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October 26, 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)

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Reflections

Exodus 13:14: “ And when in time to come your son asks you, ‘What does this mean?’ you shall say to him, ‘By a strong hand the LORD brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery.’”

Order of Worship

Welcome & Announcements

Hearing from the Savior

§ Call to Worship

Revelation 5:5b-9a

“Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.” And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals...

Responding to the Savior

§ Prayer of Invocation

§ Songs of Praise

I Will Glory in My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung him on that judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the pow’r of sin and death;
My only Savior before the Holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness.
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer my life he bought, my love he owns.
I have no longings for another I’m satisfied in him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place
though foes are mighty and rush upon me, my feet are firm, held by his grace.
My feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer who carries me on eagle’s wings.
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I’ll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when he calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold,
His face forever to behold.

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.

§ Corporate Prayer for True Holiness

adapted from The Valley of Vision

Lord God Almighty, I ask not to be enrolled among the great on earth, but to be numbered with the spiritually blessed. Make it my all consuming desire to obtain those things which are spiritual in nature, eternal in continuance, and satisfying in their possession. Preserve and forgive me from the false estimates of the whole or parts of my character, and may holiness be my great aim. Help me to never mistake earthy joys for the work of the Spirit, or to judge my holiness by the heights of feeling alone, but by a prevailing disposition toward Godliness. May my heart be right with you, and my life a beautiful picture of the Gospel. Give to me a large abundance of the supply of the Holy Spirit that I may be prepared for each day that you give. Help me to trust and rest in you more. In the name of Jesus, Amen.

Hearing from the Savior

Scriptural Assurance of Blessing

Matthew 5:6

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.”

Responding to the Savior

Tithes & Generous Giving

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

Ministry Partner: Calvary Home for Children

Hearing from the Savior

New Testament Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:18-24

For you have not come to what may be touched, a blazing fire and darkness and gloom and a tempest and the sound of a trumpet and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that no further messages be spoken to them. For they could not endure the order that was given, "If even a beast touches the mountain, it shall be stoned." Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, "I tremble with fear." But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

Responding to the Savior

§ Songs of Preparation*

Holy is the Lord

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

We stand and lift up our hands, for the joy of the Lord is our strength.
We bow down and worship Him now; How great, how awesome is He.
And together we sing, ev'ry one sing;

*Chorus: Holy is the Lord God Almighty; The earth is filled with His glory.
 Holy is the Lord God Almighty; The earth is filled with His glory,
 The earth is filled with His glory.*

It's rising up all around; It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
It's rising up all around; It's the anthem of the Lord's renown.
And together we sing, ev'ryone sing;
Chorus

There is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own son,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.

*Chorus: Thank You, O my father, for giving us Your Son;
 And leaving Your Spirit 'til the work on earth is done.*

Jesus, my Redeemer, Name above all names,
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, hope for sinners slain.

Chorus

When I stand in glory, I will see His face,
And there I'll serve my King forever, in that holy place.

Chorus (2x)

Hearing from the Savior

Sermon Text

Exodus 12:43-13:16

And the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, "This is the statute of the Passover: no foreigner shall eat of it, ⁴⁴ but every slave that is bought for money may eat of it after you have circumcised him. ⁴⁵ No foreigner or hired worker may eat of it. ⁴⁶ It shall be eaten in one house; you shall not take any of the flesh outside the house, and you shall not break any of its bones. ⁴⁷ All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. ⁴⁸ If a stranger shall sojourn with you and would keep the Passover to the Lord, let all his males be circumcised. Then he may come near and keep it; he shall be as a native of the land. But no uncircumcised person shall eat of it. ⁴⁹ There shall be one law for the native and for the stranger who sojourns among you."

⁵⁰ All the people of Israel did just as the Lord commanded Moses and Aaron. ⁵¹ And on that very day the Lord brought the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

¹ The Lord said to Moses, ² "Consecrate to me all the firstborn. Whatever is the first to open the womb among the people of Israel, both of man and of beast, is mine."

³ Then Moses said to the people, "Remember this day in which you came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery, for by a strong hand the Lord brought you out from this place. No leavened bread shall be eaten. ⁴ Today, in the month of Abib, you are going out. ⁵ And when the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he swore to your fathers to give you, a land flowing with milk and honey, you shall keep this service in this month. ⁶ Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day there shall be a feast to the Lord. ⁷ Unleavened bread shall be eaten for seven days; no leavened bread shall be seen with

you, and no leaven shall be seen with you in all your territory. ⁸ You shall tell your son on that day, 'It is because of what the Lord did for me when I came out of Egypt.' ⁹ And it shall be to you as a sign on your hand and as a memorial between your eyes, that the law of the Lord may be in your mouth. For with a strong hand the Lord has brought you out of Egypt. ¹⁰ You shall therefore keep this statute at its appointed time from year to year.

¹¹ "When the Lord brings you into the land of the Canaanites, as he swore to you and your fathers, and shall give it to you, ¹² you shall set apart to the Lord all that first opens the womb. All the firstborn of your animals that are males shall be the Lord's. ¹³ Every firstborn of a donkey you shall redeem with a lamb, or if you will not redeem it you shall break its neck. Every firstborn of man among your sons you shall redeem. ¹⁴ And when in time to come your son asks you, 'What does this mean?' you shall say to him, 'By a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, from the house of slavery. ¹⁵ For when Pharaoh stubbornly refused to let us go, the Lord killed all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man and the firstborn of animals. Therefore I sacrifice to the Lord all the males that first open the womb, but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem.' ¹⁶ It shall be as a mark on your hand or frontlets between your eyes, for by a strong hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt."

Preaching of the Word

Rev. Jonathan Williams

"Redemption Reminders"

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

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

Hearing from the Savior

§ Benediction

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it.

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.

Questions for Families and Community Groups

Living Out Our Callings-Exodus Series #25 · Exodus 12:43-13:16 · Redemption Reminders

1. What did the signs of Passover and Circumcision teach God's people?
2. How are the sacramental signs of the New Testament helpful to the believer in general; how have they been helpful to you, personally (be appropriately specific)?
3. In what ways do these signs of Passover and Circumcision point us to Christ?
4. What is the significance of the first born in Vs 13:2? How does the idea of consecration of the firstborn apply to Christ and to God's people, today?
5. This Sunday we sang the hymn Take My Life And Let It Be. Practically and personally speaking, which line of this hymn is the hardest live out? (To answer this question someone may need to read all the stanzas of this hymn, aloud). How does the Holy Spirit help us with this?
6. In light of the mandate to teach our children (12:26, 13:8, 13:14), in what ways might you consider strengthening your commitment to the next generation (either in your family personally and/or in the covenant community at large)?
7. Any other significant "take-aways" from this sermon?

Space for Notes:

Why Do That in Worship?

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:

October

- **28:** JOY Fellowship Fieldtrip & Lunch, 10:45am

November

- **2:** Operation Christmas Child Packing Party, 4pm
- **9:** Fellowship Dinner, 5pm
- **10:** Budget Forum,

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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