



CHRIST — PRES —

Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, May 17, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word, Prayer and Sacrament of Baptism

May 17, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

Ascension Sunday

***Crown Him with Many Crowns**

Hymn No. 295

Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868, arr. Tommy Bailey & Nathan Mickle
Lyrics: Matthew Bridges, 1851

Welcome & Announcements

Clint Wilcke

***Call to Worship¹**

Revelation 11:17, 12:10; 15:3-4; Psalm 47:6-8

Elder: “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, for you have taken your great power and begun to reign... “Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Christ have come...”

People: “**Great and amazing are your deeds, O Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, O King of the nations!**”

Elder: Who will not fear, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship you, for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

All: **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises! For God is the King of all the earth; God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

***Rejoice, the Lord Is King**

Hymn No. 310

Music: DARWALL, John Darwall, 1770; Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1746

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Heidelberg Catechism #49

Elder: How does Christ’s ascension to heaven benefit us?

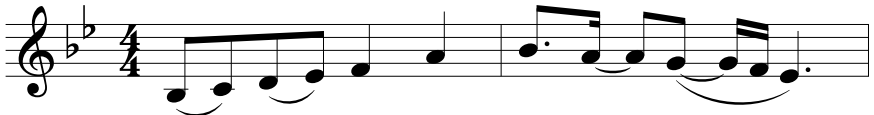
All: **All: First he pleads our cause in heaven in the presence of his Father. Second, we have our own flesh in heaven—a guarantee that Christ our head will take us, his members, to himself in heaven. Third, he sends his Spirit to us on earth as a further guarantee. By the Spirit’s power we make the goal of our lives, not earthly things, but the things above where Christ is, sitting at God’s right hand.**

^{*}Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

*God Be Merciful to Me (Psalm 51)

Music: Christopher Miner; Lyrics: Scottish Psalter, 1912



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me,
2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess,
3. I am e - vil, born in sin;
4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust
5. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new,



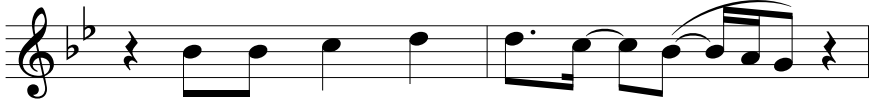
on Thy grace I rest my plea;
grief and guilt my soul op - press;
Thou de - sir - est truth with - in.
by Thy wrath and judg - ment just,
make my spi - rit right and true,



plen - teous in com - pas - sion Thou,
I have sinned a - gainst Thy grace,
Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art,
let my con - trite heart re - joice
cast me not a - way from Thee,



blot out my trans - gres - sions now;
and pro - voked Thee to Thy face;
teach Thy wis - dom to my heart;
and in glad - ness hear Thy voice;
let Thy Spi - rit dwell in me;



wash me, make me pure with - in,
I con - fess Thy judg - ment just,
make me pure, Thy grace be - stow,
from my sins, O hide Thy face,
Thy sal - va - tion's joy im - part



cleanse, o cleanse me from my sin.
speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.
wash me whit - er than the snow.
blot them out in bound - less grace.
stead - fast make my will - ing heart.

Call to Confession

Joel 2:11b-13

¹¹...the day of the LORD is great and very awesome; who can endure it?
¹²“Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; ¹³and rend your hearts
and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious
and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love...

Confession of Sin

All: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness. But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Joel 2:23, 25-27

²³“Be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God, for he has given the early rain for your vindication; he has poured down for you abundant rain, the early and the latter rain, as before... ²⁵“I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the hopper, the destroyer, and the cutter... ²⁶“You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the LORD your God, who has dealt wondrously with you. And my people shall never again be put to shame. ²⁷You shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God and there is none else. And my people shall never again be put to shame.

*How Great Thou Art

Hymn No. 44

Music: O STORE GUD, Swedish folk melody; Lyrics: Stuart K. Hine, 1949; alt.

Recognition of Graduating Seniors

10:45 a.m. service

William Atchley, Benjamin Cowgill, Knox Dixon, Whit Fountain, Dakota Hurdle, Nathanael Hom, Hannah Kariûki, Katy Ann Roane, Nora Sayre, Jane Anne Singletary, Kennedy Shock, Peyton Payne, Malena Pierce and Salena Pierce

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Joel Bell

Offertory

"Behold Our God"

Music: Jonathan Baird, Meghan Baird, Ryan Baird, Stephen Altrogge

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During both the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Doug Sanford

Members of the Week:

Erik & Christine Hom; Nathanael and Evniki
Trey & Sara Hopper

Missionaries of the Week:

Tony & Tracy Boyd: Southeast Asia
Suzy Triplett: Southeast Asia

Teachers of the Week:

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Elizabeth & John Adrian, Meg & Brett Barefoot

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Brian & Liza Sorgenfrei

**Please stand, if able.*

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 forever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Amos 5:18-24, 9:13-15

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Christ the Judge-Redeemer"

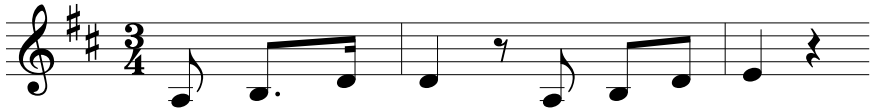
Brian Sorgenfrei

The Prophets & the Promise: Christ in Every Longing

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

*In Christ Alone

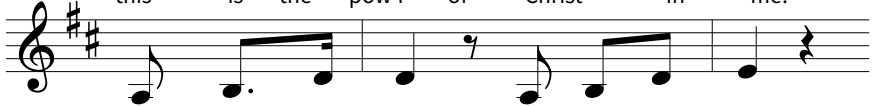
Music & Lyrics: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh;
3. There in the ground His bo - dy lay,
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death:



He is my light, my strength, my song;
full - ness of God in help - less babe!
light of the world by dark - ness slain.
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.



this cor - ner - stone, this so - lid ground,
This gift of love and right - eous - ness,
Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day,
From life's first cry to fi - nal breath.



firm through the fierc - est drought and storm.
scorned by the ones He came to save.
up from the grave He rose a - gain!
Je - sus com - mands my des - ti - ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace,
'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
And as He stands in vic - to - ry,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease!
the wrath of God was sat - is - fied;
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
can ev - er pluck me from His hand;



My com - for - ter, my all in all,
for ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid,
for I am His and He is mine,
'til He re - turns or calls me home,



here in the love of Christ I stand.
here in the death of Christ I live.
bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

*Benediction²

¹Please stand, if able.

²Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

"Christ the Judge-Redeemer "



The flowers in the sanctuary were donated from the wedding of
Annie Shaw and Andrew Atchley.

Musicians & AVL Team

Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Noel Childress, mandolin; Gregg Davidson, vocals;
Kristi Davidson, lights & projections; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer;
Allison Lavender, violin; Slade Lewis, bass; Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello; Andy Paney, piano;
Molly Singletary, keyboard & vocals; Daniel Spears, percussion

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



ONE SERVICE MAY 24 - JULY 26

Beginning Memorial Day weekend, we will hold one Sunday worship service at 10:45am through the summer. Sunday school at 9:45am.



VBS will be June 1st through 5th from 9 to 11:45am each day. Please register your child for their upcoming grade in the 2026-2027 academic year. VBS is open to kids four years of age by September 1, 2026 up to 6th grade.

The Humility^{*} Project for Men

*** The Way to Strength, Honor, & Contentment**

Join us for our summer men's programming as we create new & deepen existing relationships with one another while going through Ed Welch's material, "The Humility Project For Men."

We will have a kickoff event at Circle & Square on Monday, June 1st at 7:00pm. Everyone that signs up will be placed in a group. There will be a few dinners (June 29th, July 14th & July 28th) at the church during the summer to provide structure, but the groups will be flexible in nature to ensure you have a chance to meet up even if the programmed dinners don't fit into your schedule.

Would love for you to join! Registration includes the book.



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