



Prelude

*O Zion Haste*  
Arr. Cindy Berry

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 and Absolution

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

P: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: *Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.***

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins in the name of the + Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Hymn of the Day

*Holy Holy Holy #262*

*Pianist: Shirlene Everhart*

(Congregation sings)

**Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.  
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Amen**

## 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

*Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies*  
Arr. Cindy Berry

## 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.*

### *First Lesson for the Day*

**Exodus 34:29-35 (NASB)**

<sup>29</sup> It came about when Moses was coming down from Mount Sinai (and the two tablets of the testimony were in Moses' hand as he was coming down from the mountain), that Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because of his speaking with Him. <sup>30</sup> So when Aaron and all the sons of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> Then Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the rulers in the congregation returned to him; and Moses spoke to them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the sons of Israel came near, and he commanded them *to do* everything that the LORD had spoken to him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. <sup>34</sup> But whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with Him, he would take off the veil until he came out; and whenever he came out and spoke to the sons of Israel what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the sons of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face shone. So Moses would replace the veil over his face until he went in to speak with Him.

### *Epistle*

**II Corinthians 3:12-4:6 (NASB)**

<sup>12</sup> Therefore having such a hope, we use great boldness in *our* speech, <sup>13</sup> and *are* not like Moses, *who* used to put a veil over his face so that the sons of Israel would not look intently at the end of what was fading away. <sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened; for until this very day at the reading of the old covenant the same veil remains unlifted, because it is removed in Christ. <sup>15</sup> But to this day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their heart; <sup>16</sup> but whenever a person turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, *there* is liberty. <sup>18</sup> But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart, <sup>2</sup> but we have renounced the things hidden because of shame, not walking in craftiness or adulterating the word of God, but by the manifestation of truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. <sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, <sup>4</sup> in whose case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelieving so that they might not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For we do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

(Reader) This is the Word of the Lord  
(congregation) **Thanks be to God.**

(Please stand for the Gospel Reading)

### *Gospel Reading*

**Mark 9:2-9 (NASB)**

(Pastor) The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth chapter.

(C) **Praise to you O Lord.**

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus \*took with Him Peter and James and John, and \*brought them up on a high mountain by themselves. And He was transfigured before them; <sup>3</sup> and His garments became radiant and exceedingly white, as no launderer on earth can whiten them. <sup>4</sup> Elijah appeared to them along with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Peter \*said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three tabernacles, one for You, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah." <sup>6</sup> For he did not know what to answer; for they became terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud formed, overshadowing them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is My beloved Son, listen to Him!" <sup>8</sup> All at once they looked around and saw no one with them anymore, except Jesus alone. <sup>9</sup> As they were coming down from the mountain, He gave them orders not to relate to anyone what they had seen, until the Son of Man rose from the dead.

(P) This is the Gospel of the Lord.

(C) **Praise to you O Christ.**

## 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

*Rock of Ages #204*

## Sermon

*Pastor Chris Gallagher*

*"Close Encounters of a Divine Kind"*

**General Prayer**

**Communion Hymn**

*There is Power in the Blood # 191*

**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**

*Amazing Grace # 292*

**Go In Peace and Serve the Lord!**

**(Everyone) Thanks be to God**

**Postlude**

*Blessed Assurance  
Arr. Jan Sanborn*

***Mark Your Calendars!***

**February 14, Wednesday -- Ash Wednesday Service** — Soup Dinner starts at 6:15 pm followed by Service at 7:00 pm.

**February 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!

**March 3, Saturday -- Women's Bible Study** — At church 10:00 AM

**February 2018 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**

Joey Taschner—5, Gregory Smith—6, Joan Taschner—11, Gene Erwin - 25

**Anniversaries**

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: Valentines & Kindness Letter: Rr Bible: The Widow’s Offering Offering (Luke 21:1-4)**

**Wednesday—Ash Wed. Lenten Service Soup supper 6:15, Lenten Service 7:00**

**Thursday—Choir Rehearsal: At church at 5 pm.  
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.

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**Little Blessings Christian Preschool (760) 722-1705**

Preschool Hours: Monday – Friday 7:00 am to 6:00 pm  
Kristen Erwin, Preschool Director

*Building Committed Followers of Jesus Christ*

**Weekly Schedule:**

<b>Sundays</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Worship Service &amp; Sunday School</b>
	<b>11:15 am</b>	<b>Community Fellowship Time</b> <i>Refreshments in the Courtyard</i>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>6:15 pm</b>	Soup supper
	<b>7:00 pm</b>	Lenten Service
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>5:00 pm</b>	<b>Choir Practice—At church</b>
	<b>6:15 pm</b>	<b>Dinner and Bible Study</b>
<b>Saturdays</b>	<b>10:00 am</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study</b>
		<i>The <u>First</u> Saturday of each month.</i>
	<b>9:30 am</b>	<b>Free Food Distribution</b>
		<i>The <u>Third</u> Saturday of each month. from 9:30—10:30 am</i>
	<b>11:00 am</b>	<b>Women’s Bible Study with Debbie Giles</b>