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Faithful to the Scriptures
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Sunday, March 8, 2026
10:30am

Welcome to Christ Community Church

*For God's glory, to make and deploy mature
and equipped disciples of Jesus Christ.*

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Whether you are a visitor or a member, it is a joy to worship our Lord Jesus Christ with you this morning. Please consider participating in our Discipleship Hour and Community Groups throughout the week as well.

This facility is equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask a Sound Technician for a receiver.

We believe it is right and good for children of all ages to be with the adult community in worship. Please do not hesitate to keep your child with you. However, we do offer Children's Church for 3-5 yr. olds. Those children participating can be dismissed to the children's wing during the song prior to the sermon.

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Because we live in a fallen, broken, sinful world, we can come to Sunday morning worship at times with hearts weighed down with burdens, struggles and concerns. It is not God's will that we shoulder these burdens and concerns alone. Each Sunday immediately following the worship service, there are people at the right front of the church who stand ready to listen to your concerns and to pray with you. So, whatever your concern, no matter how big or small, feel free to come, to share and to be prayed for.

S - denotes congregation Standing

Prepare yourself now for the highest calling of the people of God which is the worship of God in spirit and in truth. (John 4:24)

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Building Attendant for today: Robby McCoy



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Reflections

Mark 1:36-38: And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, and they found him and said to him, “Everyone is looking for you.” And he said to them, “Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.”

Assisting with the service today:

- Rev. Ben Clarke, Assistant Pastor of Next Gen and Worship
- Mr. Jimmy Compton, Ruling Elder

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Isaiah 6:1-5

In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple. Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one called to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory!" And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him who called, and the house was filled with smoke. And I said: "Woe is me! For I am lost; for I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; for my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!"

Responding to the Savior

§ Invocation

§ Songs of Praise

How Great is Our God

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide;
and trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

*Chorus: How great is our God! Sing with me;
 How great is our God!
 And all will see how great, how great is our God!*

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands;
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End.
The Godhead, three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
the Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.
Chorus

Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing, how great is our God!
Name above all names, worthy of all praise.
My heart will sing, how great is our God!
Chorus

The Lord Almighty Reigns

There's an endless song waiting to be sung with the voice of every tribe,
The sound of every tongue.

When the bride of Christ on that day of days brings with joy unto the Lamb
A multitude of praise.
Like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder hear His people sing.

*Chorus: Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord Almighty reigns.
Hallelujah, hallelujah, for the Lord our God the Almighty reigns.*

We will join the feast, rest from battles won, tell with great rejoicing
All the wonders God has done.
And like the roar of mighty seas and rolls of thunder all the church will sing.
Chorus

Certain of that day, Christ we will proclaim.
Oh, that more would share the prize salvation in His name.
Then greater will the anthem ring, the mighty chorus rising to the King.
Chorus (2x)

Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Three ways to give: the Giving Box, online through the website, or mail to the church at PO Box 80787, Simpsonville, SC 29680

Prayers of the Church

Jacob Webb, Living Hope Church, Anderson, SC

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.*

Hearing from the Savior

Old Testament Scripture Reading

Isaiah 49:1-14

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is

with the Lord, and my recompense with my God.”

And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength—he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Thus says the Lord: “In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’ to those who are in darkness, Appear.’ They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.”

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted.

Responding to the Savior

§ Song of Preparation*

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

*Parents who desire may bring their 3-5 yr. olds to the children’s wing for Children’s Church.

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name,
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame,
He has washed us with His blood, (3x)
He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies
called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes.
He has washed us with His blood, (3x)
He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation holds in view the conqueror’s crown.
He who washed us with His blood, (3x)
Soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store,
When through grace in Christ our trust is justice smiles and asks no more.
He who washed us with His blood, (3x)
Has secured our way to God.

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us now their praises fill the sky.
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood, (3x)
Thou art worthy Lamb of God.

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Mark 1:29-45

²⁹ And immediately he left the synagogue and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰ Now Simon's mother-in-law lay ill with a fever, and immediately they told him about her. ³¹ And he came and took her by the hand and lifted her up, and the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

³² That evening at sundown they brought to him all who were sick or oppressed by demons. ³³ And the whole city was gathered together at the door. ³⁴ And he healed many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons. And he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

³⁵ And rising very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he departed and went out to a desolate place, and there he prayed. ³⁶ And Simon and those who were with him searched for him, ³⁷ and they found him and said to him, "Everyone is looking for you." ³⁸ And he said to them, "Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out." ³⁹ And he went throughout all Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out demons.

⁴⁰ And a leper came to him, imploring him, and kneeling said to him, "If you will, you can make me clean." ⁴¹ Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand and touched him and said to him, "I will; be clean." ⁴² And immediately the leprosy left him, and he was made clean. ⁴³ And Jesus sternly charged him and sent him away at once, ⁴⁴ and said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses commanded, for a proof to them." ⁴⁵ But he went out and began to talk freely about it, and to spread the news, so that Jesus could no longer openly enter a town, but was out in desolate places, and people were coming to him from every quarter.

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Jonathan Williams

"What Do You Want from Jesus?"

Week after week we proclaim the Bible because we are convinced it is the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God. That means that it comes to us from God, so it is true in everything that it claims. Therefore, you can trust it with all of your heart and it will not let you down.

Responding to the Savior

§ Song of Response

Take My Life and Let it Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,
swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,
filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry power as You choose,
ev'ry power as You choose.

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.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Your feet its treasure store;
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,
ever, only, all for Thee.

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§ Benediction

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

If you have a need or would like to find out more about the Gospel, the Post Worship Team stands ready to meet with you and pray. Simply make your way to the front right-hand side of the sanctuary after the Benediction, and a team member will be there to meet with you.

Space for Notes:

Discussion Questions for Community Groups & Families:

Series: Good New Breaking #5 · Mark 1:29-45 · “What Do You Want from Jesus?”

1. Does Jesus care about our physical health and needs. How do you know from this passage and from the rest of Scripture?
2. Is there anyone who wants to share a time of difficult physical, psychological, or relational need in your life when you simply had to rest in God’s sufficiency. How did you see him mightily in your particular suffering or sickness?
3. How do you answer the question: What do you want from Jesus? Do you find that your desires for him always match up with his saving (sanctifying) purposes in you? Why is that?
4. Why is Jesus’ purpose for me so much better than my priority for him? Name one situation in your life where you are needing to trust his greater purpose (that purpose being holiness)?

For the children:

1. Have you ever had to trust God when you were hurting or sick? What was that like?
2. What is God’s big plan for your life? (Answer: to make us like Jesus)
3. Why is it that God does not always give us what we want? What is His greatest gift?

Why Do We Do That?

Reading of Scripture

Of all the elements of worship taught in the Bible, none is more frequently encouraged, demonstrated, or commanded than the public reading of Scripture. As early as the book of Exodus, we find Moses taking the book of the Covenant and reading it to the people (Exodus 24). The books of Deuteronomy and Joshua also record that the spiritual life of God's people revolved around the public reading of God's law. It's important to note that when the children of Israel departed from God's ways, and they did so with alarming regularity, they always departed from God's Word. When they returned to the Lord, they always returned to His Word. This is a connection that we ignore at our own peril.

One of the most poignant stories of the Old Testament is found in II Kings 22 (and again in II Chronicles 34), where the young king Josiah led the people back to the Lord by publicly reading to them the dust-covered, long misplaced book of the law. He read it aloud with a repentant heart before all the people, great and small, and wonder of wonders – a revival broke out! “And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers” (II Chronicles 34:32).

In the early church, the reading of Scripture, which included the Old Testament and the letters sent by the Apostles, was of the utmost importance. So much so that Paul's directions to his young pastor friend, Timothy, included, “Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching” (I Timothy 4:13). To the Thessalonians he wrote, “I put you under oath before the Lord to have this letter read to all the brothers” (I Thessalonians 5:27).

But why is it so important that God's Word be read in worship?

Hebrews 4:12 sums it up: “For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.” Even if all the other elements of worship are missing, if there is none to preach or sing, still God's Word can be read, and the Spirit will work through the living and powerful Word.

At Christ Community Church, we give earnest attention to the reading and preaching of both the Old and New Testaments. Why both? “All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work” (II Timothy 3:16-17). This is the basis of the Reformed view that the Old and New Testaments form a unified and complementary whole, not two independent revelations.

In the fifth century, Augustine wrote that “the New Testament lies hidden in the Old, and the Old Testament is unveiled in the New.” How true! And how fruitful our reading of God's Word is, both in public and in private, when we embrace this reality.

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Mark your calendars:

March

- **8:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- **19:** Men’s Night Out, 6pm, Silver Bay Seafood
- **21:** Church Work Day
- **22:** New Comers’ Luncheon, following the service in Youth Room
- **22:** SPUR Groups meet, 5pm
- **27-29:** Women’s Ministry Retreat @ Bonclarken

Men and Women: consider joining a Bible Study on Thursday mornings at 9:30am. The men meet in the Conference Room and the Women are meeting in the atrium. See our website for more details.

More information can be found in the Update, on the app, and/or website.

- * *The first Sunday of each month we take a collection of personal care items for the Center for Community Services. Items can be placed in the wagon located next to the Information Desk in the foyer.*
- * *Members can pick up a monthly giving report summary in the Deacons’ office.*

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