



Liturgy for Sunday, November 15, 2020

Welcome (Ryan Adams)

Building Notes:

- Face Coverings: After reviewing the state-wide mask order, **we have decided to continue requiring the wearing of facial coverings by all adults during entering and exiting the building and while singing. We also recommend the wearing of facial coverings during the entirety of the service.** The current statewide ordinance encourages masks for kids over six years old. We understand that this may be difficult for some kids, so we are leaving this up to each parent as to when to allow their own kids to remove their masks once they are seated. **We would recommend kids over six to wear masks during entrance, exit, singing, and any other time they are not in their seats.** This guidance will be reviewed as we have more information and direction from the governor or local officials.
- Nursing Mothers: We are now using the adjacent mothers' room for additional worship seating. There is still space for nursing mothers in the Nursery room on the Kids Hallway.
- The youth room is now (and again) serving as an overflow room. Additional seating is available in there, along with the service livestream.
- The Elementary Sunday School lesson, which is offered to K-5th graders during the sermon, will take place in a classroom or on the covered play area outside.
- We still have a "Wiggle Room" designated in the Kids Hallway for parents of younger kids who need a minute to calm down. You can find those to the left down the Kids Hallway.

Call to Worship

¹*Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

²*Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble*

³*and gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south...*

²³*Some went down to the sea in ships,*



doing business on the great waters;
²⁴they saw the deeds of the LORD,
his wondrous works in the deep.
²⁵For he commanded and raised the stormy wind,
which lifted up the waves of the sea.
²⁶They mounted up to heaven; they went down to the depths;
their courage melted away in their evil plight;
²⁷they reeled and staggered like drunken men
and were at their wits' end.
²⁸Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,
and he delivered them from their distress.
²⁹He made the storm be still,
and the waves of the sea were hushed.
³⁰Then they were glad that the waters were quiet,
and he brought them to their desired haven.
³¹Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!
³²Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.
(Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32)

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

God's Greeting and Mutual Greetings

Leader: "The Lord be with you!"

All: "And also with you!"

Leader: "Lift up your hearts."

All: "We lift them to the Lord."

Leader: "Let us give thanks to the Lord our God."

All: "It is right to give him thanks and praise."

Songs

1) "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand"



On Jordan's stormy banks I stand
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan's fair and happy land
Where my possessions lie

All o'er those wide extended plains
Shines one eternal day
There God, the Son forever reigns
And scatters night away

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

No chilling wind, nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore
Where sickness, sorrow, pain and death
Are felt and feared no more

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

When shall I see that happy place
And be forever blessed
When shall I see my Father's face
And in His presence rest

*I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land
I am bound, I am bound
I am bound for the promised land*

2) "Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor"

Christ the sure and steady anchor
In the fury of the storm
When the winds of doubt blow through me
And my sails have all been torn



In the suffering, in the sorrow
When my sinking hopes are few
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
While the tempest rages on
When temptation claims the battle
And it seems the night has won
Deeper still then goes the anchor
Though I justly stand accused
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
Through the floods of unbelief
Hopeless somehow, O my soul, now
Lift your eyes to Calvary
This my ballast of assurance
See his love forever proved
I will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Christ the sure and steady anchor
As we face the wave of death
When these trials give way to glory
As we draw our final breath
We will cross that great horizon
Clouds behind and life secure
And the calm will be the better
For the storms that we endure

Christ the sure of our salvation
Ever faithful, ever true
We will hold fast to the anchor
It shall never be removed

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon (Nick Murray)

¹³Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. ¹⁴For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. (Matthew 7:13-14)



⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

Songs

3) "It Is Well with My Soul"

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say
It is well, it is well with my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

Though Satan should buffet
Though trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate
And has shed His own blood for my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin, not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord oh my soul

It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul

And Lord haste the day
When my faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so, it is well with my soul



*It is well (it is well)
With my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul*

Prayer of Illumination (Will Mitchell)



Acts of the Risen Lord: "Blessed Assurance, Trouble Is Mine"

Acts 27:1–28:16

Acts 20:24 – [24] *But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

Philippians 3:8 – [8] *I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

Ephesians 1:3-4 – [3] *Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, [4] even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.*

Acts 20:22-23 – [22] *And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, [23] except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me.*

Matthew 7:13-14 – [13] *Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. [14] For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.*

Acts 14:22 – [22] *...encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God.*

James 1:2-4 – [2] *Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, [3] for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. [4] And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*

Romans 8:28 – [28] *And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.*

1 Peter 4:12-13 – [12] *Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. [13] But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed.*

November 22 – Acts 28:17-31



The Lord's Supper

²⁶Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." (Matthew 26:26-29)

Song

4) "Here Is Love Vast as the Ocean"

Here is love vast as the ocean
Loving-kindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us His precious blood
Who His love will not remember
Who can cease to sing His praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout Heaven's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heaven's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

Here is love that conquered evil:
Christ the firstborn from the grave.
Death has failed to be found equal
To the life of Him who saves.
In the valley of our darkness
Dawned His everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance
Has repelled death's hellish night.

That same love beyond all measure,
Mocked and slain by hateful men,



Lives and reigns in resurrection
And can never die again.
Here is love for all the ages,
Radiant Sun of Heav'n He stands,
Calling home His Father's children,
Holding forth His wounded hands.

Here is love vast as the heavens;
Countless as the stars above
Are the souls that He has ransomed,
Precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever
On a love beyond our time.
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit
Now with man are intertwined.

Offering

⁹For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. (2 Corinthians 8:9)

⁷Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

Prayer of Intercession (Nick Murray)

For Our Church

For members of our church who are currently enduring trials and suffering of various kinds: that God would draw near to them, hold them fast, and strengthen their faith during this time; that their fellow church members would join in sharing their burdens; and God would providentially work these trials for the good of those that suffer and for God's glory.

For Our City

For Homewood Community Church, pastor Tom Franklin, their elders, staff and congregation.

For Our Nation



For all who continue to be affected by the coronavirus, that God would bring healing to those whose health has been and will be affected, that God would bring relief to those whose mental health has been and will be affected, that God would supply the needs of those who have or who will be affected financially, and that God would intervene and stop the spread of the virus.

For Our World

For the nation of North Korea, that the Lord would strengthen North Korean believers who are languishing in prison camps, that the gospel would be proclaimed both in and outside prison walls, that Christians in the country would have access to Bibles and fellowship, and that God would open Kim Jong-Un's eyes to the surpassing glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

"Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom
and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen."

Benediction

²⁰The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. (Romans 16:20)

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him, all creatures here below
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost



What's Happening at Christ Fellowship...

Renovating Here & Reaching There

This past Sunday night at our members' meeting, we discussed two exciting ministry opportunities for 2021. If you weren't able to attend, we would encourage you to watch the portion of the members' meeting and/or read the proposal at cfcbirmingham.org/reach. We reintroduced plans for finishing the renovation of our building, and we plan to vote on this immediately following the Sunday morning service on December 6th. If you have questions or concerns about the project, please reach out to an elder as soon as possible. We will also have a Zoom Q&A session on Monday, November 30th at 7:30pm if you would like to address your question there. Email radams@cfcbirmingham.org for the Zoom link.

ABCH Christmas Gifts

Each year, we have the opportunity to support children and moms who are in the care of one of our local partners, the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. You can sign up to provide gifts online at cfcbirmingham.org/abch. Gifts need to be unwrapped, with a post-it note or sticker with the recipient's name somewhere on the gift, and brought to church and dropped off **any Sunday morning from now until December 6th**. There are many gifts to be bought, which means ample opportunities for many of us to be involved! If you have questions, email Elizabeth Bryant at ebryant@cfcbirmingham.org.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes

As Christmas approaches, consider packing a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child! The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to provide God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world, and together with the local church worldwide, to share the Good News of Jesus Christ. National collection week is November 16-23.

