



**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  
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**Celebrating Ever-Present Spirit  
Sunday, August 20, 2006  
8:30 & 9:30 a.m.  
Christ Community Church**

*"If the doors of perception were cleansed, then everything would appear as it actually is, infinite."*

--William Blake

**Prelude**

*Antiphon V*

...**Jacqueline Fisher**

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**Gathered In Community**

One: Listen to the breeze

As it flows through the branches  
And cools our faces warmed by the sun.

**All: We acknowledge the Spirit flowing to us.**

One: Touch the face of a newborn child,

An aged parent, or a dying friend  
And feel the life beginning and fading.

**All: We acknowledge the Spirit flowing through us.**

One: See through the eyes of a wounded soldier,

Feel the anger and hate of one powerless and victimized,  
Heal the entire cosmos as you touch one hurting person with  
your love and compassion.

**All: We acknowledge the Spirit that is Us.**

**\*Opening Hymn**

*Come, Teach Us Spirit of Our God*

...tune: St. Peter

Come, teach us, Spirit of our God, the language of your way,  
the lessons that we need to live, the faith for every day.

Excite our minds to follow you, to trace new truths in store,  
new flight paths for our spirit space, new marvels to explore.

Engage our wits to dance with you, to leap from logic's base,  
to capture insight on the wing, to sense your cosmic grace.

Inspire our spark to light from you, to catch creation's flair,  
new artistry to celebrate, new harmonies to share.

Delight our hearts to gather here, to learn compassion's code  
to live in context of your love, great teacher who is God!

**Welcome and News of the Community**

## Participants:

**Preacher:** David Beighley

**Liturgist:** Bob Kleinheksel

**Organist:** Jacqueline Fisher

**Soloist:** Tom Hammond

**Ushers:** Kevin Baldus (Captain), Kath Alward, Steve Alward, Ryan Cotton, Paul Crowell, Dave Lindberg, Paul Reitemeier, Cathy Saurman, Vic Wilhelm.

The gold team ushers next week.

**Greeters:** John & Marianne VanEenaam and Warren & Maxine Uhlemann

**Sound Booth:** Brian Drabczyk

**Camera:** Brad Vander Ark, Kate Ujlaky

**Growing Place:** Cheryl VanAbbema

**Ministry Council Hosts:** Randy Borns, Cindy Terlouw (tour leader)

## C3/CCC Kids Summer Program

Thank you to April and John Scholtz for their work as our Summer Kids Program volunteers this morning.

If you are interested in having a positive impact on the future world leaders, a.k.a. the children of C3/CCC, please contact Jan Hood to become a Worship Center volunteer. Only a small commitment is needed to make a world of difference in the lives of our kids.

## Church Family

*Annie Wassman* is recovering at home from back surgery.

*Merle Postmus* has moved to St. Mary's Rehabilitation Center.

*Reva Oleszczuk* is recovering at home.

*Walter Arndt* is recovering at home.

## Readings

If you love me, you will obey what I command. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you. I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you will also live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you. Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him. --John 14:15-22

The Divine...is infinite consciousness: the totality, the source, the Spirit, the Tao, God, the ground of being, the ultimate reality, the ultimate mystery, the nameless one, Yahweh, Allah...there are countless other names for this being. This infinite awareness has a nature, an inner reality that expresses the unlimited mystery of the Divine. The Divine is boundless compassion in itself, and this quality governs its relations with all other beings. This compassion is pure sensitivity, an eternal and total capacity to understand. Divine consciousness possesses complete understanding. --Wayne Teasdale, *The Mystic Heart*

What is most baffling about forgetfulness of the Spirit is that what is being neglected is nothing less than the mystery of God's personal engagement with the world in its history of love and disaster; nothing less than God's empowering presence dialectically active within the world in the beginning, throughout history and to the end, calling forth the praxis of life and freedom. Forgetting the Spirit is not ignoring a faceless, shadowy third hypostasis, but the mystery of God, closer to us than we are to ourselves, drawing near and passing by in quickening, liberating compassion. --Elizabeth Johnson, *She Who Is*

## Musical Reflection

*Morning Has Broken*

...Tom Hammond

## Children Unleashed To Summer Program

## Prayers

...Bob Kleinheksel

## Community Reflection

*Spirit of the Living God*

...Daniel Iverson,  
adapted by David Beighley

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, flow fresh from me.  
Spirit of the living God, flow fresh from me.  
May those around me see You in me.  
Spirit of the living God, flow fresh from me.

Spirit of the living God, I know I am Thee,  
Part of all that's ever been, flowing full and free.  
Within, beyond, between, always,  
Spirit of the living God, I know I am Thee.

## Sermon

...David Beighley  
"Turning the Lights Back On: Accessing the Ever-Present Spirit"

## Offertory

...Tom Hammond  
*Every Time I Feel The Spirit*

## Reception of our Gifts

## \*Closing Hymn

*Spirit (#319)* ...James K. Manley

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You moved on the waters, you called to the deep,  
then you coaxed up the mountains from the valleys of sleep;  
and over the eons you called to each thing:  
"Awake from your slumbers and rise on your wings."

### Refrain

Spirit, Spirit of gentleness, blow through the wilderness calling and free;  
Spirit, Spirit of restlessness, stir me from placidness, wind, wind on the sea.

You swept through the desert, you stung with the sand  
and you gifted your people with a law and a land;  
and when they were blinded with idols and lies,  
then you spoke through your prophets to open their eyes. *Refrain*

You sang in a stable, you cried from a hill,  
then you whispered in silence when the whole world was still;  
and down in the city you called once again,  
when you blew through your people on the rush of the wind. *Refrain*

You call from tomorrow, you break ancient schemes.  
From the bondage of sorrow all the captives dream dreams;  
our women see visions, our men clear their eyes.  
With bold new decisions your people rise. *Refrain*

## \*Blessing

Hasten to do even a small deed  
And flee from illusion;  
For action generates more action,  
While wishing generates only frustration

We are here to act.  
We are life's way of getting things done.

The reward for action?  
The opportunity to do more.

The payment for illusion?  
Despair.

Go into your world generating the Spirit that is You.

## \*Postlude

*Praludien VI*

...Jacqueline Fisher  
...Schroeder



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## Upcoming Sundays at C3/CCC

**August 27:** *The Power of Myth: Taking Responsibility*

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. On this Sunday, we will be inspired by the music of Steve and Goldie Weideman, plus a visual presentation by Ed Post.

**September 3:** *The Power of Myth: How Inclusive Will We Be?*

The first draft of Thomas Keneally's novel *Schindler's List* was called "*Schindler's Ark*". The famous Old Testament story of Noah's Ark is a myth that speaks to the unmentionable realities of our divided modern world. The myth of the Flood shatters our notions of good and bad, God as rescuer and punisher, and humanity as righteous and corrupt. Beyond these divisions lies the power of myth to broaden our sense of inclusiveness and to believe in a world without hate. Ian Lawton will be speaking.

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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