

PRAYER

HYMN #234 *

Tell Me the Story of Jesus

SCRIPTURE READING * Acts 8:26-40

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

“Global Expansion Strategy”

~Pastor Ian Hard

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION *

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup,
We proclaim Your death,
O Lord, until You come again,
O Lord, until You come again,
O Lord, until You come again.

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COMMUNION

OFFERING

HYMN #529 *

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BENEDICTION *

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*“You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate”*

~ Isaiah 62:4

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP *

I will bless the LORD at all times;

His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

Let the humble hear and be glad.

Oh, magnify the LORD with me,

And let us exalt his name together!

~ Psalm 34:1-3

THE LOVE OF GOD *

How long, how wide,

How deep, how high

Is the love of God, the love of God?

(Repeat)

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THE LOVE OF GOD *

The love of God is greater far

Than tongue or pen can ever tell;

It goes beyond the highest star,

And reaches to the lowest hell;

The guilty pair bowed down with care,

* Stand as you are able

Bold Print – speak together in unison

THE LOVE OF GOD *

God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled,
And pardoned from his sin.

Chorus:

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure –
The saints' and angels' song!

When years of time shall pass away
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call.
God's love so sure shall still endure,
All measureless and strong.
Redeeming grace to Adam's race –
The saints' and angels' song.

(Chorus)

Could we with ink the ocean fill,
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade.
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole
Though stretched from sky to sky.

(Chorus)

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THINK ABOUT HIS LOVE *

Think about His love, think about His goodness,
Think about His grace that's brought us through.
For as high as the heaven's above,
So great is the measure of our Father's love –
Great is the measure of our Father's love.

(Repeat Full Song)

End:

Great is the measure of our Father's love.

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INVOCATION *

CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, we are your children,
adopted by grace and made heirs through Christ.

**But we are discontent to be children
and seek to be masters.**

**We are unwilling to live in dependence
upon Christ.**

**We have been ashamed to confess that our hope
is in a crucified savior.**

Hear us as we confess our sin.

**We confuse cynicism with maturity,
and glorify ambition over humility.**

**We confess that we have allowed our thoughts
and words to tear down,**

**instead of building a household of faith
knit together in love.**

Lord, we have fed on poisoned food
and drunk from polluted wells.

Tear down the walls to dependence on you.

**May our hunger be solely for Christ,
in whom is true nourishment.**

**Help us to be a holy priesthood,
offering our lives in sacrifice to you.**

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON I Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that
we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds you have been healed. For you were
straying like sheep, but have now returned to the
Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

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.

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

May 6th

Greeter – Chip Hull

Nursery – Sue Peterson

Refreshments 1 – Dean and Debbie Jore

Refreshments 2 - Jason and Heather LaCombe

May 13th

Greeter – Dean Jore

Nursery – Rebecca Hard

Refreshments – Mother's Day

Men provide refreshments

MAY 20th CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:

The elders have called a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 20th after the service.

Please plan to stay for our meal and the meeting.

VBS VOLUNTEERING:

Vacation Bible School is fast approaching!!

Our dates this year are *July 9th- 13th*.

There are lots of ways the church can help prepare and participate in this important outreach. You can sign up at the information table in the Fellowship area, or the online form (via the e-newsletter) where you'll find out more about how you can help.

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.

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Sermon Text: Acts 8:26-40

1. God sends his people
2. to desolate places
3. preaching the good news of Jesus
4. to the excluded.