

If you love Me
you will keep
My commandments

John 14:15

Prelude

Our Great Savior Arr: Victor Labenske

Welcome and Announcements

Invocation

Every worship service opens by invoking the name, the presence, and the power of the one true God, the God in whose name and by whose power we became members of the Holy Christian Church in our Baptism.

(Pastor) In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

(Everyone) Amen.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

We pray to confess our sin to God and ask His forgiveness to remain humble before Him.

Prayer of Confession of Sin

(Everyone) Gracious Heavenly Father, once again we come before You in confession of our sins. We sought only to serve You in faith this past week, but we failed to follow Your will and instead went our own selfish way. Father, please forgive our many sins for Jesus' sake, as we look to His suffering and death for mercy and pardon. Give us the strength and spiritual stamina to follow Your guidance in our lives, and grant us a joyful life in service to You, as we plead the merits of our Savior Jesus Christ for forgiveness. In His Name. Amen.

Declaration of Grace

(Pastor) The Bible tells us that we are to penitently and sincerely confess our sins. Having done so in faith, we now humbly seek God's pardon, especially in our daily walk of faith. Christ has promised to us His forgiveness because of His suffering and death at Calvary. Thus, by the authority of God's Word and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I declare to you that God, through His grace, has forgiven all your sins' in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Hymn of the Day

Glorify Thy Name # 29

Pianist: Shirlene Everhart

We Worship Through Our Giving

We express our gratitude to God as we give to support the work of the church so that more people may hear the Good News about Jesus. Please ask an usher if you need an envelope.

Offertory

Sweet Hour of Prayer Arr: Victor Labenske

We Worship Through Speaking and Hearing the Word of God

We read the Word of God to strengthen, encourage, and challenge us for the week ahead.

Reading from the Psalms

Psalms 66:8-20

⁸Bless our God, O peoples; let the sound of His praise be heard, ⁹Who has kept our soul among the living and has not let our feet slip. ¹⁰For you, O God, have tested us; You have tried us as silver is tried. ¹¹You brought us into the net; You laid a crushing burden on our backs; ¹²You let men ride over our heads; we went through fire and through water; yet You have brought us out to a place of abundance. ¹³I will come into your house with burnt offerings; I will perform my vows to You, ¹⁴that which my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble. ¹⁵I will offer to You burnt offerings of fattened animals, with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams; I will make an offering of bulls and goats. *Selah* ¹⁶Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what He has done for my soul. ¹⁷I cried to Him with my mouth, and high praise was on my tongue. ¹⁸If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. ¹⁹But truly God has listened; He has attended the voice of my prayer. ²⁰Blessed be God, because He has not rejected my prayer or removed His steadfast love from me!

First Lesson for the Day

Acts 17:16-31

¹⁶Now while Paul was waiting for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he saw that the city was full of idols. ¹⁷So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the marketplace every day with those who happened to be there. ¹⁸Some of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers also conversed with him. And some said, "What does this babbling wish to say?" Others said, "He seems to be a preacher of foreign divinities"—because he was preaching Jesus and the resurrection. ¹⁹And they took him and brought him to the Areopagus, saying, "May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? ²⁰For you bring some strange things to our ears. We wish to know therefore what these things mean." ²¹Now all the Athenians and the foreigners who lived there would spend their time in nothing except telling or hearing something new. ²²So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: "Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. ²³For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: 'To the unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything. ²⁶And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, ²⁷that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, ²⁸for "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we are indeed his offspring." ²⁹Being then God's offspring, we ought not to think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone, an

image formed by the art and imagination of man. ³⁰The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Epistle

1 Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which he went and proclaimed to the spirits in prison, ²⁰because they formerly did not obey, when God's patience waited in the days of Noah, while the ark was being prepared, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were brought safely through water. ²¹Baptism, which corresponds to this, now saves you, not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers having been subjected to him.

Special Music—Choir

One Day Arr: Hal Wright

(Please stand)

Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Helper, to be with you forever, ¹⁷even the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, for he dwells with you and will be in you. ¹⁸"I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. ¹⁹Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live. ²⁰In that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹Whoever has my commandments and keeps them, he it is who loves me. And he who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and manifest myself to him."

We Respond to God's Word by Confessing Our Faith

As we recite together the words of the Apostles' Creed, we join the worldwide chorus of followers of Jesus, who, for centuries, have confessed their faith through this simple declaration.

(Everyone) I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,

dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sermon Hymn

Trust and Obey # 349

Sermon

Pastor Dan Giles

General Prayer

Communion Hymn

Let Us Break Bread Together # 323

We Worship at the table of the Lord's Supper

Communion — If you prefer grape juice instead of wine, please hold up 2 fingers when you reach the person with the cups.

Everyone who confesses Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior is welcome and invited to join us. Together we receive anew the love and grace that God pours out to us through the sacrifice of Christ on the cross. Come hold in your hands and taste on your lips the love He poured out for you.

Pastor: The Words of Our Lord...(Consecration of the Elements)

(Everyone) *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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass 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 and ever. Amen!*

Distribution

Benediction

A blessing we receive to send us out into the world once again.

Sending Hymn

Living for Jesus # 391

Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!

(Everyone) Thanks be to God

Postlude

All Hail the Power Arr: Victor Labenske

Activity Items

These are available for younger children during the service. They are in the cabinets at the back of the church to the left of the Prayer Room.

Things going on during the week:

Monday—Little Blessings Christian Preschool: “Theme: Amazing Water Week
Bible: Phillip and the Ethiopian.”

Tuesday--Kinship Group: At church from 5:30—8:00 pm. This is a support group for grandparents who are helping to raise their grandkids.

Wednesday--Choir Rehearsal: At church at 5 pm.

Thursday—Potluck Dinner & Bible Study: Potluck Dinner starts at 6:15 pm followed by Bible Study at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Chain Requests

In order for us to be sensitive to everyone's needs regarding prayer requests, please mark the Connection Card very clearly as to whether you want our prayer chain to pray for you or if it is something you want kept private between you and Pastor. Our prayer chain encompasses a large percentage of our members. We will try calling/emailing if we are unsure how you want your request handled.

Mark Your Calendars!

TODAY—May 21, Sunday, Special Congregational Meeting -- At Church following Worship. We need to discuss and vote on funds for repairs to the rental house in preparation for new renters.

May 31, Wednesday, Preschool Graduation & Awards -- At Church from 6:15 to 7:30 pm. Please bring a dish to share. Come help send off our Preschoolers going to Pre-K or Kindergarten in the Fall.

June 3, Saturday, Women's Bible Study and Meeting -- At 10:00 am continuing the study of Mary.

June 11, Sunday, Second Sunday -- Actually this is the First Sunday...second Sunday is Mother's Day, so the *Preschool Kids will sing today. Potluck lunch following worship service.*

June 17, Saturday -- Free Food Distribution--At the Shack from 9:30 to 10:30 am. If you know of someone who could benefit from the free food distribution, please let them know. Please come and lend a hand with handing out food to those in need. If you can help with set-up, please come at 8:30 am. If you can come later and stay until about 11:00 am to help with putting away leftover food, tables and chairs, your help will be greatly appreciated. Join us in thanking God for the continuation of this ministry!

June 17, Saturday, Women's Bible Study with Debbie Giles -- At 11:00 following the food distribution.

July 17-21, VBS -- Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory Is Won! Keep an eye on your email for items needed for VBS. Main items are prayer, donations and volunteers!

May 2017 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Here at Community we celebrate our birthdays/anniversaries each second Sunday of the month. If your birthday is this month, and your name is not on this list, please put a note in the offering plate so we can include yours!

(PS) after the name denotes one of our Preschoolers' birthday.

Birthdays

6th—Della Welemirov, Brady Persky 11th—Tiny Futrell 12th—Joanne Thompson
13th—Zoey Head (PS) 14th—Jeff Herrington 21st—Adrean Ramos (PS)
23rd—Pastor Dan Giles

Anniversaries

3rd—Bob and Sharlene Miller, Kathy & Dan Shattuck

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Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ

Weekly Schedule:

Sundays	10:00 am	Worship Service
	11:15 am	Community Fellowship Time <i>Refreshments in the Courtyard</i>
Second Sunday		Preschool Kids Sing during Worship, Potluck Lunch following Worship
Wednesdays	5:00 pm	Choir Practice—At church at 5 pm
Thursdays	6:15 pm 6:00 pm	Dinner and Bible Study “4th Thursday”—Dinner for the Preschool Families <i>The <u>Fourth</u> Thursday of each month</i>
Saturdays	10:00 am 10:00 am 11:00 am	Women's Bible Study <i>The <u>First</u> Saturday of each month.</i> Free Food Distribution <i>The <u>Third</u> Saturday of each month. from 9:30—10:30 am</i> Women's Bible Study with Debbie Giles <i>The <u>Third</u> Saturday of each month.</i>