Christ Presbyterian Church

I have kept back nothing, but have declared to you the whole counsel of God. —Acts 20:27



Covenant Renewal Service

17 June 2018

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent; for here we meet with a holy God.

Before the service, speak to the Lord; during the service, let the Lord speak to you; after the service, speak to one another.

About Receiving Communion

All who trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, are baptized members in good standing of congregations that proclaim the gospel, are repentant of their sin and are at peace with their brothers and sisters in Christ are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, feeding on the grace of God by faith. If you have not put your trust in Christ, please allow the elements to pass you by and take this opportunity to meditate on the meaning of the Gospel.

A Word to Parents: Baptized children are invited to the table after they have made a profession of faith and have been received as communing members by the church to which their parents belong.

As instituted by our Lord, wine is the element used in the Lord's Supper to show forth his blood shed on our behalf (Mark 14:23–25; 1 Cor 10:16; 11:20–21, 25; 1 Tim 4:3–4). If, however, for reasons of conscience, you are not able to participate using wine, grape juice is provided in the center of the tray. Also, gluten-free crackers are available for those who cannot eat bread.

Nursery today: Mary Jo Canales

Emilie Miller

Next Sunday: Amanda Grimes

Jack Canales

Reflection

From at least the age of six, romantic longing—*Sehnsucht*—had played and unusually central part in my experience. Such longing is in itself the very reverse of wishful thinking; it is more like thoughtful wishing.

— C.S. Lewis Narrative Poems

Joy is distinct not only from pleasure in general but even from aesthetic pleasure. It must have the stab, the pang, the inconsolable longing.

— C.S. Lewis Surprised by Joy

We Prepare to Meet with God

Prelude

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean depths its flow May richer, fuller be.

O Light that fol-low'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee; My heart restores its bor-rowed ray, That in thy sunshine's blaze its day May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that sleekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel its promise is not vain That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there blossoms red Life that shall endless be.

Trinitarian Confession and Salutation

Minister: We are gathered in the Name of the Father,

and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Matthew 28:19

All: Our help is in the name of the LORD,

who made heaven and earth! Psalm 124:8

Minister: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. Jude 2

All: Amen.

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Minister: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

All: Serve the LORD with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Minister: Know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his;

All: we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Minister: Enter his gates with thanksgiving,

and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

All: For the LORD is good;

his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

▲ Hymn 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

Trinity Hymnal

▲ Prayer of Petition and Adoration

Call to Confession of Sin

Psalm 66:16, 18-20

Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

But truly God has listened;

he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

Blessed be God,

because he has not rejected my prayer or removed his steadfast love from mel

Corporate Confession of Sin and Supplication for Mercy (unison)

Eternal and merciful God,

you have loved us with a love beyond our understanding, and you have set us on paths of righteousness for your name's sake.

Yet we have strayed from your way;

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone.

As we remember the lavish gift of your grace given in the life, death and resurrection of your Son, we praise you and give you thanks that you forgive us yet again.

Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with you, and in whose strong name we pray. *Amen*.

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

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.

so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear him.

As a father shows compassion to his children,

★ *The Doxology* (#731)

Trinity Hymnal

Prayer for Illumination

Reading of Scripture

Isaiah 54 (p. 614)

1 "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor!
For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.
2 "Enlarge the place of your tent, and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out; do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.
3 For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left.

³ For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations and will people the desolate cities.

⁴ "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

⁵ For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name:

and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,

the God of the whole earth he is called.

⁶ For the LORD has called you

like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,

like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.

⁷ For a brief moment I deserted you, but with great compassion I will gather you.

⁸ In overflowing anger for a moment

I hid my face from you,

but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer.

⁹ "This is like the days of Noah to me: as I swore that the waters of Noah should no more go over the earth, so I have sworn that I will not be angry with you, and will not rebuke you.

¹⁰ For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed,

but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed," says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

¹¹ "O afflicted one, storm-tossed and not comforted, behold, I will set your stones in antimony, and lay your foundations with sapphires.

¹² I will make your pinnacles of agate, your gates of carbuncles, and all your wall of precious stones.

¹³ All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children.

¹⁴ In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you.

¹⁵ If anyone stirs up strife, it is not from me;

whoever stirs up strife with you shall fall because of you.

¹⁶ Behold, I have created the smith who blows the fire of coals and produces a weapon for its purpose.

I have also created the ravager to destroy;

no weapon that is fashioned against you shall succeed, and you shall refute every tongue that rises against you in judgment.

This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD and their vindication from me, declares the LORD."

▲ Hymn 424 Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless Trinity Hymnal

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text: 1 Corinthians 11:17–34 (p. 958)

Mr. César Restrepo

The Lord's Supper

¹⁷ But in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. ¹⁸ For, in the first place, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you. And I believe it in part, ¹⁹ for there must be factions among you in order that those who are genuine among you may be recognized. ²⁰ When you come together, it is not the Lord's supper that you eat. ²¹ For in eating, each one goes ahead with his own meal. One goes hungry, another gets drunk. ²² What! Do you not have houses to eat and drink in? Or do you despise the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What shall I say to you? Shall I commend you in this? No, I will not.

²³ For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, ²⁴ and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." ²⁵ In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." ²⁶ For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

²⁷ Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸ Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹ For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰ That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died. ³¹ But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. ³² But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so that we may not be condemned along with the world.

³³ So then, my brothers, when you come together to eat, wait for one another— ³⁴ if anyone is hungry, let him eat at home—so that when you come together it will not be for judgment. About the other things I will give directions when I come.

Prayer of Intercession

God Communes with Us

▲ Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

p. 845, Trinity Hymnal

★ The Gloria Patri (#735)

Trinity Hymnal

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Supervision of the Table

1 Corinthians 11:23–29

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Consecration

The minister will lead the congregation in prayer, concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison:

People: 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 lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

<u>Words of Institution</u> Matt 26:26–28; Mk 14:22–24; Lk 22:17–20

Distribution of the Bread and the Cup

Approach, my soul, the mercy seat Where Jesus answers prayer; There humbly fall before his feet, For none can perish there.

Thy promise is my only plea; With this I venture nigh: Thou call-est burdened souls to thee, And such, O Lord, am I.

Bowed down beneath a load of sin, By Satan sorely pressed, By war without and fears within, I come to thee for rest.

Be thou my shield and hiding place, That, sheltered near thy side, I may my fierce accuser face, And tell him thou hast died.

O wondrous love! to bleed and die, To bear the cross and shame, That guilty sinners, such as I Might plead thy gracious name! Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:
Say to the daughter of Zion,
"Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him."
And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Nunc Dimittis (Song of Simeon)

Now may your servant, Lord, according to your word, depart in exultation.

My rest shall be serene, for now my eyes have seen your wonderful salvation.

You did for all prepare this Gift, so great, so rare, fulfilling prophets' story; A Light to show the way to Gentiles gone astray, and unto Israel's glory.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

God Commissions and Blesses Us

The Collection of Alms and Tithes

Hymn 693

Blessed Assurance

Trinity Hymnal

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▲ Congregation stands as able

Sermon Notes

1 Corinthians 11:17–34 The Lord's Supper

Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church

We are delighted that you have chosen to join us for worship! It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know and experience the love, power, and presence of our King and Savior Jesus Christ.

If you are visiting, please take a moment to fill out one of our visitor cards and place it in the collection plate. If you desire any additional information, or if there are ways in which we can pray for you or be of service to you, please let us know. We count it a privilege to serve our community in the name of Christ!

About our Church

Standing in the great biblical and evangelical tradition of the Protestant Reformation, Christ Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church (OPC). We are committed to the Bible as the Word of God, the Reformed Faith, and the Great Commission of Jesus Christ.



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