God!

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

**\*Psalm 99C**

**Book of Psalms for Singing**

**\*God's People Confess Their Faith: Luther's Commentary on the Second Article of the Apostles Creed**

*We believe that Jesus Christ—true God, Son of the Father from eternity, and true Man, born of the Virgin Mary—is our Lord. He has redeemed us, lost and condemned persons, saved us at great cost from sin, death, and the power of the devil, not with silver or gold, but with His holy and precious blood and his innocent suffering and death. All this He has done that we may be His own, live under Him in His kingdom, and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead and lives and rules eternally. This is most certainly true. AMEN*

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

*Psalm 34:17-19: 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. Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but the Lord delivers him out of them all. 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:*

*Hebrews 12:1-3*

*Leader: The Word of the Lord.*

*Congregation: Thanks be to God!*

The Sermon: *"Transformational Vision: Worship, Lordship, & the Uniqueness of Our Church"*

**\*Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground**

**Hymn 518**

*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: O Lord our God, thank You for lifting our heads, raising us up, and seating us at this Your table as royal sons and daughters of Your kingdom. Thank You for the grace that is given here. Thank You for this reminder of our redemption, this food for our faith, and this hope for our future. Fix our eyes on the One who invites us here and gives Himself to us that we may feed on and with Him. May we eat this bread with joy and drink this wine with a merry heart knowing that God has already accepted our works. May we taste and see that the Lord is good. AMEN*

*The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper*

**\*Who Are These like Stars Appearing**

**Hymn 542**

**God Commissions His People**

*Micah 6:8*

*Leader: 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**

**\*Congregational Response**

**Hymn 737**

*Christ, We Do All Adore Thee*

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**Opportunities for Fellowship and Service**

*- Men's Meeting, Wednesday, October 21, 6:30 p.m. at the Fellowship Hall. RSVP to Daniel Ferrill by Monday, October 19.*

*- Reformation Celebration – Friday, October 30, 6:00 p.m.*

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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.*

*For more information please check out our website at:  
[www.ChristChurchBranchCove.org](http://www.ChristChurchBranchCove.org)*

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**Deacons:** Christopher Diamond, Daniel Ferrill, Chris King, John LaBreche, and Alan Marsh*

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

*Sermon Notes*

# 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  
October 4, 2015*