

CHRIST CHURCH PRESBYTERIAN
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What's In Your Hand?



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Christ Church Presbyterian
5th Sunday after Pentecost

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9:30 A.M.

Called to love, serve and witness.

Thought as we enter worship
To help a friend is really good. To help yourself is also really good. But to help a stranger is the very best. —Art Hochberg

GATHERING

Quiet meditation time (Please fill out a blue or pink card with any prayer requests and put it in the collection plate.) – Thanks

PRELUDE

Welcome & Announcements

CALL TO WORSHIP

Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD.

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore.

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the LORD is to be praised.

The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.

Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?

**He raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap,
to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people.**

He gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children.

Praise the LORD!

(Psalm 113)

***INVOCATION (Opening Prayer)**

O God, you have called us to be your children. You lavish your love on us, calling us through your grace and pardoning us through your mercy. O Lord, we thank you, we praise you and we adore you. Accept now, we pray, our worship and our praise. **Amen.**

***HYMN GREEN #8 "Gather Us In"**

***CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

The proof of God's amazing love is this: While we were sinners, Christ died for us. Let us therefore

approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another. —based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16, NRSV

[Our private prayers for forgiveness and spiritual renewal]

O Gracious Lord and Savior, we are your people

Though at times our actions ensure that the world is unaware of this.

We are your children,

Yet we squabble and fight over your generous gifts.

We are to speak your words,

Yet most often choose to be silent.

We are your hands and feet,

But are often slow to move and swift to do nothing.

Forgive us, O Lord,

For ignoring your love,

For dismissing your voice and

For trusting our own wisdom.

Help us worship you with our lives in all we do and say

That others will want to know you and experience your love, mercy and grace.

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Because we trust in the life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, we are given new life so that we can be children of God. The judge of the whole world died that we could be free.

Thanks be to God who forgives us our sins and calls us to new life in him.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace, love and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Let us greet one another in the name of the Lord.

***INSERT "Speak, O Lord" (vs. 1 and 2)**

THE PEOPLE OF GOD HEAR THE WORD

HEARING GOD'S WORD: Exodus 3: 7, 9-15, 4:1-5

The LORD said, "I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt. I have heard their cry because of their taskmasters, for I know their sorrows. And now indeed the cry of the

Israelites has come to me, and I have also seen how severely the Egyptians oppress them. So now go, and I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

Moses said to God, "Who am I, that I should go to Pharaoh, or that I should bring the Israelites out of Egypt?"

He replied, "Surely I will be with you, and this will be the sign to you that I have sent you: When you bring the people out of Egypt, you and they will serve God on this mountain."

Moses said to God, "If I go to the Israelites and tell them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?'— what should I say to them?"

God said to Moses, "I AM that I AM." And he said, "You must say this to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "You must say this to the Israelites, 'The LORD— the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob— has sent me to you. This is my name forever, and this is my memorial from generation to generation.'

Moses answered again, "And if they do not believe me or pay attention to me, but say, 'The LORD has not appeared to you?'"

The LORD said to him, "What is that in your hand?"

He said, "A staff."

The LORD said, "Throw it to the ground."

So he threw it to the ground, and it became a snake, and Moses ran from it.

But the LORD said to Moses, "Put out your hand and grab it by the tail"— so he put out his hand and caught it, and it became a staff in his hand—"that they may believe that the LORD, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has appeared to you."

Mark 6:30-43

Then the apostles gathered around Jesus and told him everything they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come with me privately to an isolated place and rest a while" (for many were coming and going, and there was no time to eat). So they went away by themselves in a boat to some remote place.

But many saw them leaving and recognized them, and they hurried on foot from all the towns and arrived there ahead of them. As Jesus came ashore he saw the large crowd and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he taught them many things. When it was already late, his disciples came to him and said, "This is an isolated place and it is already very late. Send them away so that they can go into the surrounding countryside and villages and buy something for themselves to eat."

But he answered them, "You give them something to eat."

And they said, "Should we go and buy bread for two hundred silver coins and give it to them to eat?"

He said to them, "How many loaves do you have? Go and see."

When they found out, they said, "Five— and two fish."

Then he directed them all to sit down in groups on the green grass. So they reclined in groups of hundreds and fifties. He took the five loaves and the two fish, and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. He gave them to his disciples to serve the people, and he divided the two fish among them all. They all ate and were satisfied, and they picked up the broken pieces and fish that were left over, twelve baskets full.

MESSAGE *“What do you have in your hand?”*

***HYMN BLUE #525 “Here I Am, Lord”**

THE PEOPLE OF GOD RESPOND

THE OFFERING

LIFTING PRAISE TO GOD – HYMN #593 *The Doxology

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

O God, we give you all we are and have as our response to your great love shown us in Jesus Christ. Please take this offering as a token of our willingness to serve you with love – each and every day. This we ask in Jesus’ name, Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

We give you praise and thanks, O Lord that you have called us to be your children. We are grateful for your love that led you to die for us and offer ourselves as your servants to be conduits of your love and grace in the world. With joy we thank you for the ways our congregation has shown your love this week. We praise you for your grace, honor you for your love and rejoice in your mercy. With deepest gratitude we proclaim you God.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O God of compassion, we ask that our hearts be moved to show compassion for others. We especially pray for those who have suffered the loss of loved ones, home, food and shelter. We pray for all those who are prisoners, those who suffer addictions, and those who suffer daily. We remember before you the sick and dying, those who are lonely, those who are victims of war, terror, and injustice. We ask for mercy for those who suffer abuse especially those who are enslaved and grace for those who oppress others. We recall all those who have worshipped with us in the past and are unable to do so today.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord of the nations, we pray for all those who exercise authority over others. May they remember that their power is granted them to care for their people. May they pursue peace and justice as they

seek first your kingdom and your righteousness. Help us all remember we need your love and grace. Grant us the courage to model your mercy to those around us.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Lord Jesus, you are the head of the church, the beginning and the end of all things. Grant to the church universal your mercy as we struggle to follow you. Look we pray with mercy upon the ministry of this congregation which you have called together with grace and kindness. Increase our courage, strengthen our faith, and inspire our witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth.

[Time for Silent Congregational Prayer]

O Gracious God, the source of all love and goodness, bless us with your Spirit as we seek to do your will. May we keep our hearts and thoughts on you through Jesus Christ our Lord who taught us to pray, saying:

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 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, now and forever. Amen.

SENDING OUT IN SERVICE

***HYMN BLUE #101 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”**

***CHARGE TO THE PEOPLE**

***BENEDICTION**

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!

How unsearchable are his judgments and how fathomless his ways!

For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?

Or who has first given to God, that God needs to repay him?

For from him and through him and to him are all things.

To him be glory forever! Amen.

*** BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

INSERT “RHYS” (Verse 4 Only)

***POSTLUDE**

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***Please rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.**

Please join us for coffee and refreshments in Fellowship Hall after the service.

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