

# CHRIST FELLOWSHIP

Liturgy for Sunday, August 30, 2020

## Welcome (Bart Box)

### 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.
- **Bathrooms & Diaper Changing:** We have now opened the family restrooms, for the purpose of CFC Kids and access to the diaper changing stations in those restrooms.
- The youth room will now be used for elementary kids Sunday school during the sermon. So it is no longer available for overflow seating or for energetic children.
- 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

*<sup>5</sup>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup>who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, <sup>7</sup>but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. <sup>8</sup>And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. <sup>9</sup>Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup>so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, <sup>11</sup>and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (Philippians 2:5-11)*



## 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) "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

O Love that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way,  
I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray,  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,



I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead,  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

2) "Rock of Ages"

Rock of ages, cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in Thee  
Let the water and the blood  
From Thy wounded side which flowed  
Be of sin the double cure  
Save from wrath and make me pure

Not the labors of my hands  
Can fulfill Thy law's commands  
Could my zeal no respite know  
Could my tears forever flow  
All for sin could not atone  
Thou must save and Thou alone

Nothing in my hands I bring  
Simply to the cross I cling  
Naked come to Thee for dress  
Helpless look to Thee for grace  
Foul I to the fountain fly  
Wash me Savior or I die

While I draw this fleeting breath  
When my eyes shall close in death  
When I rise to worlds unknown  
And behold Thee on Thy throne  
Rock of ages cleft for me  
Let me hide myself in Thee

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon** (Ryan Adams)

<sup>27</sup>*Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ. (Philippians 1:27a)*

O God, Thou art very great.  
My lot is to approach thee with godly fear and humble confidence,



for thy condescension equals thy grandeur,  
and thy goodness is thy glory.  
I am unworthy, but thou dost welcome;  
guilty, but thou art merciful;  
needy, but thy riches are unsearchable.  
Thou hast shown boundless compassion towards me  
by not sparing thy Son,  
and by giving me freely all things in him;  
This is the foundation of my hope,  
the refuge of my safety,  
the new and living way to thee,  
the means of that conviction of sin,  
brokenness of heart, and self-despair,  
which will endear to me the gospel.  
Happy are they who are Christ's, in him at peace with thee,  
justified from all things,  
delivered from coming wrath,  
made heirs of future glory;  
Give me such deadness to the world,  
such love to the Saviour,  
such attachment to his house,  
such devotedness to his service,  
as proves me a subject of his salvation.  
May every part of my character and conduct  
make a serious and amiable impression on others,  
and impel them to ask the way to the Master.  
Let no incident of life, pleasing or painful,  
injure the prosperity of my soul, but rather increase it.  
Send me thy help,  
for thine appointments are not meant  
to make me independent of thee,  
and the best means will be vain  
without super-added blessings from above.

*(from The Valley of Vision, "Confidence")*

<sup>29</sup>*For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake. (Philippians 1:29)*

## Songs

3) "Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul"



Dear refuge of my weary soul,  
On Thee, when sorrows rise  
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,  
My fainting hope relies  
To Thee I tell each rising grief,  
For Thou alone can heal  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,  
For every pain I feel

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,  
I fear to call Thee mine  
The springs of comfort seem to fail,  
And all my hopes decline  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?  
Thou art my only trust  
And still my soul would cleave to Thee  
Though prostrate in the dust

Has Thou not bid me seek Thy face,  
And shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace,  
Be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace,  
Attends the mourner's prayer  
Oh may I ever find access,  
To breathe my sorrows there

Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet,  
Thy mercy seat is open still,  
Here let my soul retreat  
With humble hope attend Thy will,  
And wait beneath Thy feet

**Prayer of Illumination** (Will Mitchell)



**Acts of the Risen Lord: Threat Level Midnight**  
Acts 16:16-40

**1) The Gospel's Threat to the Way of the World (vv.16-21)**

- The Gospel message is a threat to these slave-owner profits (vv.16-19).
  - Just as sinister as the demonic forces is the economic force of greed.
  - The gospel of peace is taken as a threat because it has a negative effect on their bank accounts.
- The Gospel message is a threat to the fabric of society (vv.20-21).

**2) The World's Threat against Gospel Work (vv.22-24)**

- When the people, places, and forces who are opposed to the gospel feel threatened by the gospel, they return threats upon the gospel's messengers.

*John 15:18-20 – [18] "If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. [19] If you were of the world, the world would love you as its own; but because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. [20] Remember the word that I said to you: 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours."*

**1 John 3:13 – [13] Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you.**

**3) The Threat (and Peace) of Divine Intervention (v.25-34)**

- The intervention of the living God is a threat to all who are opposed to Him (vv.25-28).
- But because of Jesus, the threat of divine intervention comes with an offer of peace in the gospel (vv.29-34).
  - [Q] Am I the type of person that desperate people can come to and find help?
  - [Q] Do I have a reputation of hopefulness, of helpfulness, of genuine love and concern so that my co-worker or my neighbor might approach me in their darkest moment?

“May every part of my character and conduct make a serious and amiable impression on others, and impel them to ask the way to the Master.” -The Valley of Vision, “Confidence”

#### 4) The Triumph of God’s Church (vv.35-40)

- Paul and Silas viewed persecution from God’s sovereign hand as something not always to be escaped, but sometimes something to be endured for the sake of fruit that cannot be seen in the moment.

**Philippians 1:29-30** – [29] *For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, [30] engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.*

- There is no threat against God’s church that can ultimately prevail.
- Which means that the evil of persecution will always be sovereignly repurposed by God of the good of his church.

“Perhaps Paul and Silas reckoned the rods and the stocks well worth enduring for the joy that they shared in the jailer’s house.” -F.F. Bruce

**Hebrews 12:1-2** – [1] *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, [2] looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*

**Philippians 4:19-20** – [19] *And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. [20] To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.*

## The Lord's Supper

<sup>26</sup>Now 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." <sup>27</sup>And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, <sup>28</sup>for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>29</sup>I 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) "Christ Is Mine Forevermore"

Mine are days that God has numbered  
I was made to walk with Him  
Yet I look for worldly treasure  
And forsake the King of kings  
But mine is hope in my Redeemer  
Though I fall, his love is sure  
For Christ has paid for every failing  
I am His forevermore

Mine are tears in times of sorrow  
Darkness not yet understood  
Through the valley I must travel  
Where I see no earthly good  
But mine is peace that flows from heaven  
And the strength in times of need  
I know my pain will not be wasted  
Christ completes his work in me

Mine are days here as a stranger  
Pilgrim on a narrow way  
One with Christ I will encounter  
Harm and hatred for his name  
But mine is armour for this battle  
Strong enough to last the war  
And he has said he will deliver  
Safely to the golden shore

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk



For there my heart has found its treasure  
Christ is mine forevermore

*Come rejoice now, O my soul  
For his love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore!*

*Come rejoice now, O my soul  
For his love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore!*

*Come rejoice now, O my soul  
For his love is my reward  
Fear is gone and hope is sure  
Christ is mine forevermore!*

And mine are keys to Zion city  
Where beside the King I walk  
For there my heart has found its treasure  
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### Offering

*<sup>9</sup>For 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)*

*<sup>7</sup>Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. <sup>8</sup>And 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 (Bart Box)

#### For Our Church

For our church, that the Lord would continue to grow our church in diversity along ethnic, socioeconomic, and age lines; that we would be united in mind and love for one another (1



Pet. 3:8); and that our unity amidst diversity would be a testimony to the reconciling power of the gospel.

### *For Our City*

For The Church at Brook Hills, pastor Matt Mason, their elders, staff, and congregation.

### *For Our Nation*

For our nation as it faces many things this week: for the hurricane-affected areas on the gulf coast in Louisiana and Texas; for the wildfire-ravaged areas of California; and for justice, clarity, and peace in Kenosha, Wisconsin as our nation continues to reel from yet another shooting.

### *For Our World*

For the persecuted church around the world, that they would know that even though they are persecuted, they are not forsaken; that though perplexed, they wouldn't be driven to despair; that they would endure for the sake of fruit they could never plan for; and that the life of Christ would be manifested even as they suffer for his sake (2 Corinthians 4:8-11).

"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

<sup>19</sup>And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. <sup>20</sup>To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen. (Philippians 4:19-20)

### 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

