



Christ's Community Church
Worship Service
May 14, 2023

Call to Worship

Prelude

Liturgical Response

Leader: Christ is Risen! He is Risen indeed!

Response: Let all the earth keep silent before Him!

Lighting the Christ Candle #106 (BH) "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

Alleluia, Alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name
Jesus is Lord of all the earth
He is the King of creation
Alleluia, Alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name
Spread the good news o'er all the earth
Jesus has died and has risen
Alleluia, Alleluia
Give thanks to the risen Lord
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Presenting the Word

Leader: Salvation belongs to our God and His Christ who was crucified and now is Risen!

Response: Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!

✠ **Song #56 (LYH)
Singing"**

"We Are

Refrain:

We are singing for the Lord is our light,
We are singing for the Lord is our light. (repeat)
We are singing..Oh, We are singing for the Lord is our light,
We are singing..Oh, We are singing for the Lord is our light,

The Lord is the strength of our lives;
Of whom shall we be afraid?
Though foes may be near to destroy;
The Lord will be our light.

Refrain

We are singing for the Lord is our light,
We are singing for the Lord is our light. (repeat)
We are singing..Oh, We are singing for the Lord is our light,
We are singing..Oh, We are singing for the Lord is our light,

When burdens are heavy to bear,
Our shelter is God alone.
Our feet are lifted high;
Yes, high upon a rock.

Refrain

We are singing for the Lord is our light,
We are singing for the Lord is our light. (repeat)
We are singing..Oh, We are singing for the Lord is our light,
We are singing..Oh, We are singing for the Lord is our light,

We walk in the strength of the Lord,
God's love is ever sure.
We shout that the world may hear,
We sing a joyful song.

✠ **Song
"Sanctuary"**

Lord prepare me, to be a sanctuary,
Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

Lead Leader: This is our hope,

Response: To know Christ and make Him known.

Greeting:

You are somebody,
somebody on the Lord's side.
You are somebody,

somebody on the Lord's side.

Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Welcome and Announcements

- **Welcome to visitors.**
- **Mother's Day Coffee Hour today Sunday after Worship Service.**
- **Pentecost Sunday: Sunday, May 28th. We are asking everyone to wear red.**
- **Prayer Request:**
 - **Kathleen Tilmon**

Confession:

Leader: God is Good!

Response: All the time!

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Response: God is good to me!

✠ Song #483 (BH) Above"

"Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns

Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation;
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled:
To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty power hath made,
God's gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! All is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!

The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace, and joy, and blessing;
As with a mother's tender hand,
God gently leads the chosen band:
To God all praise and glory

Confession of Sin

Invitation to Silent Confession: God does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far He removes our transgressions from us.

Let us go before the Lord and silently confess our sin!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon: Leader: Believe the good news. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Response: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Amen. *Psalm 51:10*

✠ Response to Pardon "Doxology"

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures high and low.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia,

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be Your name,**

Your kingdom come,

Your will be done,

on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins

as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours
now and forever. Amen.**

Consecration of Gifts:

The Bread and the Cup

Offering

Worship Asst: For God so loved the world he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish, but have everlasting life!

Now, as Christ humbled himself and gave Himself on the cross on our behalf, let us consecrate our tithes and offerings to Him!

Even more than this: Let us “present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship!

✠ **Song #136 (LYH)**
Freely”

“Freely,

Ref: He said freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe.
Others will know that I live.

God forgave my sin in Jesus’ name.
I’ve been born again in Jesus’ name.
And in Jesus’ name, I come to you to share his love
As he told me to.

Ref: He said freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe.
Others will know that I live.

All pow’r is giv’n in Jesus’ name,
In earth and heav’n in Jesus’ name,
And in Jesus’ name I come to you
To share his pow’r as he told me to.

Ref: He said freely, freely, you have received
Freely, freely give.
Go in my name and because you believe.
Others will know that I live.

Prayer of Dedication

Story Time

“What Kind of Mother?”

1 Samuel 1

✠ **Song #66 (LYH)**
Fire”

“Refiner’s

Purify my heart
Let me be as gold and precious silver.
Purify my heart

Let me be as gold, pure gold.

Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy,
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy.
Set apart for You, my Master
Ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.

Purify my heart
Cleanse me from my sin
Deep within.

Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord.

I choose to be holy.
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will. (repeat)

Scripture Lesson
20-21

1 Peter 3:13-18, John 14:15-17,

Hear the Word of the Lord!

13 Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good?
14 But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated,
15 but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you;
16 yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame.
17 For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God’s will, than to suffer for doing evil.
18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God.

15 "If you love me, you will keep my commandments.
16 And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever.
17 This is the Spirit of truth, Whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Her nor knows Her. You know Her, because She abides with you, and She will be in you.
20 On that day you will know that I AM in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.
21 They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord!

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

Sermon Suffering"

"5. 1 Peter: Apologetics &

† Song #339 (BH) Vision"

"Be Thou My

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

The Lord's Supper

Liturgical Response

Leader: Thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Response: O give thanks to the Lord for He is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

† Benediction

† Song #135 (LYH) Spirit"

"Dance with the

Dance with the Spirit early in the mornin',
walk with the Spirit throughout the long day.
Work and hope for the new life a-bornin',
listen to the Spirit to show you the way.
(repeat)

Postlude