



**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 Church

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
Brigit Hassig Lewis, Administration and
Fund Development
Allison Rocky, Outreach and
Communications Ministry
Brad Vander Ark, Audio/Visual and
Online Ministry
Betty Van Till, Organist and Music
Coordinator
Toni Van Dyken, Spiritual Director
Richard A. Rhem, Minister Emeritus
Peter J. Theune, Minister Emeritus

Honoring a Tradition of Justice
Sunday, November 5, 2006
8:30 & 9:30 a.m.
Christ Community Church

Prelude

...Checkers Morton

Welcome and news of the community

Gathered in community

Those who say religion has nothing to do with politics do not know what religion is.

-- Mohandas K. Gandhi

All: We dream of a church that joins in with God's laughing

One: As she rocks in her rapture, enjoying her art: she's glad of her world, in its risking and growing: 'tis the child she has borne and holds close to her heart.

All: We dream of a church that joins in with God's weeping

One: As she crouches, weighed down by the sorrow she sees: she cries for the hostile, the cold and no-hoping, for she bears in herself our despair and dis-ease.

All: We dream of a church that joins in with God's dancing

One: As she moves like the wind and the wave and the fire: a church that can pick up its skirts, pirouetting, with steps that can signal God's deepest desire.

All: We dream of a church that joins in with God's loving

One: As she bends to embrace the unlovely and lost, a church that can free, by its sharing and daring, the imprisoned and poor, and then shoulder the cost.

All: May we be a church that joins in with God's living

One: As we cherish and challenge, rein in and release, a church that is winsome, impassioned, inspiring; lioness of God's justice and lamb of God's peace.

--Kate Compston, *We Dream of a Church*

Participants:

Preacher: Ian Lawton

Liturgist: Bob Kleinheksel

Musicians: Dave Collee, Jim Beegle, Bob Vanstee, Tim Fronsec, Lisa Chorny, Bob Kleinheksel.

Ushers: Bob DeWall (Captain), Judy DeWall, Lloyd Plakke, Steve Platt, Ric Van Weelden, Marti Youngdahl, Michael Youngdahl, Char Zoet, Ron Zoet. The green team ushers next week.

Greeters: Laurie and Eric Egeland and George and Joann Dornbos

Sound Booth: Brian Drabczyk

Camera: Brad Vander Ark, Kate Ujlaky

Growing Place: Cheryl VanAbbema

Ministry Council Hosts: Wayne Johnson, Karen Cotton (tour leader)

Youth news

Students in grades 6th - 8th are invited to the youth classrooms on the lower level by the library (follow the signs). The program runs from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.

Worship center news

Children aged three and four are welcome in Room H before the gathering begins. Children ages five and up are dismissed during the gathering. All children and youth programs conclude at 11:30 a.m.

- Three and four-year-olds hear the ancient story of Noah told in a new way focusing on love.

- Kindergarten and first graders hear the story of Abraham and Sarah's travels to a new land.

- Second Graders continue their Hebrew Testament stories remembering the story of Moses.

- Third Graders today hear the story entitled "God the Weaver: The Story of Joseph" which invites them to consider an image of God as a master artist.

- Fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to share with their parents today's "clue" which points them to the story they explored.

Baptism and new members

Baptized this morning are Clayton and Kyleigh Ann Hardesty, children of Kristin & Brad Hardesty.

Joining this morning are: Brad & Kristin Hardesty, Michelle & Stephen Stout, Jane Leonard & Leonard (Red) Bird, Kathryn Day Murray, and Debbie Lass.

Musical reflection

On the Turning Away

...Bob Kleinheksel & Lisa Chorny

On the turning away from the pale and downtrodden, and the words they say which we won't understand. Don't accept that what's happening is just a case of others suffering, or you'll find that you're joining in the turning away.

It's a sin that somehow light is changing to shadow, and casting its shroud over all we have known, unaware how the ranks have grown driven on by a heart of stone, we could find that were all alone in the dream of the proud.

No more turning away, from the weak and the weary. No more turning away, from the coldness inside. Just a world that we all must share, it's not enough just to stand and stare. Is it only a dream that there'll be no more turning away?

Children invited forward

All children are welcome forward to be a part of the baptism celebration.

Celebration of Baptism

Will you, Kristin and Brad, strive to nurture your children in their own spiritual development; to respect life, to love deeply and to be agents of peace and justice?

Will you, by example, teach your children to respond with optimism rather than react out of fear, to embrace discovery rather than a belief system, and to believe that there is no such thing as failure, only opportunities in disguise?

I baptize you, Clayton and Kyleigh Ann, in water to signify your connection to all of life. Above you are stars. Beneath you is the earth. Within you is the light of life. Like the stars may your love be constant. Like the earth may your life be grounded. Like the light may your spirit shine. You are embraced by God; within as self-worth, between as the strength in community, and beyond as the endless possibilities that line your future.

Welcoming new members

Do you, commit to participating wholeheartedly; giving and receiving in this community, to continuing your spiritual development, and joining us in exploring the beauty and miracle of life?

Musical Celebration

...Checkers Morton

Readings

²¹I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. ²²Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. ²³Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. ²⁴But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream. ²⁵Did you bring to me sacrifices and offerings the forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? ²⁶You shall take up Sakkuth your king, and Kaiwan your star-god, your images, which you made for yourselves; ²⁷therefore I will take you into exile beyond Damascus, says the Lord, whose name is the God of hosts.

--Amos 5: 21-27

God, these puzzling old stories state, did not raise just anyone from the dead. He raised an innocent man who had placed himself alongside the misfits and the outcasts of his day, who taught people to love their enemies, who boldly confronted the rapacious elite, and who was tortured and killed--like so many others before and after him--by a depraved system of law and order. Furthermore, he was murdered because of who he was and what he did and said. He died because of the way he lived.

--Harvey Cox, *When Jesus Came to Harvard*

Musical reflection

Who Will Save Your Soul

...Lisa Chorny

...Jewel

Prayers

...Bob Kleinkessel

*Passing of the peace

*Congregational hymn

Spirit of the Living God

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

Sermon

Social Justice from the Inside Out

...Ian Lawton

Offertory

...Checkers Morton

Reception of our gifts

*Blessing

Every human life is a reflection of divinity and every act of injustice mars and defaces the image of God in man. --Martin Luther King, Jr.

Let us go from this place inspired to live our divinity, practicing kindness, doing justice, and walking humbly with God.

*Postlude

...Checkers Morton



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What's happening at C3/CCC

Following this morning's gathering all are invited to stay for Sermon Talk Back at 10:45 a.m.

Wednesday, November 8

"God 101"

Don't miss the last session of our educational series on the history of theology and how it relates to your life. Ian Lawton is teaching this three-week class, which runs from 7:30-9:00 p.m. It is not necessary to have attended the first two classes to participate.

Sunday, November 12

Join us this week as Ian Lawton continues his series on *Social Justice and the Church*, as we continue to take a look at our own lives to see where faith and action meet.

This gathering will include a drumming meditation by Amy Oak and Barb Pitcher, and music from Steve Weideman, Kurt and Cathy Forrest, Lauren Mattone, and Brad Vander Ark.

Thanksgiving Community Outreach

Fair will be held in the Parlour following the gathering. The fair will highlight non-profit organizations that C³/CCC has traditionally supported with a financial donation taken on Thanksgiving day. With this year's approach we are hoping to help foster deep, committed connections between our community and these incredible organizations.

For more information on the fair and the organizations that will be involved, pick up a flier in the narthex.

Church family news

Please contact Sarah Jane with all church family news.

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.

Mission statement of Christ Community Church since 1993



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