

## Christ Church

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### Witnessing to God's power, love, and truth as His ambassadors

#### Prelude

#### Moments of Concern

**Call to Worship:** Psalm 1:1-2 Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor stands in the path of sinners, nor sits in the seat of the scornful; but his delight is in the law of the Lord, and in His law he meditates day and night.

**Heidelberg Catechism:** Lord's Day 1 (pages 7-8)

**\*Hymn of Adoration:** 374 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King!"

**\*Collect of the Day:** Oh heavenly Father, who has created me, who has preserved my life, and who has promised the joy of eternal life to all who come to Him through His only Son, Jesus Christ: grant me grace to grow in my faith during the coming year, learning Your holy Word, coming to You in prayer every day, and resolving to walk in all those good works in which You have commanded us to walk. Bless me in my endeavors to use the means You have provided for me to mature in Christ, dear God; send Your Holy Spirit to always remind and correct me when I stray from Your path; and renew in me, today and every day of 2018, a sense of Your unceasing presence. Let me honor You with my time, my love, my bounty, my words and deeds, as I lay up my treasure in heaven. In Christ's name, I pray, Amen.

**Epistle Lesson:** Colossians 2:11-19 (page 1046)

#### Children's Sermon

**Sermon:** Colossians 2:16-19

**\*Hymn of Preparation:** Praise Book #68 "You Are My All in All"

**Reading of the Law:** Exodus 20:1-17 (page 68)

**Call to Confession:** 1 Corinthians 11:27-29 So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. For if

you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself.

**Prayer of Confession:** Father, forgive us for forsaking our new identity in Christ. We often act as if our lives are our own to do with as we please. We fail to cooperate with the Spirit who brings us assurance of salvation and grants us godly affections. Instead, we are prone to worry and to yearn for what the devil offers. Forgive us for not cherishing the precious Savior whose blood was shed to save us. Purify us, we ask, in Jesus' Name. Amen.

#### Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Christ, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Lord, have mercy upon us.**

**Assurance of Pardon:** Listen to the comforting assurance of the grace of God, promised in the Gospel to all that repent and believe: As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. Amen.

**C:** Thanks be to God.

**\*Gloria Patri:** No. 142

#### Holy Communion

#### Prayers of the People

**Lord's Prayer (unison)** Our Father, which 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, For Thine is the Kingdom and the Power and the Glory, Forever. Amen.

#### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

**Offertory:** Psalm 119:9-16

How can a young man cleanse his way?

Let him with care Your word obey

With all my heart I seek for You;  
From Your commands let me not stray.

Your word I've treasured in my heart  
So that from You I will not turn.  
That I'll not sin, O blessed Lord,  
Your statutes teach, that I may learn.

I have repeated with my lips  
All of the laws Your mouth has told.  
I have rejoiced in Your commands  
As one delights in purest gold.

I on Your precepts meditate,  
And I will ponder all Your ways.  
I will delight in Your decrees,  
Your word rememb'ring all my days.

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**\*Offertory Response: Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures  
here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son,  
and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

**\*Hymn of Response: 238 "Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Threefold Amen**

**\*Postlude**

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card located in the pew and place it in the offering plate or sign our guest  
book in the foyer. Thank you.