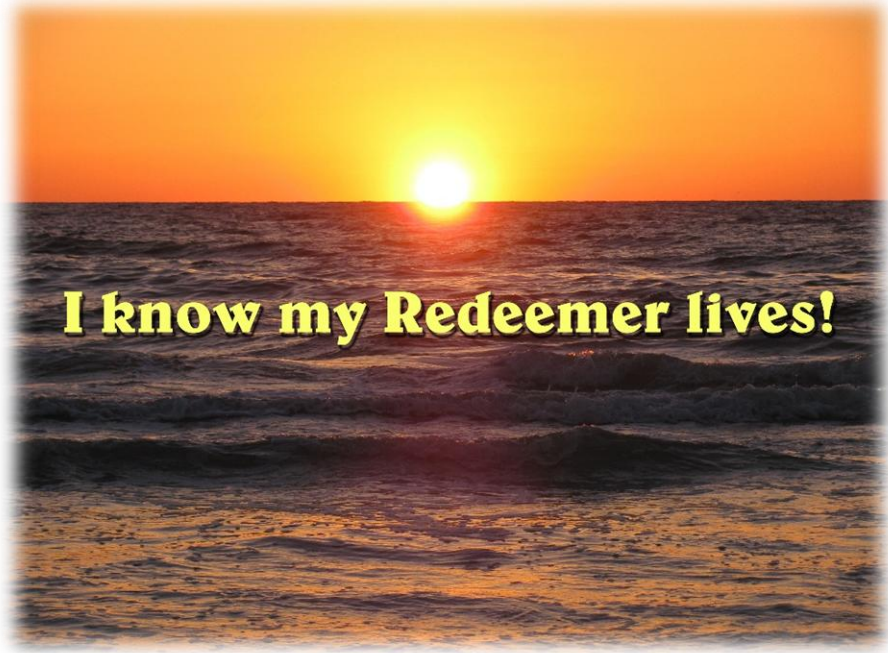




I know my Redeemer lives!

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Video: Richard Tremarello

November 9, 2025

Welcome to Christ Church! We are so glad you are here this morning! Whether you are a "first-timer," a regular, or somewhere in between, it is a joy to have you here with us this day. May you be blessed by God's Word in worship today! If you are a **first-time visitor**, please fill out a visitor card and put it in the offering plate, and then make your way to the Chapel (in the back) after worship where we have a small gift for you.

**Please stand as you are able*

For Your Reflection

“It is a serious thing. Just to be alive. On this fresh morning.

In this broken world. ~Mary Oliver

They asked: In the resurrection, whose wife will the woman be? Luke 20.33

Jesus says: No one's.

We are all children of the resurrection,
children of God—siblings.

What that means for us after we die,
we'll have to see.

But even now: we are all siblings,
all one, which the final revealing will reveal.

In the Real Life, masked by this one,
we are not divided by families,

even marriage, but united:
married to everyone, to all Creation.

We are to love, honor and cherish
no one any less than our beloved spouse.

Stand among trees and say “We are kin.”

Go to a river and greet your sister.

Behold the crowd on the street
and declare “I am yours.”

Thus will you know a bit
of the mystery of resurrection. ~Steve Garness-Holmes

Words of Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

Gabrielle's Oboe – Morricone

Dave Pauly, flutist

Call to Worship

One: In every sunset; every dawn, God shows the beauty of living and the amazing grace of each day.

Many: We are so grateful for the sweet sound of God's voice and the gentle, persistent call of the Sacred in our lives.

One: The world presents us with challenge after challenge.

Many: And in all that confronts us and confounds us, we are called to hope and to love

One: Our lives present us with ever changing opportunity and growth

Many: And we respond with both courage and action

One: May the flame of God's love light a fire in our hearts

Many: That in all of our changes and challenges we might carry the spirit of the Holy within us.

All: Let us worship together our Loving God, who makes us one.

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I Greet You, Sure Redeemer

John 11:25-27

Anon., from Strasbourg Psalter, 1545
Transl. Elizabeth L. Smith, 1868; alt.

1 I greet you, sure Re - deem - er, with my heart,
 2 You are the source of mer - cy and of grace,
 3 You are the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4 You have the true and per - fect gen - tle - ness,
 5 Our hope is all in you and you a - lone;

glad for the sav - ing love that you im - part,
 reign - ing om - ni - po - tent in ev - ery place;
 and all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive.
 no harsh - ness have you and no bit - ter - ness;
 we trust the prom - ise that your word makes known.

Who pain did un - der - go for my poor sake;
 So rule in us and our whole be - ing sway.
 Sus - tain us by your faith and by your power,
 Grant us the grace that flows in you so free,
 O dear Re - deem - er, make us calm and sure,

I pray you from our hearts all cares to take.
 Shine on us with the light of your pure day.
 and give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per - fect u - ni - ty.
 that in your strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

This hymn first appeared in a sixteenth-century Strasbourg Psalter edited by John Calvin. The original tune Old 124th and text were both shortened to the present meter—the tune for an early English psalter and the text for the 1920 Hymnal of the Reformed Church in the United States.

Tune: TOULON 10.10.10.10.
Adapt. from OLD 124th
Trente quatre Pseaumes, Geneva, 1551

***Opening Prayer**

God of the restless wind and gentle spirit; Creator of life and lover of mercy, we come to you now. You are and have always been the source and wonder of our lives. You lead us through every change and guide us down every pathway. You sustain us when we are weary; you give us courage when we are afraid. Your love knows no bounds. When we forget that you are present, you remind us that we do not walk alone. When we refuse to be kind, you nudge us with your grace. When we feel hopeless, your lasting vision gives us hope. Help us in all and in everything to root our lives in you, and remind us each minute, each day that we are Yours and that in your everlasting arms, we can take courage and comfort in all of our days. Amen.

A Message for the Young and Young at Heart

Passing the Peace of Christ

Response: Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Where there's hatred grown, let me sow your love.

Where there's injury Lord, let forgiveness be my sword.

Lord, make me a means of your peace.

Old Testament Reading: Job 19: 23-27a

Jane Anderson

I know that my Redeemer lives

O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever! For I know that my redeemer lives and that in the end He will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

A Poem of Job

John Helt

Psalms 17:1-8

Jane Anderson

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress.

As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps have held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me; hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O Savior

of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.
Guard me as the apple of the eye; hide me in the shadow of your wings.

A Poem of Wonder

John Helt

Gift of Music

Shout to the North - Smith/arr. Larson

Dave Pauly, flutist

2 Thessalonians 2: 1-5, 13-17

Jane Anderson

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God.

Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word

A Poem of Remembering

Sandra Graham

Gospel of Luke: 20:27-38

Jane Anderson

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given

in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now God is God not of the dead but of the living, for to God all of them are alive."

A Poem of Wives in Heaven

Sandra Graham

Prayers of the People

(see Weekly Newsletter for details)

For those experiencing trials or ongoing health concerns: **Jim & Karen Mohr, Jerry G, Bonnie & Jeff J, Gloria H, Nicole, Bart, Tom, Dulce, Laurel, Bill, Blair, Joe, Kozy, Stacy, Susie**

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Invitation to Generosity

Something in us changes, when we live our lives with a spirit of giving and grace. Something in us changes when we share what we have and who we are.

Something in us changes when we choose generosity as a way of life, without judging or questioning those who need us to be generous. That change is a gift of God, and we find God's love filling our hearts and our lives with every good gift we give freely and without question.

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Offertory

Joyful, Joyful - Beethoven/arr Helvey

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

***Prayer of Dedication**

Gracious Spirit who is the source of every gift we know, we come to you now, offering our gifts, our lives and our service. Look on us with your kind mercy, and help us to walk in the mercy and kindness that you share. Give us the grace always and in everything to humbly give of ourselves, that justice, mercy, and love may reign in our world. Amen.

Liturgy of Farewell for Rev. Tara Tezlaff

(see insert)

***Closing Hymn**

The Summons

Hymn #350

***Benediction**

***Benediction Song** *Now it's Time to Say Goodbye*

Now it's time to say goodbye
To go on out from here
To live the visions and the dreams
To scatter hate and fear
So may the Peace be with you now
A peace that's filled with Grace
May it surround all your struggles
And everything you face.
And may you find your own way
To sing out love's own song
With courage, tears and laughter
And then to pass it on.
Yes the time has come to say goodbye.
May peace be with you now.

Postlude

To God Be the Glory - Doane/arr Hayes

MISSION MINUTES | Hold on to Faith | 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17| Have you ever fallen ill with FoMo? I haven't, but I do know friends who came down with a severe case of it and it wasn't pretty. FoMo stands for "Fear Of Missing Out." The term entered our vocabularies sometime around 2004 just as social media was taking off. As more people scrolled the Internet incessantly, watching videos of other people's exotic trips, perfect family picnics, and swanky restaurant reviews, the sense of missing out on life grew.

While the ancient church in Thessalonica didn't have Facebook or Instagram, the people were still coming down with FoMo. Well, more like FoMo's earlier strain that we will call FoMJC—Fear of Missing Jesus Christ. False prophets were coming out of the woodwork spreading rumors that the much-anticipated return of Jesus had already happened. Because of this fake news, the Apostle Paul had to write a letter to the dear people in the Thessalonica church to ease their angst of being left out of something amazing.

After assuring the congregation that the Lord had not yet come back, Paul advises them to stand firm in their faith and hold fast to the teachings of Christ that they were taught. He even chides them a little with his reprimand, "Don't you remember what I told you?"

I have a soft spot in my heart for the Thessalonians. I know how easy it is to believe fake news. One click bait headline is all it takes to get caught in a tangle web of misinformation. And anyone who has fallen down the soul-sucking black hole of social media knows that FoMo is highly contagious with those happy faces staring back at you, living the life you wish you had, infecting the sacredness of all God has indeed blessed you with. Now more than ever, the faithful need to reread Paul's letter. We need to hold fast to our faith and remember all that we were taught about God's ways and God's truths.

There will always be false prophets. There will always be click bait headlines. There will always be that one friend who posts about a picture-perfect life. The world today will do its best to make you think you are missing out on something fun or important. But you aren't. For we who live in Christ are not missing anything at all. We who hold on to God's Word and choose to walk the Jesus way will get to see and experience the beauty and grace that are in this world.

Let the false prophets talk gibberish. Let social media influencers ramble on about their latest adventures. You, my friend, have something better. You have your faith. Hold on to it. And remember, there is no FoMo with God by your side. *God, our days are in your loving hands. There is no fear of missing out on what life has to offer for you are leading us. You orchestrate our comings and goings. We praise you that every day is a blessed one, filled with your beautiful God moments. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen .* ~Rev. Donna Frischknecht Jackson

Monthly Activity	October	YTD
Contributions	\$7,977	\$109,944
Other Income	\$16,394	\$53,583
Total Income	\$24,371	\$163,527
Expenses	\$13,392	\$164,441
Budgeted Amount	\$14,867	\$148,666

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