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WELCOME TO  
**CHRIST  
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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.*

*God is not man, that he should lie, or a son of man, that he should change his mind. Has he said, and will he not do it? Or has he spoken, and will he not fulfill it?*

- Numbers 23:19

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: *Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore! From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised! The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens! Who is like the Lord our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth? He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people. He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the Lord!*

- Psalm 113

# ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Words by Charles Wesley  
alt. by Kevin Twit  
Music by Kevin Twit

## Hymn of Praise

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

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and common time. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and guitar chords. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes a key signature change to D major (two sharps) at measure 17.

**System 1 (Measures 1-4):** Chords: G, C, Am, D. Lyrics: A - rise my soul, a - rise shake off your guilt - y fears; He ev - er lives a - bove for me to in - ter-cede, Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry My God is re - con - ciled his pard - ning voice I hear;

**System 2 (Measures 5-8):** Chords: G, C, Am, D. Lyrics: the bleed - ing sac - ri - fice on my be - half ap - pears his all - re - deem - ing love his prec - ious blood to plead they pour ef - fec - tual prayers they strong - ly plead for me he owns me for his child I can no long - er fear;

**System 3 (Measures 9-12):** Chords: C, G, D/F#, Em, D, C. Lyrics: be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my sure - ty stands his blood a - toned for ev - ry race his blood a - toned for ev - ry race for - give him, o for - give they cry for - give him, o for - give they cry, with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh

**System 4 (Measures 13-16):** Chords: C, D, G, C, D. Lyrics: my name is writ - ten on his hands and sprin - kles now the throne of grace. don't let that ran - somed sin - ner die! and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

**System 5 (Measures 17-20):** Chords: G, C, D, C. Lyrics: Men: A - rise A - rise, a - rise a - rise, Unison: A - rise my soul a - rise Women: A - rise A - rise a - rise a - rise a - rise A - rise my soul a - rise

**System 6 (Measures 21-24):** Chords: G, C, D, C, Am. Lyrics: A - rise A - rise a - rise a - rise a - rise A - rise my soul a - rise

**System 7 (Measures 25-28):** Chords: Am, C, D, G, C, D. Lyrics: shake off your guilt - y fears and rise

## Corporate Lament 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.

**Elder:** *For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God.*

**All:** *For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.*

Elder: *For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?*

All: ***But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.***  
- Romans 8:19-25

### Silently confess your sins to the Lord

#### Psalm 126

Isaac Wardell, ©2011 Bifrost Arts

Our mouths, they were filled, filled with laugh - ter;  
The na - tions will say "He has done great things!"

Our tongues, they were loosed, loosed with joy.  
The na - tions will sing songs of joy.

Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord! Al -  
Re - store us, O Lord! Re - store us, O Lord!

though we are weep - ing, Lord, help us keep sow - ing the  
seeds of your king - dom for the day you will reap them! Your  
sheaves we will car - ry; Lord, please do not tar - ry! All  
those who sow weep - ing will go out with songs of joy! (repeat last line 4x at end)

Elder: *What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*  
- Romans 8:31-39

#### 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.*

# Send Out Your Light

Sandra McCracken  
Based on Psalm 43

## 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.

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a time signature of 3/4. It consists of 18 staves of music. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, beams, slurs, and dynamic markings like 'z' (zest). The lyrics are: Vin - di - cate me o God, and de - fend my cause A - gainst the de - ceit - ful man, O de - li - ver us For you are the God in whom I take re - fuge Why have you re - jec - ted me? I walk a - round con - fused Send out your light and your truth Let them lead me Bring me to your ho - ly hill To your dwell - ling Then I will go to the al - ter of God to God, my ex - cee - ding joy Then I will praise him with my gui - tar Oh my joy, my joy Oh my joy, my joy Why are you cast down low, o my soul? Why are you cast down low, and in tur -moil? Hope in God, for I shall a - gain praise him Hope in God, for he is my sal - va - tion

**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.*

**New Testament - Mark 6:30-44**

**Old Testament - Isaiah 22**

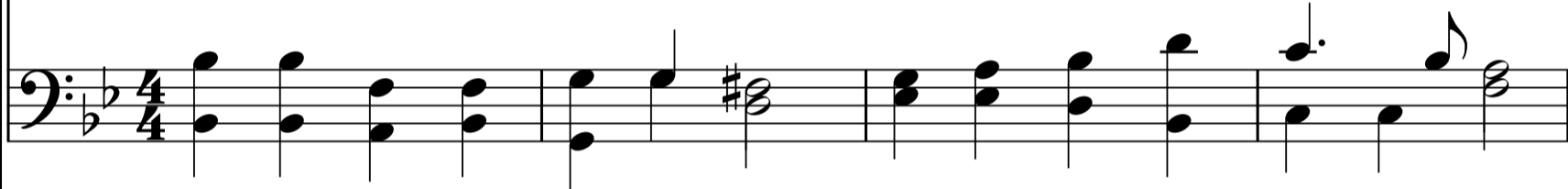
**Elder: This is the Word of the Lord**

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Man of Sorrows! What a Name**



1. Man of sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,  
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;  
4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;  
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,



ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
• full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!



Philip P. Bliss, 1875

**HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR 7.7.7.8.**  
Philip P. Bliss, 1875

**Sermon**

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

**THE VALLEY OF VISION**

**Isaiah 22**

**(A note-taking guide is provided on the final page)**

**For the Children - judgment, Jerusalem, Judah, city, destruction, leaders, prophet, vision, hope, God, Jesus**

**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: We believe in one God:**

**The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of things visible and invisible;**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, being of one substance with the Father, by Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; Whose kingdom will have no end;**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets;**

**And we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church, we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Nicene-Constantinopolitan 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!***

**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.*

# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, thou fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - e - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;  
3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;  
Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:  
Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**Prayer of  
Thanksgiving**

Robert Robinson, 1758

NETTLETON 8.7.8.7.D.  
Asahel Nettleton, 1825

### **Gloria Patri**

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

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost!  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be;  
World without end. Amen, 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: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

**People: And also with 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 55

**Q:** What is forbidden in the third commandment [*Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain...*]?

**A:** The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of any thing whereby God makes himself known.

### Wednesday

Sing Psalm 43.

Read Isaiah 22:12-14, 1 Peter 2:22-25, and WSC 55.

How did the people mock the warnings? How does this break the third commandment? Why would there be no atonement for their sins? How was their punishment ironic? What do our sins deserve? How can we be atoned for? Have you trusted in Christ?

### Monday

Sing “Arise my Soul, Arise”.

Read Isaiah 22:1-4, Luke 13:31-35, and WSC 55.

Why was Isaiah frustrated with Jerusalem? Why did he weep?

How was Jesus bold in His speech? How did He do so with a tender heart? Which is harder for you, to speak boldly, or to speak with compassion? How can you grow in this?

### Thursday

Sing “Man of Sorrows”.

Read Isaiah 22:15-19, Philippians 2:1-11, and WSC 55.

How was Shebna seeking to exalt himself? How is God’s punishment of him ironic? What can we learn about leaders from this section? How did Jesus humble Himself? How are you tempted to exalt yourself? How can you serve others?

### Tuesday

Sing Psalm 126.

Read Isaiah 22:5-11, John 5:19-24, and WSC 55.

What was the source of coming judgment? Why would the people’s plans fail? How did Jesus look to the Lord? Why is this good news for us? How are you tempted to ignore God in your plans?

### Friday

Sing “Come Thou Fount”.

Read Isaiah 22:20-25, Revelation 3:7-22, and WSC 55.

How was Eliakim a good leader? How did he point forward to Christ?

Why would he eventually fall? What would be the result of those hanging on him? How is Christ better?

# SMALL GROUPS

### **Chambers/Fried - Rogers**

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

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### **Warren - Bella Vista**

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

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### **Walker - Bentonville**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

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### **Taylor/Solms - Bentonville**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House

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# SERMON NOTES

## THE VALLEY OF VISION Isaiah 22

### I. EXULTING IN A CITY REJECTED

### II. EXALTING SELFISH REPUTATION

### III. EXPLOITING SOCIAL RELATIONSHIPS

### IV. EXPECTING A SELFLESS REDEEMER



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