



**Being human,  
Being love**

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**Office and Building Hours**

Office Monday - Thursday  
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
Building will be open:  
Monday - Thursday,  
7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.  
Other building hours by  
scheduled appointment only.

**Welcome to Christ Community!**

This community is open to all who would join and continue the human journey, seeking to learn, to grow, to love deeply, and live more meaningfully! We are glad you are here. Let us know how we can connect with you.

**Ian Lawton**, Executive Minister,  
Preaching and Theological Inquiry  
**Bob Kleinheksel**, Minister of Care  
and Social Justice  
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**Abbie Rockwood**, Organist and Music  
Coordinator  
**Toni VanDyken**, Spiritual Director  
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**Celebrating Progressive Theology**  
**Sunday, August 6, 2006**  
**8:30 & 9:30 a.m.**  
**Christ Community Church**

**Prelude**

*In Dir Ist Freude*

...**Abbie Rockwood**  
...J.S. Bach

**Gathered In Community**

As we come together and feel the pulse of life course among us, let us be thankful for this day and this people.

In this time together may we remember and be grounded in our individual stories and traditions, while our coming together celebrates our oneness.

May we, gathered here in mystery and unity, share an intention to live fully, breathing deeply into each moment, finding more love in ourselves and each other.

May we, inspired by love, be aware and empowered that in each moment we are creating all that is, and all that is to come.

One: We gather to celebrate our traditions  
**All: As we live fully,  
Love wastefully,  
And be all that we can be.**

One: We gather to wonder in the mystery of divinity  
**All: As we live fully,  
Love wastefully,  
And be all that we can be.**

One: We gather to honor our shared humanity  
**All: As we live fully,  
Love wastefully,  
And be all that we can be.**

**Musical Celebration**

*How Beautiful*

...**Ania Duncan**  
...Jeff Lippencott

*In the stillness of my heart I will wait for you  
In the silence of my soul I will speak your name.*

*In the movement of a breeze I can hear you speak.  
In your works your hands have made, sun and moon and stars,  
I see everything you are.*

**Welcome and News of the Community**

## Participants:

**Preacher:** Ian Lawton

**Liturgist:** Bob Kleinheksel

**Organist:** Abbie Rockwood

**Musicians:** Ania Duncan,  
Love It - Toni & Taylor

**Ushers:** Tom Holmstrom (Captain),  
Barb Brower, Tricia Harney, Jean King,  
Phil Leech, Terry Leskuk, Pedro  
Martinez, Pam Park, John Stalzer,  
Karen Wolffis.

The Red Team ushers next week.

**Greeters:** Mary & Phil Taylor and  
Carol & Gord Timmerman

**Sound Booth:** Allison Rockey

**Camera:** Garrett Borns

**Growing Place:** Diane Kalusniak

**Ministry Council Hosts:** Ellie Williams,  
Lynne Deur (tour leader)

## Quotations on God

"I believe in the absolute oneness of  
God and therefore also of humanity.  
What though we have many bodies?  
We have but one soul."

~Mahatma Gandhi

"I hear and behold God in every object,  
yet understand God not in the least."

~Walt Whitman

"God does not die on the day when we  
cease to believe in a personal deity, but  
we die on the day when our lives cease  
to be illumined by the steady radiance,  
renewed daily, of a wonder, the source  
of which is beyond all reason."

~Dag Hammarskjold

"You can safely assume that you've  
created God in your own image when  
it turns out that God hates all the same  
people you do."

~Anne Lamott

## Church Family

Congratulation to Justin and Ashlee  
Hood, on the birth of their daughter Ella  
Ann Louise Hood born on August 2.  
We share in the excitement with  
grandparents Jan & Mike Hood and  
great-grandparents Roger  
VanderMeulen and Helen Chisholm.

## Readings

<sup>28</sup>We hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed  
by the law. <sup>29</sup>Is God the God of Jews only? Is God not the God of  
Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, <sup>30</sup>since God is one; and God will  
justify the circumcised on the ground of faith and the uncircumcised  
through that same faith. <sup>31</sup>Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By  
no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

--Romans 3:28-31

"Communities are present in our midst today as signs of hope. They do  
not claim to themselves or to others that they have the answers. They do  
not traffic in a security that they know they cannot provide. They do  
not make excessive claims for their message or even for their Christ.  
They are open to truth no matter what its source. They are also open  
to the rich diversity of human life. They know that in the God who is the  
Ground of Being, and in the Christ who manifested that gift of being,  
there is neither east nor west, tribe nor ethnicity, male nor female, gay  
nor straight, true believer nor heretic, Christian nor Jew, Muslim, Hindu,  
or Buddhist. There is only a God-filled humanity, wonderfully diverse,  
yearning to live, eager to love, daring to be, and wanting to journey in  
community into the wonder and mystery of the God who is Being itself."

--Bishop John Shelby Spong, *A New Christianity For A New World*

"God is not *out there*. He is, in Bonhoeffer's words 'the *beyond* in  
the midst of our life,' a depth of reality reached 'not on the borders of  
life but at its center,' not by any flight of the alone to the alone, but, in  
Kierkegaard's fine phrase, by 'a deeper immersion in existence.' For  
the word 'God' denotes the ultimate depth of all our being, the creative  
ground and meaning of all our existence."

--John A.T. Robinson, *Honest To God*

## Musical Reflection

*The Morning Sun*

...Ania Duncan

...Doug Holck

*When the world was yet unknown and darkness stood alone  
The morning sun was there.*

*In timeless space a spoken word, and the darkness stirred,  
The morning sun was there.*

## Children Unleashed To Summer Program

*"You may give them your love but not your thoughts, for they have their  
own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls, for their  
souls dwell in the house of tomorrow, which you cannot visit, not even in  
your dreams."*

--Kahlil Gibran

Children are invited to go down to the Great Room at this time for their  
summer morning program. Thank you to our summer volunteers this  
morning, Kathy Gould and Joe & Katie Baker.

## Prayers

...Bob Kleinheksel

Sermon  
"Your God and Mine"

...Ian Lawton

Offertory

...Love It

Reception of our Gifts

**\*Closing Hymn**

*O God On Whom We Lost Our Hold*

tune: Forest Green  
words: Carl P. Daw

O God, on whom we lost our hold when all your names were changed,  
we find our prayers and hymns confused, more awkward and estranged.  
Yet there is hope in these new words, sweet fruit in bitter rind:  
the promise of a keener faith than that we leave behind.

The language which we knew so well flowed smoothly on the tongue,  
though seldom did we pause to weigh how things were said or sung.  
But now the world is showing us with stunning clarity  
the problems with the words we used to tame a mystery.

Dear God, inspire our hearts and minds to seek your truth anew,  
and help us with each fresh insight to find names fit for you.  
Yet never let us idolize the images we choose;  
but as we strive, give us the grace to wrestle and to lose.

**\*Blessing**

May you be blessed with discomfort  
At easy answers, narrow views, and superficial relationships,  
So that you may live deep within your heart.

May you be blessed with anger  
At injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people,  
So that you may work for justice, freedom and peace.

May you be blessed with tears  
To shed for those who suffer pain, rejection, starvation, and war,  
So that you may be one with all who suffer.

And may you be blessed with boldness  
To encounter life in all its extremes and not to shrink back,  
So that you may live out your sacred intention. Amen

**\*Postlude**

*The Majestic Trumpet*

...Abbie Rockwood  
...Robert Hebble



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Upcoming Sundays at C3/CCC

**August 13:** *From Jesus to Christ: What Does it Matter?*

In the second part of the series Bob Kleinheksel will be speaking. Jesus' place in history has long been debated. Jesus is still important for the church and people in general. But, does Jesus have anything to do with salvation? If so, how and why? This morning we will explore Jesus, salvation, and the "place" of Jesus in our lives and thoughts.

**August 20:** *Turning the Lights Back On: Accessing the Ever-Present Spirit*

In the third part of our series on the origins of Progressive Christianity David Beighley will be speaking on Spirit. From the Evangelical externally imposed sense of Spirit, through a post-modern sense of Spirit within, this teaching will present the widening experience of universal Spirit within, between, and beyond the individual and a cosmos without boundaries.

**August 27:** *Religionless Christianity*

Bonhoeffer said "God would have us know that we must live as men who manage our lives without him." What would it mean to live Bonhoeffer's "religionless Christianity"? What would it require for us to live as if there is no God? What would it gain us to live as if we are surrounded by miracles at every turn? This Sunday, Ian Lawton will be speaking as we explore living life with an "as if" mentality, celebrating the power of myth and story, seeking personal responsibility and taking on the needs of the world as if we can make a difference.

Christ Community is an alternative to church as usual.  
We live together in the awe of worship  
in the Presence of the Mystery of God  
Whose inclusive grace moves us to embrace all  
with unconditional love and gracious acceptance,  
irrespective of race, gender, economic status, age or sexual orientation.

Loving the world as God loves it,  
following the way of Jesus,  
sensitive to the winds of the Spirit,  
seeking to discern the Word of God in the biblical tradition,  
the Movement of God in the context of our culture.

Christ Community is an ecumenical community -  
in background,  
in faith perspective,  
in worship expression;  
a blending of all the great Christian traditions.

Christ Community finds its window to God in the face of Jesus  
while affirming the quest and insight of other faiths;  
opening ourselves to dialogue and mutual enrichment in our pluralistic world.

Christ Community is intentionally a community of open mind and warm heart...  
where the broken find healing,  
the doubting learn to trust,  
the anxious find peace,  
and the strong are confirmed,  
trusting God...

The God of The Beginning,  
The God of The End,  
The God with us in The Meantime...  
this in-between time.

We invite all to join us in this exciting venture of faith.



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