

**Christ's Community Church
Worship Service
March 16, 2025**



**Gathering
Silence**

Time of

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary K. Zambrana

Call to Worship

Lighting the Christ Candle

Opening Prayer:

† Song #56 (LYH)

“We Are Singing” - vs, 1, 3, 4

Emmanuel Saylee

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.

Vs 1 -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.

Vs 3 - 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.
Vs 4 - 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.

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.

† **Blessing of the Children**

"You Are Somebody"

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

Call to Confession

Tracy Johnson

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins
and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God.

Confession of Sin

Let us join together in confession:

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word,
and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength.
We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the
glory of your holy name.

Assurance of Pardon

The mercy of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting.
I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven.

May the God of mercy,
who forgives you all your sins, strengthen you in all goodness,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit
keep you in eternal life.
Amen

Sharing the Peace

Worship Leader: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Response: And also with you.

Turn and share the peace with the people around you without leaving your seat.

† **Song #24 (LYH)**

“God Is So Good”

Emmanuel Saylee

Vs 1 - God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God is good to me.

Vs 2 - God answers prayer, God answers prayer,
God answers prayer, God is good to me.

Vs 3 - God cares for me, God cares for me,
God cares for me, God is good to me.

Vs 4 - God, you're so good; God, you're so good,
God, you're so good; you're so good to me.

Vs 1 - God is so good, God is so good,
God is so good, God is good to me.

Presenting the Word

Worship Leader: Your Word Lord, is eternal.

Congregation: It stands firm in the heavens forever!" Psalm 119:89

(Bible is walked to the table)

Consecration of Gifts:

The Bread and the Cup

Worship Leader: 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!

† **Offering #385 (RH)**

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

Bea Feddy

Vs 1 – 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.

Vs 2 – 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.

Vs 3 – 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.

Prayer for Illumination

Tracy Johnson

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that as the scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today.

Old Testament: Genesis 15:1-18

¹After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, ‘Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.’

²But Abram said, ‘O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?’

³And Abram said, ‘You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.’

⁴But the word of the LORD came to him, ‘This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.’

⁵He brought him outside and said, ‘Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.’ Then he said to him, ‘So shall your descendants be.’

⁶And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

⁷ Then he said to him, ‘I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.’

⁸But he said, ‘O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?’

⁹He said to him, ‘Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.’

¹⁰He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

¹¹And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

¹² As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

¹³Then the LORD said to Abram, ‘Know this for certain, that your offspring shall be aliens in a land that is not theirs, and shall be slaves there, and they shall be oppressed for four hundred years;

¹⁴but I will bring judgement on the nation that they serve, and afterwards they shall come out with great possessions.

¹⁵As for yourself, you shall go to your ancestors in peace; you shall be buried in a good old age.

¹⁶And they shall come back here in the fourth generation; for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete.’

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

¹⁸On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,

Psalm 27 (Responsive)

¹ The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

² **When evildoers assail me
to devour my flesh—
my adversaries and foes—
they shall stumble and fall.**

³ Though an army encamp against me,
my heart shall not fear;
though war rise up against me,
yet I will be confident.

⁴ **One thing I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the LORD,
and to inquire in his temple.**

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ **Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.**

⁷ Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!

⁸ **'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, LORD, do I seek.**

⁹ Do not hide your face from me.
Do not turn your servant away in anger,
you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ **If my father and mother forsake me,
the LORD will take me up.**

- ¹¹ Teach me your way, O LORD,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.
- ¹² **Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.**
- ¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD
in the land of the living.
- ¹⁴ **Wait for the LORD;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the LORD!**

Luke 13:31-35

Rev. Rob Eyre

- ³¹ At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, ‘Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.’
- ³² He said to them, ‘Go and tell that fox for me, “Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.
- ³³ Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem.”
- ³⁴ Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!
- ³⁵ See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.” ’

† #314 (PH)

“Christ, Be Our Light”, vs 1, 2, 5

Debbie Engell

Vs 1 - Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Vs 2 – Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,
Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Vs 5 – Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

Ref. Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts,

Shine through the darkness.
Christ be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

Gospel Reading: Story Time **“The Kingdom of the Unranked”** **Mark 9:30-37, 10:13-16**

Sermon **“Where Do the Children Go?”** **Rev. Rob**
Eyre

Invitation

Jesus said “Ask, and you will receive; seek and you will find;
knock and the door will be opened to you.”
God abounds in love and mercy and welcomes our return,
for in Christ, God came to us that we might have abundant life.

† **Song #388 (BH)** **“O Jesus, I have Promised”, vs 1, 2, 4** **Debbie Engell**

1. O Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me,
my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if Thou wilt be my Guide.

2. O let me feel Thee near me,
the world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle,
the tempting sounds I hear;
my foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer,
and shield my soul from sin.

4. O Jesus, Thou hast promised
to all who follow Thee
that where Thou art in glory
there shall Thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised
to serve Thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my Friend!

† **Affirmation of Faith (Nicene Creed)** **Tracy Johnson**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,

Eternally begotten of the Father, God from God,
Light from light, true God from true God,
Begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
Who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son, She is worshiped and glorified.

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Supper

Rev. Rob Eyre

Invitation to the Lord's Table:

Friends, this is the joyful feast of the people of God!
They will come from east and west, and from north and south,
and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

This is the Lord's table.
Our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared.

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

(Prayer by pastor continues leading to responsive section below)

Therefore we praise you, joining our hearts with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

(Prayer continues with prayer leading to responsive section below)

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil,
For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
Forever. Amen**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion of the People

† Charge and Benediction

† Song #131 LYH

"Partakers of the Holy Food"

Emmanuel Saylee

Vs 1 - Partakers of the Holy Food,
Our spirits filled, our lives renewed.
We will worship God as One.
Mighty things our Lord has done!
Christ was broken, Christ was raised!
We give our lives in love and praise.

Vs 2 - Partakers of the Bread and Wine,
We are the branches, Christ the vine.
We will worship God as One.
Mighty things our Lord has done!
Christ was broken, Christ was raised!
We give our lives in love and praise.

Postlude

9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service
March Birthday Celebration

Looking ahead

March 17, Monday	6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts
March 18, Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Lenten Series on Zoom 7:00 p.m., NA 7:00 p.m., Al-Anon
March 19, Wednesday	7:00 p.m., NA
March 20, Thursday	7:00 p.m., NA
March 23, Sunday	9:30 a.m., Worship Service
March 29, Saturday	Life Center Meal
March 30, Sunday	9:30 a.m., Worship Service

Counting Team: Mary Ellen's Team

- The chair glide located at the tower entrance of the church on Riverview Avenue is available for anyone who may want assistance.
- Nursery is available for young children.

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Pray the Word! Practice the Word! Proclaim the Word!

We seek the kingdom of God as we embrace all people and share the experience of God's steadfast love in Jesus Christ in Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Mission.

For Our Guests:

Welcome in Christ's Name! We pray that you will know of God's love for you through the warmth of this congregation.

1. Welcome envelopes can be found in the pew. You are invited to place in the offering plate during the offering time. If you would like a pastoral visit, please make a note on the welcome envelope or contact the office, (610) 259-2696.
2. Do not feel obligated to participate in the offering. As our guest, we only ask you to complete the name portion of the envelope and place it in the offering plate at the appropriate time.

Continue intercessory prayer for:

Illness: Lisa Jeffries, health; Colleen Teti

Also keep in prayer: Wars, gun violence, those suffering from disasters and droughts, connecting Elders to Youth, Presbytery of Philadelphia

Sharing Your Joys and Concerns: Write the joy or concern on the attendance slip; place it in the offering plate.

Invitation to Communion

All who confess Jesus Christ as Lord are invited to share the Bread and the Cup when they are served!

SESSION

Moderator: Rev. Mary K. Zambrana

CLASS OF 2025

Eric Myers
Susan Parker

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Lisa Jeffries
Emmanuel Saylee

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Holton Falk (Clerk of Session)
Sandy Reilly

DEACONS

Heidi Hamilton & Nathan Johnson, Deacon Administrators

Aaron Geh & Veronica Hernandez

Let's remember our Shut-Ins on their birthdays. You can send birthday wishes to:

March 31

Mrs. Peggy Long
217 Marshall Landing
Glen Mills, PA 19342

Ongoing Mission Opportunities:

WYCLIFFE BIBLE TRANSLATORS – We have supported Marge during her forty years of service to Wycliffe Bible Translators. Now that she has retired, we will continue to support her with a check to Wycliffe Bible Translators with designation for her retirement fund.

CAMP DEBORAH is a mission project in Zambia that we support.

THE CHURCH MOUSE is a thrift shop run by the women that sells used items to the community and funds are donated to local charities or for needs of the church.

UPPER DARBY FOOD CUPBOARD: we financially support our community food cupboard and welcome food contributions that we deliver to the cupboard as a donation.

Items needed for donations: corn, soup-tomato and chicken noodle, spaghetti sauce, pasta, peanut butter, spam, nutrition/snack bars and pop tarts.

INNER CITY MOVEMENT/THEATER 700: we invest in our local youth through this Bible based Theatre that trains youth and their parents in performing and creative arts.

YOUNG LIFE DELCO: we support the YL mission in its effort to work with single mothers providing guidance and introducing them to Jesus Christ and helping them grow in their faith.

LIFE CENTER MEAL: every fifth Saturday of the month, volunteers prepare an evening meal for the 63rd Street Life Center of Eastern Delaware County.

CAMPUS CRUSADE FOR CHRIST INTERNATIONAL: This ministry builds and sends Christ-centered multiplying disciples who launch spiritual movements.

PEOPLE'S EMERGENCY CENTER: nurtures families, strengthens neighborhoods, and drives change. People's Emergency Center is committed to increasing equity and opportunity throughout our entire community.

Christ's Community Church Zoom Worship for Inclement Weather

When weather forecasts call for conditions that would make for dangerous travel to worship in person on a [Sunday](#) morning, we will revert to Zoom worship at 9:30 a.m. The decision whether to meet on Zoom or in person will be made [Saturday](#) afternoon and an email notification with the bulletin and the Zoom link will be sent to the full email list. Please check your email before venturing to church on a snowy or icy [Sunday](#) or call Holton Falk, (267) 275-4655.