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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.*

*After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living." Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins; lest you share in her plagues..."*  
- Revelation 18:1-4

**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, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever! Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

- Psalm 107:1-3

# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

## Hymn of Praise

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

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy  
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so  
 fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here  
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear; now to his  
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -  
 dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -  
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.  
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?  
 might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.  
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!

**Verse 5: Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again;  
gladly fore'er we adore him.**

**Elder:** *Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins. Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. our heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others.*  
- Ecclesiastes 7:20-22

## 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: O God, cleanse me, a sinner, for I have done nothing good before You. Deliver me from the evil one, and may Your will be in me, that I might open my unworthy lips without condemnation and praise Your holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and ever unto ages of ages. Amen.

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

## How Deep the Father's Love for Us

### 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.*



1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all mea -  
2. Be - hold the man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul -  
3. I will not boast in an - y - thing, no gifts, no pow'r, no wis -



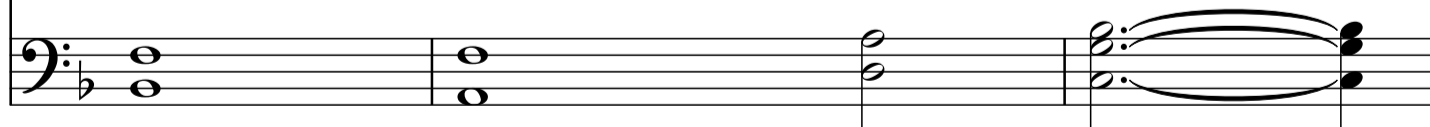
sure, that he should give his on - ly Son to  
ders; a - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call  
dom; but I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his



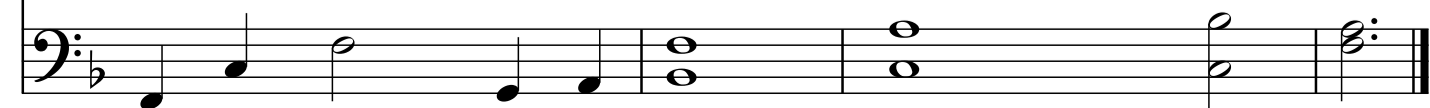
make a wretch his trea - sure. How great the pain of sear - ing  
out a - mong the scof - fers. It was my sin that held him  
death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why should I gain from his re -



loss: the Fa - ther turns his face a - way as  
there un - til it was ac - com - plished; his  
ward? I can - not give an an - swer, but



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.  
dy - ing breath has brought me life— I know that it is fin - ished.  
this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ran - som.



**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: *But as for me, I will look to the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me.* - Micah 7:7

**Comfort, Comfort Ye my People (to "Hymn to Joy")**

Com - fort, Com - fort ye my peo - ple, speak ye peace, thus saith our God.  
Yea, her sins our God will par - don, blot - ting out each dark mis - deed.  
For the her - ald's voice is cry - ing in the des - ert far and near.  
Make ye straight what long was croo - ked, make the rough - er pla - ces plain.

Com - fort those who sit in dark - ness, mour - ning 'neath their sor - row's load.  
All that well de - served His an - ger He no more will see or heed.  
Bid - ding all men to re - pen - tance, since the king - dom now is here.  
Let your hearts be true and hum - ble, as be - fits His ho - ly reign.

Speak ye to Je - ru - sa - lem of peace that now a - wait - eth them.  
She hath suf - ferred ma - ny years, yet now her griefs have passed a - way.  
O give heed now to this war - ning! Now pre - pare for God a way.  
For the glo - ry of Je - ho - vah now o'er earth is shed a - broad

Tell her that her sins I co - ver, all her war - fare I now end.  
God will change her pin - ing sad - ness in - to ev - er - las - ting praise.  
Let the val - leys rise to meet Him, and let all the hills give way.  
And all flesh shall stand in won - der at the stead - fast word of God.

**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 6:14-29

Old Testament - Isaiah 21

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

# Who is This, so Weak and Helpless

William Walsham How

Ebenezer (Thomas John Williams, 1890)

1. Who is this, so weak and help-less, Child of low-ly He-brew maid,  
2. Who is this, a Man of sor-rows, wal-king sad-ly life's hard way,  
3. Who is this? Be-hold Him shed-ding drops of blood up-on the ground!  
4. Who is this that hangs there dy-ing while the rude world mocks and scorns;

5 Rude-ly in a sta-ble shel-tered, cold-ly in a man-ger laid?  
Home-less, wea-ry, sigh-ing wee-ping, o-ver sin and Sa-tan's sway?  
Who is this, de-spised, re-jec-ted, mocked, in-sul-ted, bea-ten, bound?  
Num-bered with the mal-e-fac-tors, torn with nails and crowned with thorns?

9 'Tis the Lord of all cre-a-tion, Who this won-drous path has trod;  
'Tis our God, our glor-ious Sa-vior, who a-bove the star-ry sky  
'Tis our God, Who gifts and gra-ces on His church is pou-ring down;  
'Tis our God, Who lives for-e-ver 'mid the shi-ning ones on high,

13 He is God from ev-er-las-ting, and to e-ver-las-ting God.  
Is for us a place pre-pa-ring, where no tear can dim the eye.  
Who shall smite in ho-ly ven-geance all His foes be-neath His throne.  
In the glo-rious gol-den ci-tty, reign-ing e-ver-last-ing-ly!

# THE LORD HAS SPOKEN

## Isaiah 21

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

**For the Children - oracle, Assyria, Babylon, system, judgment, watchman, voice  
Judah, Gentiles, salvation, Lord, Christ**

### Sermon

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

### 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.*

### 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.*

### Pastoral Prayer

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

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**

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.**

***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!***

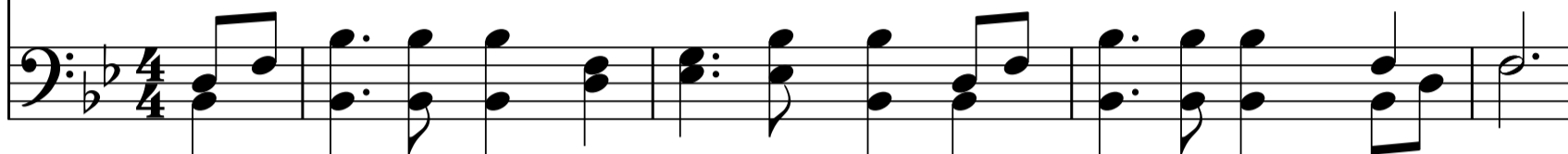
**Offertory/Hymn  
of Response**

*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.*

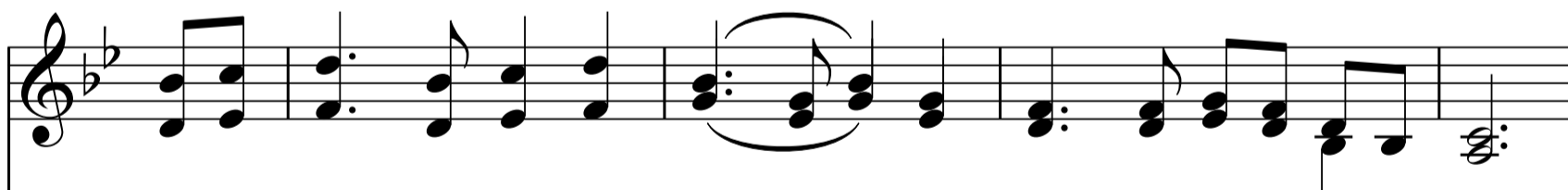
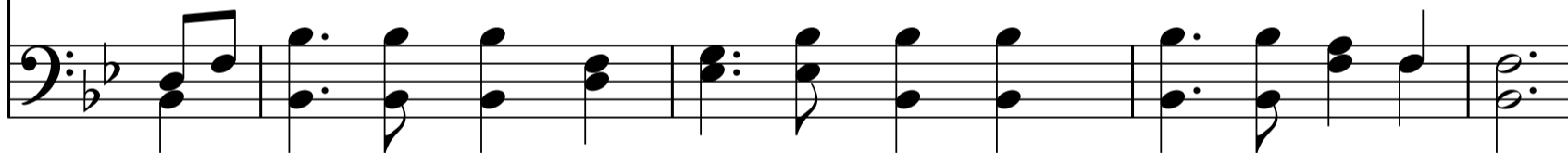
# There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



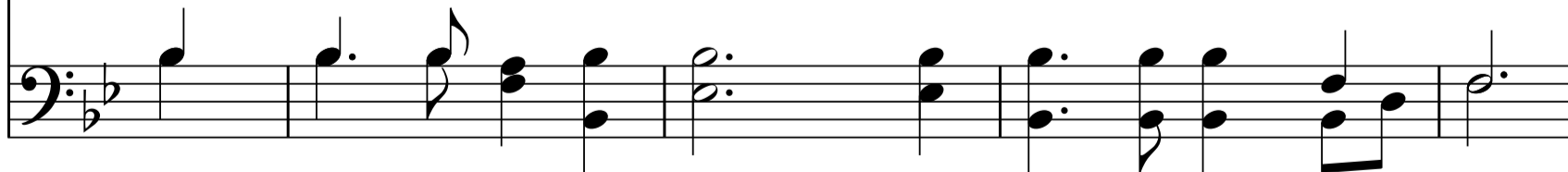
1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;
2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,



and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains:  
and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:  
• re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be 'til I die:  
when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:  
'til all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:



lose all their guilt - y stains,      lose all their guilt - y stains;  
washed all my sins a - way,      washed all my sins a - way;  
• and shall be 'til I die,      and shall be 'til I die;  
lies si - lent in the grave,      lies si - lent in the grave;  
be saved to sin no more,      be saved to sin no more;



### **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: WLC 88

**Q:** What shall immediately follow after the resurrection?

**A:** The general and final judgment of angels and men; the day and hour of no man knows, that all may watch and pray, and be ever ready for the coming of the Lord.

### Wednesday

Sing “Comfort, Comfort ye my People”.

Read Isaiah 21:11-12, John 1:1-5, and WLC 88.

How has the light come in the midst of the darkness? Why does darkness continue to grow though the light has come? When will endless morning dawn and night be no more? Do you look forward to that day? Why?

### Monday

Sing “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”.

Read Isaiah 21:1-6 and WLC 88. Why was an alliance with Babylon not in Judah’s best interest? Why would their alliance with Babylon fail? What does Babylon symbolize in our day? How do we make alliances with “Babylon?” Why will our alliances with “Babylon” fail? In whom are we to trust? Why?

### Thursday

Sing “Who is This...”

Read Isaiah 21:13-17 and WLC 88. In what or whom do we sometimes place our trust other than Christ? Why can’t we trust ourselves to save ourselves? Why can’t others trust us to save them? Is it good to help those in physical need? Why is meeting their physical needs not enough? What other needs do people have? How can we help?

### Tuesday

Sing “How Deep...”

Read Isaiah 21:7-10 and WLC 88. Do you like to wait? Why not? What does waiting actively for Christ to return look like? What are we to watch for while we wait? What are we to proclaim while we wait? How do we make sure we get the right message? How do we make sure we get the message right?

### Friday

Sing “There is a Fountain...”

Read Isaiah 21:1-21 and WLC 88. What is one thing in particular that you are taking away from Isaiah 21? What questions do you have about the chapter? What is one attitude or action you must change in light of the chapter? How can you be a lone voice in the midst of the darkness?

# SMALL GROUPS

## **Chambers/Fried - Rogers**

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

Contact: Latham (479) 903-4169

## **Warren - Bella Vista**

1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Warren House

Contact: John (210) 317-3127

## **Walker - Bentonville**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

## **Taylor/Solms - Bentonville**

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House

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# SERMON NOTES

## THE LORD HAS SPOKEN Isaiah 21

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