

COMMUNION

OFFERING

GOD OF GRACE *

God of grace, amazing wonder,
Irresistible and free.

Oh the miracle of mercy,
Jesus reaches down to me.

God of grace, I stand in wonder
As my God restores my soul;
His own blood has paid my ransom,
Awesome cost to make me whole.

God of grace, Who loved and knew me
Long before the world began,
Sent my Savior down from heaven,
Perfect God and perfect man.
God of grace, I trust in Jesus,
I'm accepted as His own;
Every day new grace sustains me
As I lean on Him alone.

God of grace, I stand astounded,
Cleansed, forgiven, and secure.
All my fears are now confounded
And my hope is ever sure.
God of grace, now crowned in glory
Where one day I'll see Your face;
And forever I'll adore You,
In Your everlasting grace.

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*“My grace is sufficient for you,
for my power is made perfect in weakness.”*

~ 2 Corinthians 12:9

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *

Hear this all peoples!

**Give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
both low and high, rich and poor together!**

Truly no man can ransom another
or give to God the price of his life

Even the wise die and leave their wealth to others

Man in his pomp will not remain

**But God will ransom my soul
from the power of Sheol for he will receive me.
Let us praise God who delivers the humble
from death!**

~ Adapted from Psalm 49

HYMN #302 *

Come Christians, Join to Sing

WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE *

We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord,
We bring the sacrifice of praise
Into the house of the Lord.

* Stand as you are able

Bold Print – speak together in unison

WE BRING THE SACRIFICE OF PRAISE *

And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of thanksgiving,
And we offer up to You
The sacrifices of joy!

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PRAISE THE NAME OF JESUS *

Praise the name of Jesus,
Praise the name of Jesus.
He's my Rock, He's my Fortress,
He's my Deliverer;
In Him will I trust,
Praise the name of Jesus.

(Repeat song)

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INVOCATION *

CONFESSION OF SIN

Lord, we come to you for forgiveness.

**We have professed "Jesus is Lord" with our mouth
but declare "I am Lord" with our actions.**

**Instead of using your gracious blessings to build
up and serve one another,
we have used them selfishly.**

Forgive us for our pride, arrogance and vanity.

Lord, we come to you for mercy.

**You have given us all things,
and we have squandered your gifts.**

**Forgive us, for we have valued your gifts
instead of You who gives all good things.**

**Restore to us a unity in spirit where all we have,
do, and say is for the glory of Christ.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON Romans 8:2-4

For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in
Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God
has done what the law, weakened by the flesh,

could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness
of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the
flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the
law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according
to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

For parents who are interested in nursery care

Children 3 and under

may be brought to the nursery at this time.

Please plan to pick your child up after the sermon.

CHOIR What a Beautiful Name

PRAYER

HYMN #334 *

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

SCRIPTURE READING * Acts 8:9-25

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"Power Plays"

~Pastor Ian Hard

CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD *

Change my heart, O God,
Make it ever true.
Change my heart, O God,
May I be like You.

You are the potter,
I am the clay.
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray.

(Back to beginning of song)

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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

CHRIST CHURCH SERVICE TEAM

April 29th

Greeter – Chet Braley

Nursery – Heather LaCombe

Refreshments – The Alexanders

May 6th

Greeter – Chip Hull

Nursery – Sue Peterson

Refreshments 1 – Dean and Debbie Jore

Refreshments 2 - Jason and Heather LaCombe

4/29 MERCY AND MISSION OFFERING:

The deacons have designated the April 29th mercy and mission offering to go for support of Reformed University Fellowship at the University of Vermont.

RUF INTERNATIONAL PRESENTATION:

Collin & Zury Jennings will be with us for Sunday School on **May 6th**, to share about their coming work in West Africa.

They will be starting the first international Reformed University Fellowship at a large university.

Come hear about this important work.

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

Sunday school meets every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. Classes for children, teens, and adults are available.

CHOIR:

Choir practice is every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. Please see Gayle Troy with any questions.

REVIVAL PRAYER:

Next meets on Wednesday, May 9th, at 7:00 p.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST:

Next breakfast is Saturday, May 12th, at 8:00 a.m.

SMALL GROUP STUDIES:

A small group, led by Pastor Ian Hard, meets at the Hard home the 1st, 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month (*off on fellowship lunch Sundays*) at 6 p.m. to study the books of 2nd and 3rd John.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Pastor Ian Hard at 319-855-2748.

A small group, led by Chris McMillan, meets at the LaCombe home each Sunday at 5:00 p.m. The study series is entitled "Shepherding Grace" and focuses on how to be intentional in our love for God and our neighbor through leadership.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Jason LaCombe at 603-731-8991.

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. for a topical study on the work of the Holy Spirit.

There are two women's study groups that will examine gospel-centered community.

Rebecca Hard will be hosting a morning study at the Hard home every Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

Please let Rebecca know if you plan to participate.

Elaine Welch will be hosting an evening study at her home every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

Please let Elaine know if you plan to participate.

So much is happening at Christ Church and in the Concord community!!

Here is a list of upcoming events in the life of our church, plus ways in which you can help serve both our church family, as well as the area community.

MAY 5TH CHURCH WORK DAY:

Saturday, May 5th, the deacons will host a church work day to do spring clean-up and minor maintenance.

Mark your calendar and plan on pitching in.

MARKET DAYS VOLUNTEERING:

Market Days will be ***June 21st - 23rd***.

If you are interested in helping out with Christ Church's booth at Market Days, please contact Pastor Ian.

The Market Days festival is a great opportunity for our church to be in the community and share what we are doing to the glory of God.

VBS VOLUNTEERING:

It may seem a ways off, but Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it (***July 9th-13th***).

There are lots of ways the church can help prepare and participate in this important outreach.

You can sign up on the sheet on the welcome table, or via the online form (available through the e-newsletter) where you'll find out more about how you can help.

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Sermon Text: Acts 8:9-25

The Powers

Powers Surpassed

Powers Received