

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away. - Isaiah 35:10

March 7, 2021 Morning Worship Service

Christ The King Presbyterian Church is a Congregation of the *Presbyterian Church in America*

Morning Worship Service

Welcome and Announcements

If you are a visitor with us this morning, we warmly welcome you to this worship service of Christ The King.

Prelude

Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain
-arr. by Lynette Maynard

*Call to Worship

Psalm 30:1-5

¹I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

² O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.

³ O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

⁵ For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night,

but joy comes with the morning.

*Invocation

Confession of Sin

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook the poor and the hungry, and pass by those who mourn; we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed, and indifferent to calls for peace; we despise the weak, and abuse the earth you made. Forgive us, God of mercy. Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the joy of life abundant given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Private Confession of Sin (Silent)

Promise of Forgiveness

Romans 5:1, 2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 26:12-21

¹² O Lord, you will ordain peace for us, for you have indeed done for us all our works.

¹³ O Lord our God, other lords besides you have ruled over us, but your name alone we bring to remembrance.

¹⁴They are dead, they will not live; they are shades, they will not arise;

to that end you have visited them with destruction and wiped out all remembrance of them.

¹⁵ But you have increased the nation, O Lord, you have increased the nation; you are glorified; you have enlarged all the borders of the land.

¹⁶ O Lord, in distress they sought you; they poured out a whispered prayer when your discipline was upon them.

¹⁷ Like a pregnant woman who writhes and cries out in her pangs when she is near to giving birth,

so were we because of you, O Lord;

we were pregnant, we writhed, but we have given birth to wind.

We have accomplished no deliverance in the earth, and the inhabitants of the world have not fallen.

¹⁹ Your dead shall live; their bodies shall rise. You who dwell in the dust, awake and sing for joy! For your dew is a dew of light, and the earth will give birth to the dead.

²⁰ Come, my people, enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourselves for a little while

until the fury has passed by.

²¹ For behold, the Lord is coming out from his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity,

and the earth will disclose the blood shed on it, and will no more cover its slain.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers for the Church and the World and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy 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 Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Musical Offering

Intermezzo in A Major, Op. 118, No. 2

- J. Brahms

Sermon Text John 16:16-33

¹⁶ "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." ¹⁷ So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" ¹⁸ So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about." ¹⁹ Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? ²⁰ Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. ²¹ When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born

into the world. ²² So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. ²³ In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴ Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.

²⁵ "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶ In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷ for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸ I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father."

²⁹ His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰ Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." ³¹ Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? ³² Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³ I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Eric Huber

A Little While

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn of Response

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands
-arr. by Gene Roberson

*Benediction

1 Peter 5:10, 14

And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

Postlude

Ballade in G minor, Op. 118, No. 3

- J. Brahms

May I Participate in the Lord's Supper?

The Lord's Supper is a visible picture of God's mercy to us. The bread and wine represent the body and blood of Jesus, who willingly offered himself as a sacrifice for our sins. The Supper is a way in which we have fellowship with the risen Jesus Christ, and with his people.

We invite to the Lord's Table all those who trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation and are members of an evangelical church.

Prayers for those who will not be taking communion:

A Prayer of Repentance and Faith:

Dear God, I know that I don't deserve to be accepted by you. I am sorry that I have been rebelling against you and ignoring you. Thank you for sending your Son Jesus to die for my sins that I may be forgiven. Thank you for raising him from the dead to give me new life. Please forgive me and change me. From this day forward, help me to live with Jesus as my Lord. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Struggling with Persistent Sin:

Dear God, help me to see in you the satisfaction of all that I truly need. Help me to put aside the sin that has taken hold of my life. Help me to return to you, and to follow your Son, Jesus Christ, in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Help me to take the necessary steps to be one with your people again, and to live in the fullness of your Holy Spirit. Amen.

A Prayer for Those Searching for the Truth:

Dear God, you claim that your Son, Jesus Christ, is the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of yourself that leads to the life that you promise, and help me to accept that life through faith in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hymn Selections:

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Come, ye faithful raise the strain of triumphant gladness; God hath brought his Israel into joy from sadness; loosed from Pharoah's bitter yoke Jacob's sons and daughters; led them with unmoistened foot through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
and from three days' sleep in death as a sun hath risen;
all the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
from his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons bright with the day of splendor, with the royal feast of feasts, comes its joy to render; comes to glad Jerusalem, who with true affection welcomes in unwearied strains Jesus' resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death, nor the tomb's dark portal, nor the watchers, nor the seal hold thee as a mortal: but today amidst thine own thou didst stand, bestowing thine own peace, which evermore passeth human knowing.

And bids us view his pierced hands; Points to the wounded feet and side, Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board, When at his table sits the Lord! The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim, We see the signs, but see not him; O may his love the scales displace, And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, Your present smile a heav'n imparts! O lift the veil, if veil there be, Let every saint your glory see!

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Amidst us our Beloved stands,

Announcements

Assisting in worship: Mr. Blake Franze

Sunday Evening Schedule for March:

March 7 - Online Prayer Meeting

March 14 - Evening Worship, Rev. Rick Tyson preaching

March 21 - Online Prayer Meeting

March 28 - Evening Worship, Mr. Blake Franze preaching

Church Officer Nominations: From now until March 21st we will be collecting nominations for church officers. Nomination forms will be located in the back of the sanctuary and emailed to members. Completed forms may be handed in or emailed to an elder.

Colonial Neighborhood Council is a community-based organization dedicated to the people in the community who need a helping hand. Every third Sunday, Christ the King has the opportunity to restock their pantry. Colonial neighborhood distributes the food based on needs in the community. This month The Colonial Neighborhood Council is need of fresh or canned fruit. Please bring your donated items to the back of the church on the third Sunday, March 21.

Morning Worship: The session has made the decision that beginning from Sunday, January 31 we will consolidate our two morning worship services into one. The service will be at 10:00 am and will be livestreamed. We will maintain the Covid safety protocols that have been in place. Based on the amount of people we have had attending both services, we believe we can be together and continue to maintain social-distancing in the seating arrangement. We will monitor this decision as the weeks go by and make any adjustments needed along the way.

Deacons: The deacons want to assure you that we are available to help with the ongoing physical needs of the congregation. These are days of deep concern for all of us especially with so much uncertainty surrounding issues of health and finances. Please feel free to call or email one of the deacons with any of your concerns. Grace and Peace, Pat Canale, Dave Hudson, Jay Signorino, Peter Stahl, Nick Thomson, Joshua Tyson.

Home Fellowship Groups: These groups will continue to meet. Visit the website and search under Church Life - Home Fellowship Group section for locations and leader information.

This Week: Christ The King Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 7

10:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching

- Lord's Supper

6:00 pm - Online Prayer Meeting

Sunday, March 14

10:00 am – Morning Worship Service, Rev. Eric Huber preaching 6:00 pm – Evening Worship Service, Rev. Rick Tyson preaching

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