

**Christ's Community Church
Worship Service
March 23, 2025
9:30 AM**



**Gathering
Silence**

Time of

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Mary K. Zambrana

Call to Worship

Lighting the Christ Candle

"Sanctuary" #701 PH

Christine Bodden

Opening Prayer:

† Song #10 (LYH) - "Let Us Go"

Emmanuel Saylee

I rejoiced with those who said to me,
"Let us go to the house of the Lord."
There's no other place I'd rather be.
Let us go to the house of the Lord.
Gathered here with all God's family,
Let us go to the house of the Lord.
Who could ask for better company?
Let us go to the house of the Lord.

Enter into His gates with praise,
Thank the Lord Most High.
Enter into His courts with joy.
Praise and glorify.

We have come to listen to the word,
let us go to the house of the Lord.
Here the spirit's presence is assured,
let us go to the house of the Lord.
Jesus Christ will be exalted here,
let us go to the house of the Lord.

As the one we worship and revere,
let us go to the house of the Lord.
Enter into His gates with praise,
Thank the Lord Most High.
Enter into His courts with joy.
Praise and glorify.

He will meet us as we seek his face,
let us go to the house of the Lord.
And he changes people in this place,
let us go to the house of the Lord.
With a grateful heart we've come to sing,
let us go to the house of the Lord.
Giving thanks to God in everything,
let us go to the house of the Lord.

Enter into His gates with praise,
Thank the Lord Most High.
Enter into His courts with joy.
Praise and glorify!
And glorify! And glorify!

† **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 Johnson

Tracy

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 - #626 PH "As the Deer"

Debbie Engell

As the deer pants for the water,
So my soul longs after you.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

I want you more than gold or silver,
Only you can satisfy,
You alone are the real joygiver,
And the apple of my eye.

You alone are my strength, my shield;
To you alone may my spirit yield.
You alone are my heart's desire,
And I long to worship you.

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 - Song #114 LYH - "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart"**

Debbie Engell

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

Give thanks with a grateful heart,
Give thanks to the Holy one,
Give thanks because He's given Jesus Christ, His Son.

And now, let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.
And now, let the weak say, "I am strong;"
Let the poor say, "I am rich" because of what the Lord has done for us.

Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!

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: Isaiah 55:1-9

1 Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while he may be found,
call upon him while he is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Psalm 63:1-8 (Responsive)

Debbie Engell

¹ O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² **So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.**

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ **So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.**

⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

⁶ **when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;**

⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

⁸ **My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me.**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13
Zambrana

Rev. Mary Kruse

¹ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,

²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,

³and all ate the same spiritual food,

⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

⁶ Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.

⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.'

⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.

⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.

¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.

¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.

¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.

¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

† Song #48 LYH - "Praise, I Will Praise You, Lord"

Emmanuel Saylee

Vs 1 – Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways

And glorify your name.

Praise, I will praise you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy, Alleluia!

Vs 2 – Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways

And glorify your name.

Love, I will love you, Lord, with all my heart.

In you I will find the source of all my joy, Alleluia!

Vs 3 – Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

O God, I will tell the wonders of your ways

And glorify your name.

Serve, I will serve you, Lord, with all my heart.

Gospel Reading: Story Time

“Grace in the Orchard”

Luke 13:1-9

Sermon

“Those Three Crucial Years”

Rev. Mary Kruse Zambrana

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 #280 BH – “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”**

Bea Feddy

Vs 1 - Amazing grace, How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

Vs 2 - 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Vs 4 – The Lord has promised good to me;
His word my hope secures,
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

† **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. Mary Kruse Zambrana

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.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 “Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling” #418 PH Christine
Bodden**

† Charge and Benediction

† Song #432 (BH) - “Song of Hope”

Emmanuel Saylee

May the God of hope go with us every day,
Filling all our lives with love and joy and peace.
May the God of justice speed us on our way,
Bringing light and hope to every land and race.
Praying, let us work for peace,
Singing, share our joy with all,
Working for a world that's new.
Faithful, as we hear Christ's call.
(Repeat)

Postlude

9:30 a.m., Sunday Worship Service

Looking ahead

March 24, Monday	6:30 p.m., Girl Scouts
March 25, Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Lenten Series on Zoom 7:00 p.m., NA 7:00 p.m., Al-Anon
March 26, Wednesday	7:00 p.m., NA
March 27, Thursday	7:00 p.m., NA
March 29, Saturday	Life Center Meal
March 30, Sunday	9:30 a.m., Worship Service
April 1, Tuesday	7:00 p.m., Lenten Series on Zoom
April 6, Sunday	8:00 a.m., Breakfast in Fellowship Hall 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

CLASS OF 2026

Lisa Jeffries
Emmanuel Saylee

CLASS OF 2027

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.