

Communion

Offering

Hymn #467 Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Benediction

Christ Church P C A

August 28, 2016

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
his mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning;
great is your faithfulness.
~ Lamentations 3:22-23*

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Greeting and Announcements

Call to Worship Psalm 98:1-3

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

All: His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

Leader: The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

All: He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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The Steadfast Love

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end.
They are new ev'ry morning,
New ev'ry morning,
Great is Thy faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Thy faithfulness.

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Hymn #32 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

God Is Great, God Is Good

God is great, God is good, God is faithful;
God is great, God is good, God is kind.
And no matter what the test,
In His arms I safely rest.
God is great, God is good, God is faithful.
He is faithful, He is strong!
This my story, this my song!
My salvation, my reward:
Everlasting, loving Lord!

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Invocation

Confession of Sin

All: O most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who pardons all who truly repent and turn to You, we humbly confess our sins.

We have not loved You with a pure heart fervently. Neither have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justly, nor loved mercifully, nor walked humbly with You, our God.

Have mercy upon us, O Lord, according to Your loving-kindness. According to the multitude of Your tender mercies, blot out our iniquity. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and uphold us with Your Spirit. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:38-39

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything in creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Children's Sermon

Tithes and Offerings

Trio Be Still and Know

~ Sarah Morrison, Sandy Cross and Elaine Welch

Prayer

The Love of Christ Is Rich and Free

The love of Christ is rich and free;
Fixed on His own eternally;
Nor earth, nor hell, can it remove;
Long as He lives, His own He'll love.

His loving heart engaged to be
Their everlasting Surety;
'Twas love that took their cause in hand,
And love maintains it to the end.

Chorus:

Love cannot from its post withdraw;
Nor death, nor hell, nor sin, nor law,
Can turn the Surety's heart away;
He'll love His own to endless day.

Love has redeemed His sheep with blood;
And love will bring them safe to God;
Love calls them all from death to life;
And love will finish all their strife.

He loves through every changing scene,
Nor aught from Him can Zion wean;
Not all the wanderings of her heart
Can make His love for her depart. (Chorus)

At death, beyond the grave, He'll love;
In endless bliss, His own shall prove
The blazing glory of that love
Which never could from them remove,
Which never could from them remove.

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Scripture Reading

Isaiah 62

Sermon

“God's Passion for His People”

~ Pastor Ian Hard

I'm Forever Grateful

You did not wait for me
To draw near to You.
But You clothed Yourself
With frail humanity;
You did not wait for me
To cry out to You,
But You let me hear
Your voice calling me,

And I'm forever grateful to You
I'm forever grateful for the cross;
I'm forever grateful to You,
That You came to seek and save the lost.

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WELCOME!

Christ Church PCA is part of the body of Christ where the Word of God is taught, heard and lived.

We provide a friendly place of worship for all people, minister to the needs and aspirations of our congregation, and extend Christian outreach to the community and the world.

More information about our church can be found at www.ccpca.org and on our Facebook page.

News and Events in Our Church Community

GETTING TO KNOW IAN AND REBECCA HARD

What's the best vacation or trip you ever took? Where did you go, and who went with you? One quick highlight from the trip?

Ian - I think the best trip I ever took was to Spain when I was in middle school. I went as an aide for our missions team who were feeding and doing VBS for MTW missionaries and their children from North Africa. I made a lot of friends with the missionary kids, helped out in the kitchen, and got to see some of Spain. One of the chief highlights was seeing the Alhambra, a Moorish castle that is full of beautiful architecture and gardens

Rebecca - I have great memories from two vacations. I took my parents (individually) on a special vacation when they turned 60 some years back. With my mom we went to the Virgin Islands and stayed at an Eco Lodge, where I got to drive on the other side of the road! With my dad we canoed the Allagash in Maine, and had a wonderful time in God's beautiful creation.

UPCOMING PREACHING SCHEDULE:

August 28th – Pastor Ian Hard

(Pastoral Candidate, Christ Church PCA)

September 4th – Chris McMillian

(MTW - PCA Mission to the World)

September 11th –

September 18th –

GREETERS:

August – The Braley Family

September – The LaCombe Family

October –

REFRESHMENTS:

The sign-up sheet for refreshments and lunches for September through November is now available.

These times are a great chance for us to all fellowship together after Sunday service with our church family. If you are able to provide refreshments, or willing to host a lunch, please sign up on the pages located on the greeter's table at the sanctuary entrance.

August 28th – Pam Whitcomb and Linda Trefethen

September 4th – Heather LaCombe

September 11th –

CHOIR:

The Christ Church Choir will begin our rehearsals for the new season on **Tuesday, August 30th at 7:00 PM.**

We welcome anyone who delights in singing praises to our God to come and participate in this joyful ministry. We are also looking for someone to come and run sound during rehearsals and on Sunday mornings.

Please contact Gayle Troy if you would like any additional information.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday school for adults is every Sunday at 9 a.m.

Summer Time Sunday school for Children (Video Series - *Heroes of the Faith*) is every Sunday at 9 a.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

Next breakfast is Saturday, September 10th, at 8 am.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Will next meet Saturday, September 24th, at 9 a.m.

REVIVAL PRAYER:

Next meeting is Wednesday, August 31st, at 7 p.m.

PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE:

Committee meetings to be scheduled as necessary.

SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES:

A small group led by Steve Whitcomb meets at the church each Sunday at 5 pm to study the book of Acts.

A second small group meets at the LaCombe's house at 5 p.m.

A men's small group, led by Mark Saltsman, meets at Havenwood (on Christian Avenue in Concord) every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m. to study the Epistles of John.

“God’s Passion for His People”

Pastor Ian Hard

August 28, 2016

Sermon Text: Isaiah 62

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet, until her righteousness goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. ² The nations shall see your righteousness, and all the kings your glory, and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. ³ You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate, but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. ⁵ For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

⁶ On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest, ⁷ and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem and makes it a praise in the earth. ⁸ The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm: “I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies, and foreigners shall not drink your wine for which you have labored; ⁹ but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD, and those who gather it shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary.”

¹⁰ Go through, go through the gates; prepare the way for the people; build up, build up the highway; clear it of stones; lift up a signal over the peoples. ¹¹ Behold, the LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth: Say to the daughter of Zion, “Behold, your salvation comes; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.” ¹² And they shall be called The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD; and you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.