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August 10, 2025  
10:30 am

# 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 Sunday School hour and Community Groups throughout the week as well.

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 Room 2 in the children's wing during the song prior to the sermon.

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.

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)

Building Attendant for today: Andrew Woodford

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## ***Reflections***

**Romans 6:1-2:** “What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?”

# Order of Worship

## Welcome & Announcements

### *Hearing from the Savior*

#### § Call to Worship

Isaiah 55:1-2

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.”

### *Responding to the Savior*

#### § Prayer of Invocation

#### § Song of Praise

*Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,  
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured,  
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Chorus: Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,  
threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,  
points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

*Chorus*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,  
what can avail to wash it away?  
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;  
Whiter than snow you may be today.

*Chorus*

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,  
freely bestowed on all who believe;  
You that are longing to see His face,  
will you this moment His grace receive?

*Chorus*

## **§ Confession of Sin**

based on Romans 6:1-14

*Father, we confess that we have not lived in the light of the Gospel. Instead of walking in the light of your grace, we have willfully continued to sin. We have failed to understand the power of grace that is operative in our lives. Rather than remembering our identity in Christ, we most often embrace the pattern of this world. We have forgotten that we are no longer in Adam and that our old self has been crucified with Christ. We have forgotten that in Christ we have died to sin and are now alive to God. Even this week we have failed to recall our union with Christ and that He has broken sin's power. We confess that we have not deeply considered the freedom that Christ purchased for us, nor have we truly lived in a manner worthy of our new standing in Christ. Have mercy upon us and help us to remember that we are now dead to sin and alive to you as your beloved children and coheirs with Christ Jesus. Amen*

### ***Hearing from the Savior***

## **§ Assurance of Pardon**

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

### ***Responding to the Savior***

## **§ Song of Rejoicing**

*Redeemed, Restored, Forgiven*

Once on a dreary mountain we wandered far and wide,  
far from the cleansing fountain, far from the pierced side.  
But Jesus sought and found us and washed our guilt away.  
With cords of love, he bound us to be his own today.

*Chorus:        Redeemed, restored, forgiven,  
                  through Jesus' precious blood.  
                  Heirs of his home in heaven,  
                  Oh, praise our pardoning God.*

Dear Lord, receive the glory of each recovered soul.  
Oh who can tell the story of love that made us whole?  
Not ours, not ours the merit be yours alone the praise  
and ours a thankful spirit to serve you all our days.  
*Chorus*

Bridge:        Now keep us, holy Savior in your true love and fear  
                    And grant us by your favor the grace to persevere.

Till in your new creation when Earth meets heaven's shore  
We find our full salvation and praise you ever more.  
*Chorus*

Praise our God

## **Tithes, Generous Giving & Moment of Contemplation**

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**

**Tom & Chané Hart, RUF @ Furman University**

## **Affirmation of Faith**

Westminster Larger Catechism, Q&A 75

**Leader:** What is sanctification?

**All:** *Sanctification is a work of God's grace, whereby they whom God hath before the foundation of the world chosen to be holy, are in time through the powerful operation of his Spirit, applying the death and resurrection of Christ unto them, renewed in their whole man after the image of God; having the seeds of repentance unto life, and all other saving graces, put into their hearts, and those graces so stirred up, increased, and strengthened, as that they more and more die unto sin and rise unto newness of life.*

## **§ Hymn of Preparation\***

*From Depths of Woe*

\*Parents who desire may bring their 3-5 yr. old children to Room 2 for Children's Church.

From depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication:  
If Thou iniquities does mark, our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O who shall stand before Thee? (O who shall stand before Thee?)  
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To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth;  
Our works, alas! are all in vain; in much the best life faileth:  
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might,  
and live alone by mercy. (and live alone by mercy.)  
and live alone by mercy. (live alone by mercy.)

Therefore, my trust is in the Lord, and not in mine own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit:  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;

I wait for it with patience. (I wait for it with patience.)  
I wait for it with patience. (wait for it with patience.)

What though I wait the livelong night, and till the dawn appeareth,  
my heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not nor feareth:  
do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed:  
And wait till God appeareth. (And wait till God appeareth.)  
And wait till God appeareth. (wait till God appeareth.)

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our Shepherd good and true is he, Who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow. (From all their sin and sorrow.)  
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## ***Hearing from the Savior***

### **Sermon Text**

Romans 6:1-14

What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For one who has died has been set free from sin. <sup>8</sup> Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

<sup>12</sup> Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. <sup>13</sup> Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. <sup>14</sup> For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

### **Preaching of the Word**

Rev. Jonathan Williams

#### ***"Who Are You?"***

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**

*Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer. There is no more for heaven now to give.  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. For my life is wholly bound to his.  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark but I am not forsaken. For by my side, the Saviour He will stay.  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need, His power is displayed.  
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me. Through the deepest valley He will lead.  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven. The future sure, the price it has been paid.  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.  
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated. Jesus now and ever is my plea.  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus. For He has said that He will bring me home.  
And day by day I know He will renew me, until I stand with joy before the throne.  
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus. All the glory evermore to Him.  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

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## ***Hearing from the Savior***

### **§ Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

*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:*

## ***Questions for Families and Community Groups***

***Read Romans 6:1-14 again and consider the following questions:***

1. In Romans 6:1-2 What problem is Paul addressing? Have you ever fallen into thinking either 1) sin is no big deal or 2) you will not be able to make progress in sanctification?
2. Why is our new identity in Christ contrary to a life of willful sin against God?
3. What does it mean that our old self was crucified with him, and what is the “body of sin” (Vs 6)?
4. How does this passage/sermon show that we have been brought into a whole new dominion under the reign of a whole New Master?
5. What does it mean that you are not under law but under grace? How does this encourage you (Vs 14)?
6. Consider this scenario and question: You have a Christian friend who is particularly discouraged by besetting sin in their life. How would you encourage that friend with the truth of Romans 6:1-14?
7. How does this passage show us the power for sanctification and personally give you real hope to put away sin and follow Christ this week?

### ***Why Do That in Worship?***

### ***Confessions of Sin & Assurance of Pardon***

Public confession of sin, while often neglected or even disdained in our own time, was an accepted element of worship in virtually every branch of Christendom from the early church through the end of the 19th century. But make no mistake, it is Biblical (read Nehemiah 9 and the Psalms).

As the American church increasingly emphasized relaxation and spectacle in worship, and particularly the “comfort” of non-believers, confession of sins in public worship was abandoned in favor of friendlier activities.

For us as a Reformed congregation, corporate confession of our sins is an important part of the dialogue between God and His people because the Bible clearly teaches that unconfessed sin disrupts our relationship with the Lord, and is a barrier to worship (Psalm 24:3-5, Psalm 32, II Chronicles 7:14). Once our sins are sincerely confessed, we are able to offer acceptable worship to our holy God.

Now, as we confess our sins before our God, what assurance do we have that God has heard our earnest confession and has indeed forgiven our sins? How do we hear God’s part in the dialogue? We have the unfailing promises of God in His word that are “yea and amen” to us at Christ Community Church just as they were to His people of old (See 2 Corinthians 1:20).

We must never forget that forgiveness of sins comes only through the mediation of our risen Savior, and not through the pronouncements of any man (Acts 5:31, Ephesians 1:7-10).

For this reason, the Assurance of Pardon that appears (at times) in our Order of Worship is drawn directly from Scripture. When the Pastor pronounces the Assurance of Pardon, he is appropriating it for himself as well, a believer among fellow believers.

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest Whose name is Love, Whoever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands; my name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heaven He stands no tongue can bid me thence depart.  
When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.  
Behold Him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable “I AM,” the King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die; my soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior, and my God.

Charity L. Bancroft, 1841-1923

We encourage you to hold on to these corporate prayers and the assurances of pardon for your own personal reflection throughout your week. We often pull from the Scripture and also from prayer books of long ago which unite us in heart and voice with the saints who have gone before us.

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*Mark your calendars:*

**August**

- **10:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- **24:** New Comers' Lunch, right after the service
- **24:** SPUR Groups resume, 5pm
- **27:** JOY Fellowship BBQ, 11:30am

Use these QR codes to register for the upcoming luncheons:

New Comers



JOY Fellowship BBQ



*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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