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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.

The Lord is in his holy temple; the Lord's throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. The Lord tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.

- Psalm 11:4-5

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 give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples! Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice! Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.*

- Psalm 105:1-5

Beyond the Stars (Psalm 8)

Philip Moyer

Nathan Alberson

Hymn of Praise

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

C C F

1. If I could see be-yond the stars, and pierce the dark - ness with my
 2. You have or - dained the mouths of babes, that songs of joy may ev - er
 3. And then I think O what is man? That you would raise him as a

5 C F C G C

sight, and see Your glo - ry in the night be - yond the stars, If I could
 flow; that You may si - lence ev' - ry foe through mouths of babes. And how the
 king? Reig - ning o - ver ev' - ry - thing Your hands have made? The birds and

10 C F C

stand a - bove the sky, Your ev' - ry work be - neath my gaze, there'd be no
 lit - tle chil - dren laugh, oh, think how won - der - ful and odd, that You should
 beasts on land and sea and all that moves through day and night and all that

14 F C G C 1. 2. 3. G Am

end - ing to my praise, O Lord, my God!
 crown as sons of God the sons of man O Lord, our Lord, how ma - jes - tic is Your
 seeks to see Your light be - yond the stars!

22 F C G Am F C G

name in all the earth! How ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the earth! How ma -

29 Am F C G Am F C

jes - tic is Your name in all the earth! How ma - jes - tic is Your name in all the earth!

Elder: *Hear my prayer, O Lord; give ear to my pleas for mercy! In your faithfulness answer me, in your righteousness!*

All: *Enter not into judgment with your servant, for no one living is righteous before you.*

Elder: *For the enemy has pursued my soul; he has crushed my life to the ground; he has made me sit in darkness like those long dead*

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.

All: *Therefore my spirit faints within me; my heart within me is appalled.*

Elder: *I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that you have done; I ponder the work of your hands.*

All: *I stretch out my hands to you; my soul thirsts for you like a parched land. Selah*

Elder: *Answer me quickly, O Lord! My spirit fails! Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.*

All: *Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust. Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.*

Elder: *Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord! I have fled to you for refuge.*

All: *Teach me to do your will, for you are my God! Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!*

Elder: *For your name's sake, O Lord, preserve my life! In your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!*

All: *And in your steadfast love you will cut off my enemies, and you will destroy all the adversaries of my soul, for I am your servant.*

- Psalm 143

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

**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.

Psalm 2

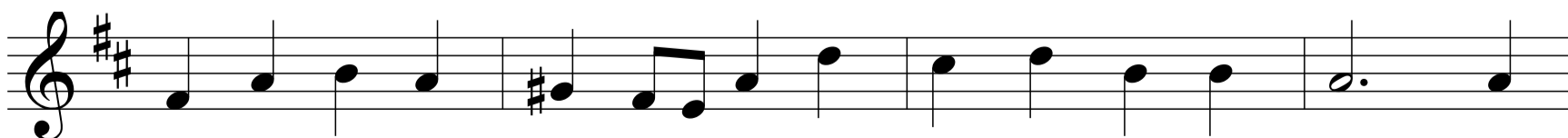
Why Do the Nations Rage?

David P. Regier

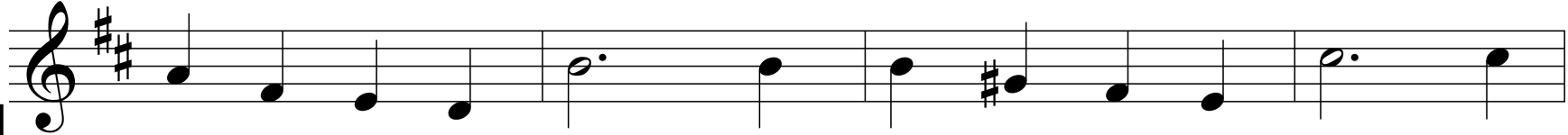
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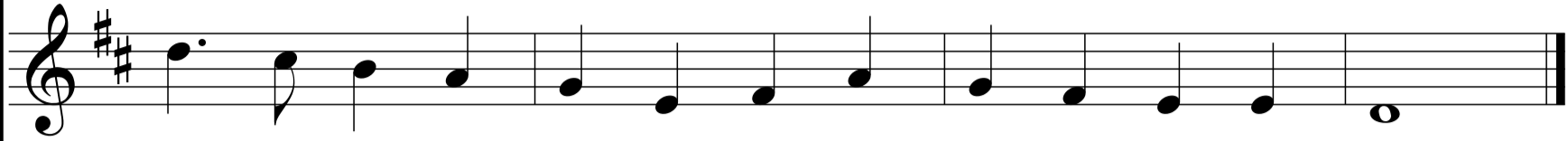
Why do the na-tions rage? The peo - ple plot in vain? The
De - clares the Lord His scorn, He from His heav-en laughs; As
Now God's A - noint-ed One, Shall tell of this de - cree. "He
"Rule Thou the lands a - broad, The na - tions shalt Thou shake. As
Give hom - age to the Son, Lest He give an - ger sway, Lest



kings and ru - lers of this age A - gainst God's ho - ly name? They
an - ger flash - es hot to — warn And ter - ri - fy in wrath: "Yet
said, "To - day, Thou art My Son, I have be - got - ten Thee! To
earth - en - ware with i - ron rod, Their king - doms shalt Thou break." O
thou be in His wrath un - done, And per - ish in the way. The



in their mor - tal reign Op - pose the Ho - ly One: "We
 I have, as for Me, Ac - cord - ing to My will Set
 Thee as Thy do - main, As Thou hast asked of Me; The
 king, throw off thy crown, Be warned, O judge of earth; Be -
 bless - ed, draw - ing near, Whom He de - clares His own, A -



cast a - sun - der all these chains, Our bonds shall be un - done!"
 My A - noin - ted, King to be, On Zi - on's ho - ly hill."
 ends of earth, for Thee to reign, So Thine es - tate shall be."
 fore the LORD, bow trem - bling down, And there pro - claim His worth.
 dore His name in ho - ly fear In ref - uge at His throne.

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.

Elder: *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. - John 6:47*

Adam Our Father and Our Head

Isaac Watts



A - dam, our fa - ther and our head Transgressed and jus - tice doomed us
 In vain we ask, for all a - round stand si - lent in the heav'n - ly
 A - ma - zing work, look down, you skies, won - der and gaze with all your



dead; the fi' - ry law speaks all de - spair, There's no re - prieve or par - don
 ground; there's not a glor - ious mind a - bove has half the strength or half the
 eyes; you saints be - low and saints a - bove, and bow to this my - ster - ious



there. Call a bright coun - cil in the skies; ser - a - phs the migh - ty and the
 love. But O! un - mea - sure - a - ble grace! Th'e - ter - nal Son takes A - dam's
 love! Be - cause the sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is coun - ted



wise, Speak! Are you strong to bear the load? The weigh - ty ven - geance of a
 place; down to the world our Sav - ior flies, stretch - es His arms and bleeds and
 free, for God the just is sat - is - fied to look on Him and par - don



God; the weigh - ty ven - geance of a God?
 dies; stretch - es His arms and bleeds and dies.
 me; to look on Him and par - don me.

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.

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 - Mark 5:21-34

Old Testament - Isaiah 18

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Words by Samuel Stone
Music by Brian Moss

Real Key

His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died. 2. E -
to one hope she presses, with every grace ended

3. Though with a scornful wonder,
Men see her sore oppressed
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed
Yet saints their watch are keeping,
Their cry goes up "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping,
Shall be the morn of song

4. The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish,
Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail

5. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war
She waits the consummation,
Of peace for evermore
Till with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blest
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest

6. Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won
O happy ones and holy,
Lord gives us grace that we
Like them the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with Thee.

Sermon

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

WHIRRING WINGS

Isaiah 18

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

For the Children - Assyria, Ethiopia(ns), security, fear, anxiety, sovereignty, purpose(s), plan, salvation, worship, 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!

O Church Arise

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

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.

1. O church a - rise, and put your ar - mor on. Hear the
2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
3. Come see the cross where love and mer - cy meet, as the
4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev' - ry stride; give—

4 call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
rage a - gainst the cap - tor. And with the sword that makes the
Son of God is strick - en. Then see His foes lie crushed be -
grace for ev' - ry hur - dle. That we may run with faith to

7 they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
woun - ded whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or is ris - en. And as the
win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of

10 faith and belt of__ truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's
trials on ev - ry__ side, we'll know the out - come is se -
stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - mer - ges from the
old still line the__ way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His

13 lies, an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle cry is love, rea - ching
cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -
grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues till the day ev' - ry
grace, we hear their calls and hun - ger for the day when with

16 out to those in dark - ness.
her - i - tance of na - tions.
eye and heart shall see Him.
Christ we'll stand in glo - ry.

Doxology

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

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.

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!

Pastor: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word... The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

- 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17; 3:18

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 89

Q: How is the word made effectual to salvation?

A: The Spirit of God makes the reading, but especially the preaching of the word an effectual means of convincing and converting sinners, and of building them up in holiness and comfort through faith unto salvation.

Wednesday

Sing “Adam our Father and our Head”.

Read Isaiah 18, Psalm 72, and WSC 89.

What is tribute? Why would it be brought to the Lord? How is the greatness of the Lord magnified in Isaiah 18:7? Where is Mount Zion? How is this fulfilled in Christ?

Monday

Sing Psalm 8.

Read Isaiah 18, Psalm 60, and WSC 89.

Where was Cush? How does this prophecy show the extent of the Lord’s reign? What is the signal the Lord would raise on the mountains? What is the significance of trumpets being blown? How does this point us forward to the return of Christ?

Thursday

Sing “The Church’s one Foundation”.

Read Isaiah 18, Zechariah 14:17-21, and WSC 89.

Do these prophecies mean that the Old Testament sacrificial system needs to be reinstated? Why not? How are they fulfilled in Christ and His church? How does Isaiah 18 call the church to trust God? What can you entrust to Him as a result?

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 2.

Read Isaiah 18, Revelation 19:17-21, and WSC 89.

Why is it significant that the Lord will look quietly on the nations? How would the Lord prune the nations? What would be the result? How does this point forward to the day of judgment? How should we respond to this message?

Friday

Sing “O Church Arise”.

Read Isaiah 18, Acts 8:26-40, and WSC 89.

How is Acts 8 an example of Isaiah 18 being fulfilled? How are we called to carry the message of Isaiah 18 to the world? Why? How can you do so?

SMALL GROUPS

Chambers/Fried - Rogers

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

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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

WHIRRING WINGS Isaiah 18

I. THE WHIRRING WINGS OF MAN (vv. 1-2)

II. THE SETTLING SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD (vv. 3-6)

III. THE FUTURE FULFILLMENT OF CHRIST (vv. 7)

CONCLUSION



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