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WELCOME TO
**CHRIST
CHURCH**
BENTONVILLE

To all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

TO OUR GUESTS: **First**, we are glad you could join us for worship! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Christ Church. Please take a minute and scan the QR code with your phone camera and leave us your contact information. We will be in touch early in the week. **Second**, because what we are about to do may be a little different than what you are probably used to, we ask that you give us 6 weeks. Take 6 weeks to visit, become familiar with the form, ask questions, and get to know us. We believe you'll be glad you did. **Finally**, for an explanation of the content and order of worship, read the rubric along the left hand side of the bulletin as well as the section entitled "***The Liturgical Elements of Worship***" on page 8 of the bulletin.



**Preparation
for Worship**

This is a time to prepare for the worship of our holy God. Pray that God would meet His people as we gather.

**Call to
Worship**

It is the Lord who calls His people to worship Him in Spirit and in Truth.

We do not call ourselves.

Worship is a reflexive and deliberate response to His gracious call.

Invocation

This prayer exalts the name of the Lord and invokes His presence and communion as we come to worship Him.

Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved! You brought a vine out of Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it. You cleared the ground for it; it took deep root and filled the land. The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches. It sent out its branches to the sea and its shoots to the River.

- Psalm 80:7-11

Pastor: *Christ is risen!*

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: *Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

Pastor: *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.*

- Psalm 95:6-7

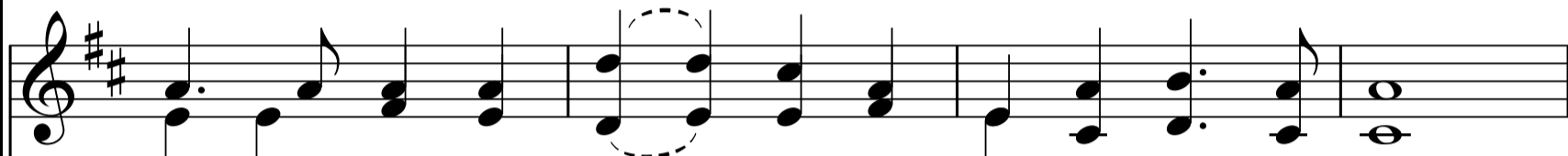
Holy, Holy, Holy!

Hymn of Praise

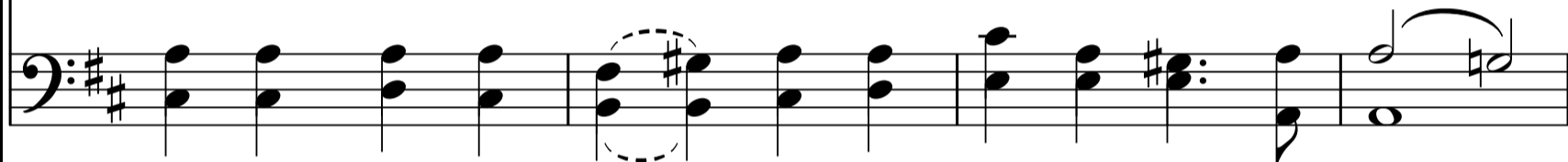
This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.



1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!



Elder: *Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops.*
- Luke 12:2-3

All: **Merciful God, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember, and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times that I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies that I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.**

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

The Mighty God, the Lord

1. The might - y God, the Lord, hath spo - ken un - to all;
2. Our God shall sure - ly come, and si - lence shall not keep;
3. "To - geth - er let my saints un - to me gath - ered be,

from ris - ing to the set - ting sun, he un - to earth doth call.
be - fore him fire shall waste, and storms tem - pes - tuous round him sweep.
those that by sac - ri - fice have made a cov - e - nant with me."

From Zi - on, his own hill, where per - fect beau - ty dwells,
He to the heav'ns a - bove shall then send forth his call,
Then shall the heav'ns de - clare his righ - teous - ness a - broad;

Je - ho - vah hath his glo - ry shown, in bright - ness that ex - cels.
and like - wise to the earth, that he may judge his peo - ple all:
be - cause the Lord him - self is judge, yea, none is judge, but God.

Corporate Confession of Sin

Having come into His presence, we are reminded that we are sinners in need of the deliverance from sin and its power. We both confess and lament sin as an act of worship and faith in the God Who promises to deliver His people from all their sin and sorrow. We encourage a posture of prayer (sitting or kneeling) that is most comfortable for you.

Hymn of Confession/ Lament

This hymn focuses on the acknowledgment of our sin, our need of forgiveness, and the only One in whom our forgiveness and restoration are found.

Assurance of Salvation

Having confessed our sins, and raised our prayer for deliverance, we now hear of our salvation through the declaration of the Gospel.

Hymn of Faith

This hymn focuses either on God's faithfulness to us through the ages, on our responsibility to respond in faith, or the many reasons for our faith.

Elder: *And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.*

- John 3:14-15

Psalm 9B

1. Whole - heart - ed thanks - giv - ing to thee will I bring,
2. Thou, Lord, art a ref - uge for all the op - pressed;
3. Give praise to Je - ho - vah, the might - y deeds tell
4. Be - hold my af - flic - tion, thy mer - cy ac - cord,

in praise of thy mar - vel - ous deeds I will sing;
all trust thee who know thee, and trust - ing are blest;
of him who has chos - en in Zi - on to dwell,
and back from death's por - tals re - store me, O Lord,

in thee I will joy and ex - ult - ing - ly cry,
for nev - er, O Lord, did thy mer - cy for - sake
of him to whom jus - tice and ven - geance be - long,
that I in the gates of thy Zi - on may raise

thy name I will praise, O Je - ho - vah Most High.
the soul that has sought of thy grace to par - take.
who vis - its the low - ly and o - ver - throws wrong.
my song of sal - va - tion and show forth thy praise.

Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
Oh come to Jehovah, declare ye His fame,
And give Him all honor, for just is His name!

Scripture Reading

We read from both Old and New Testaments because they are not two different books but both are a part of God's unfolding plan of redemption.

Hymn of Preparation

This hymn is gospel-focused and sermon-oriented and planned with the children in mind.

New Testament - Matthew 7:15-23

Old Testament - Hosea 8

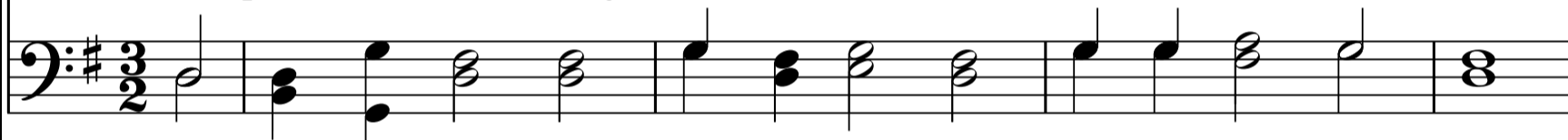
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1. O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my great Re - deem - er's praise,
2. My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim,
3. Je - sus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sor - rows cease;
4. He breaks the pow'r of reign - ing sin, he sets the pris - 'ner free;
5. He speaks, and lis - t'ning to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive;



- the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace.
to spread thro' all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
• 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
his blood can make the foul - est clean, his blood a - vailed for me.
the mourn - ful, bro - ken hearts re - joice; the hum - ble poor be - lieve.



6. 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.

7. To God all glory, praise, and love
be now and ever giv'n;
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heav'n.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt.
alt. 1961

AZMON C.M.
Carl G. Glaser, 1784-1829
arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

Sermon

The preaching of God's Word is a means by which God bestows grace on His people.

THE DANGER OF SELF-RELIANCE

Hosea 8

A note-taking guide is provided on the final page

For the Children - ISRAEL, SIN, JUDGEMENT, LORD, GOD, CHRIST

Confession of Faith

Being a part of the communion of saints, we take this time to confess the truth that has been embraced by the church throughout history.

Elder: Christian, what do you believe?

People: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, 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.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

**The Apostles' Creed
*catholic meaning universal**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Word having been preached, the death of Christ is now showed forth through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. The worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of His body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and grace.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the LORD.**

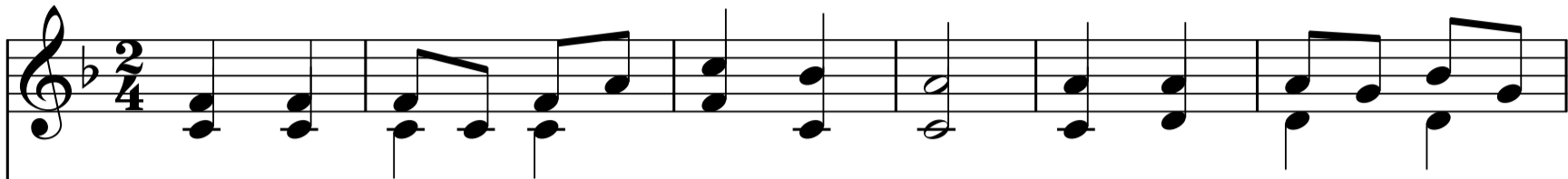
The bread is gluten-free. Purple cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice. Come forward, pause to hear the words of institution, take a piece of bread and a cup, then return to your seats. Once everyone has been served, we will eat and drink together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup in the trash cans provided.

Pastoral Prayer

We are a needy people, and this prayer not only reflects that neediness but our dependence upon the Lord.

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!

Take My Life, and Let It Be



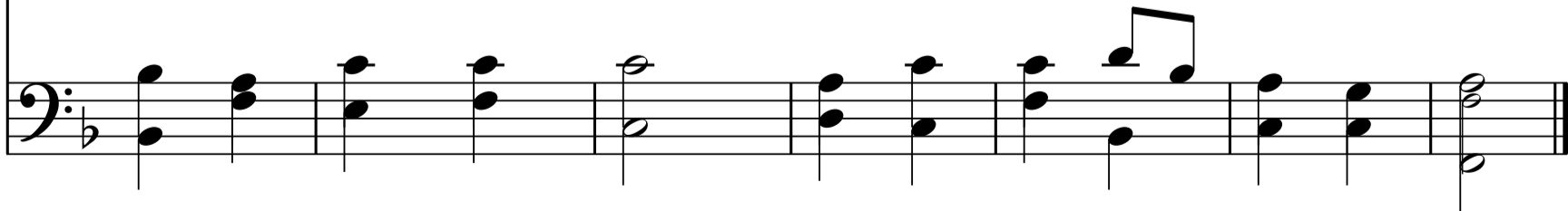
1. Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2. Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse
3. Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly,
4. Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would



Lord, to thee. Take my mo - ments and my days; let them
of thy love. Take my feet, and let them be swift and
for my King. Take my lips, and let them be filled with
I with - hold. Take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry



flow in cease - less praise, let them flow in cease - less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.



5. Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6. Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Offertory/Hymn of Response

Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Doxology

We encourage a posture lifting holy hands to the Lord in thanksgiving.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Benediction

We leave with the assurance that God intends to bless His people as we serve him and our neighbors through our various vocations throughout the week.

Pastor: May the LORD bless you and keep you. [May] the LORD make His face shine upon You and be gracious to you. [May] the LORD turn His face toward you and give you peace. Grace and peace to you!

- Numbers 6:24-26

People: And also to you!

Information

CHILDCARE

It has been our desire to offer childcare as we have volunteers. We have intentionally refrained from constant pressure and from relying upon only a few to shoulder the responsibility. At the same time, as the number of little ones increases, we do want to keep the opportunity before you. If you are able and willing to help, please scan the QR code to the right and sign up today. The more the merrier.



THE LITURGICAL ELEMENTS OF OUR WORSHIP

Why do we do what we do during our corporate worship service on Sunday? To a visitor it could seem strange. We do more than just sing, which is usually what people associate with the word "worship". There are times of silence. Prayers are spoken. The Bible is read. A sermon on a particular passage of Scripture is heard. We eat a bite of bread and drink a small amount of wine or juice in celebration of Christ's death. Money is collected. Hands are raised in devotion. Why are these elements a part of what we do together? Why don't we just hang out in small groups and sip coffee? Why don't we just sit back and watch an hour long video on being better people? All of these elements are a part of our worship because we believe they show honor to God in the way he wants to be honored. These aren't just made up elements. They are pieces in a story that is told each Sunday, with each piece either commanded or exemplified in scripture.

WHY OUR PASTORS WEAR ROBES

Wearing a robe **hides the man** - No matter what the pastor wears, whether it be an expensive suit, an inexpensive suit, business casual or holey jeans with his shirt untucked, people are always prone to put too much stock in whatever style he prefers. The black Geneva robe is designed to remove this distraction and allow us to focus on the One whom he represents. That leads to the second point. It also **emphasizes his office**. Just as a judge wears a robe when in the courtroom, a fireman wears a uniform when on duty, or a military officer wears his dress greens or blues to a formal event to announce that they are acting in an official capacity, our pastors wear robes during the worship service to signify that they are acting in their official capacity as men who have been called by God to proclaim His word to His people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts, give mere advice, or share worldly wisdom, but only the Word of God.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We believe children are a blessing from the Lord, and that they should be included in the worship of God with the people of God. That means at times there will be noise in the worship service. **God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house!** If you are not used to it, it may take a little time. We understand. Bearing with one another in love is our calling.

Our aim is to help parents in the training of their children in the “pew”. We do this in two ways:

1. Sunday evening worship.

Every Sunday, we plan our worship services taking both children and parents into consideration. First, the Hymn of Preparation is chosen with our children in mind. We want it to be a song that they know or at least can learn quickly. Second, we offer childcare for those 0-3 during the sermon. But please know, we enjoy having children in worship! They are not distractions! Keeping them with us in worship is one of the best gifts we can give them as they will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening.

2. Weekly family worship.

To facilitate learning throughout the week, the following ideas are provided for families to use during their own times of worship. We incorporate the hymns, confession of faith and sermon passage for familiarity and repetition purposes.

Weekly Catechism: WSC Q&As

83-84

Q83: Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

A83: Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

Q84: What does every sin deserve?

A84: Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.

Wednesday

Sing Psalm 9.

Read Hosea 8:7-11, 2 Kings 17:6-23, and WSC 83-84.

Why did Israel's treaties increase their idolatry? How would the Lord use their allies to discipline them?

When were Hosea's prophecies of judgment fulfilled? What warnings from the Lord should we respond to?

Monday

Sing “Holy, Holy, Holy”.

Read Hosea 8:1-3, Matthew 7:15-23, and WSC 83-84.

What does it mean to transgress God's covenant? Why did the people claim to know God? Why was this a false claim? What is the point of Jesus's warning in Matthew 7? How do we know what we know Him?

Thursday

Sing “O For a Thousand Tongues...”

Read Hosea 8:12-14, Luke 12:1-5, and WSC 83-84.

Why would God's law not stop Israel's sinning? Why did the sacrifices not atone for their sins? What does Jesus's warning in Luke mean? How should this lead us to repentance?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 50:1-6.

Read Hosea 8:4-6, 1 Kings 12:20-33, and WSC 83-84.

What sins does God decry in these verses? How are wicked rulers an act of God's judgment? How are we tempted seek security through political power? Why is this futile?

Friday

Sing “Take My Life...”

Read Hosea 8, Hebrews 10:1-18, and WSC 83-84.

What sacrifice perfectly atones? How can we be saved by that sacrifice? What does it mean that God will remember our sins no more? How does this make the new covenant better than the Mosaic covenant?

SMALL GROUPS

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Adams House

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1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Tilley House

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Chambers/Fuoss - Centerton

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

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The Raines House

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Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

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1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

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SERMON NOTES

THE DANGER OF SELF-RELIANCE Hosea 8

I. ISRAEL'S DISASTROUS PAST

II. ISRAEL'S DIRE CIRCUMSTANCES

III. ISRAEL'S DESPERATE RESPONSE

IV. GOD'S DAUNTING JUDGMENT

V. CHRIST'S DIVINE RESCUE



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