



**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
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Brigit Hassig Lewis, Administration and
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Online Ministry
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Coordinator
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Peter J. Theune, Minister Emeritus

Nurturing Spirituality at Work

Sunday, November 19, 2006

8:30 & 9:30 a.m.

Christ Community Church

Prelude

Variations on a Welsh Folk Tune

...Betty Van Till
...Charles Ore

Introit

Like A Mighty Stream

...Sanctuary Choir
...arr. Moses Hogan/ John Jacobson

*Lift every voice and let us sing!
In every song let freedom ring!
From every soul comes a noble dream.
Let justice roll like a mighty stream.
Oh, every trial we'll overcome when every child beneath the sun,
And every soul shall live as one, the noble dream has just begun!*

Welcome and news of the community

Welcoming new members

Do you, Cindy, 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?

***Gathered in community**

One: We give thanks for the life that pulsates within us
All: **breath and heartbeat, joy and sorrow, dance and stillness**

One: We give thanks for the life that ebbs and flows between us
All: **loving, understanding, creating, embracing and letting go**

One: We give thanks for the web of life that surrounds and sustains us
All: **feeding, protecting, teaching, inspiring mutual care**

One: we give thanks for all the life of the future hidden in the present moment
All: **inviting us to walk the path of infinite compassion**

One: We give thanks for the source of all life,
All: **this living universe, of which our lives are an expression.**

Participants:

Preacher: Ian Lawton

Liturgist: Bob Kleinheksel

Choir Director: John Slagter

Organist: Betty Van Till

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 on Thanksgiving and the white team ushes next Sunday.

Greeters: Eric, Holly, Madelynn, & Ian Johnson, and Charles & Joan Howe.

Sound Booth: Brian Drabczyk

Camera: Brad Vander Ark, Kate Ujlaky

Ministry Council Hosts: Ellie Williams, Zinnie Stille (tour leader)

Joining C³/CCC Today: Cindy Lear

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 a story about Abraham and Sarah in the desert.

- Kindergarten and first graders remember the “liberation” story of the Exodus.

- Second Graders hear the story of David and Goliath.

- Third Graders remember the story of The Exile, where Israel went beyond the comfort of Jerusalem.

- Fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to share with their parents today’s “clue.”

Don’t forget the book fair is Decemeber 3.

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. Today’s focus will be on spirituality and war.

*Opening hymn

Praise with Joy Life’s Inspirations

tune: Lauda Anima
words: Ian Lawton

Praise with joy Life’s inspiration, Source of justice, love and peace, well-spring for all human knowledge, forging fullness without cease, Celebrating nature’s patterns, tides which move with constant ease.

Praise the One who fed the hungry, freed the captive, held the lost, healed the sick, upset religion, fearless both of fate and cost. Celebrate Christ’s inspiration; Friend and stranger, Guest and Host.

Praise the Spirit all around us, liberating truth from pride, forging bonds where race and gender, age or nation dare divide. Celebrate our sprit’s yearning, justice that all powers defied.

Praise the source of Sun and Spirit, One God in community, Calling people to embody oneness in diversity. Thus the world shall yet discover, all of life in sanctity.

Readings

³Thus says the Lord: Act with justice and righteousness, and deliver from the hand of the oppressor anyone who has been robbed. And do no wrong or violence to the alien, the orphan, and the widow, or shed innocent blood in this place. ¹³Woe to him who builds his house by unrighteousness, and his upper rooms by injustice; who makes his neighbors work for nothing, and does not give them their wages; ¹⁴who says, “I will build myself a spacious house with large upper rooms,” and who cuts out windows for it, paneling it with cedar, and painting it with vermilion. ¹⁵Are you a king because you compete in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. ¹⁶He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? says the Lord. ¹⁷But your eyes and heart are only on your dishonest gain, for shedding innocent blood, and for practicing oppression and violence. --Jeremiah 22: 3, 13-17

What would a more spiritual workplace mean for people? It would mean that work would move from merely being a place to get enough money to survive — from just earning our daily bread — to being a place of livelihood. By livelihood I mean a place where we both survive and are fully alive. We are alive in that our spirit fully expresses itself. And through our contribution, we allow other people’s spirits to be nourished and to flourish. Livelihood has, at its core, three meanings for work: survival (you’re alive), enlivening of the individual Self (you’re aliveness), and enlivening of the collective Self (their aliveness).

Spirituality in the workplace also promotes the expression of talent, brilliance and genius — talent in the sense of our Divine gifts; brilliance in terms of our intellect and the intensity of the light we have to shine; and genius not as a scarce commodity, but as something that everyone has. Our true job is to connect with that genius. And moreover, spirituality in the workplace also leads to increased self-fulfillment, contentment and a deep sense of belonging. ...Martin Rutte

Musical reflection

This Little Light of Mine

...Sanctuary Choir
...Neil Johnson

*This little light of mine, I’m gonna let it shine, every day, I’m gonna let it shine.
On Monday, we went into the store
On Tuesday, lookin’ for the workers, poor.
On Wednesday, found the talents underpaid,
On Thursday, couldn’t live within the wage.
On Friday, told employer it’s a must, on Saturday, wages must be just.
On Sunday, gave workers the joy to live, so let my little light shine.*

Children's time

All children are welcome forward before being dismissed to their worship center classes.

Prayer

...Bob Kleinheksel

Sermon

"Working With Your Heart and Soul"

...Ian Lawton

Offertory

Nettleton

...Betty Van Till
...Kevin Sadowski

Reception of our gifts

*Closing hymn

The Golden Globes of Sovereignty

tune: Ellacombe
words: Lynne Deur

The golden globes of sovereignty, swirl reckless in this world,
Entangling flags and loyalties, obstructing paths of peace.
Imagine clearing our boundaries erasing all the lines;
Paint all the lands just one color, leave oceans undefined.

We'll shape a globe where strong are just, with all our weak secure.
Our differences we'd understand, respecting the whole world.
The land is yours, the land is mine, air, water ours to share;
We're stewards all on this journey. The earth is in our care.

We're all one people, citizens, this spinning unmarked globe
Just fathers, mothers, children, too; the power of this world.
A vision just a poet's dream, unreal in our time;
Where golden orbs of sovereignty, swing reckless in their pow'r.

Yet should we follow Jesus' path, and live beyond the lines,
Ignoring power and threatening words to speak for humankind.
We'd shape a world with no boundaries guard firm the paths of peace,
Bright spinning globe of human good now golden in its love.

*Blessing

May our loving thoughts fill the whole world;
above, below, across- without limit;
a boundless goodwill toward the whole world, unrestricted, free of
hatred and enmity.

*Postlude

Jig Fugue

...Betty Van Till
...Dietrich Buxtehude



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What's happening at C3/CCC

Following this morning's gathering all are invited to stay for the **Thanksgiving Community Outreach Fair** which will be held in the Parlour. 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.

Sermon Talk-Back will begin at 11:00 following the Thanksgiving Outreach Fair.

Thursday, November 23

Join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day gathering at 9:30 a.m. A non-perishable food offering is collected at this gathering. Toni Van Dyken will be speaking this morning, and music will be provided by the Sanctuary Choir and Justin Miller. We will also participate in the Celebration of the Eucharist.

Our annual Thanksgiving feast will take place from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. and is free and open to the public. Meal deliveries will be made between 12:00 - 1:00, call the church office for more information.

Sunday, November 26

Join us as Ian Lawton concludes his sermon on *Social Justice and the Church*. This week we will explore the ways the ethics of corporations impacts the earth, and explore how our spirituality, and Jesus' example impact our actions. This gathering will be enhanced by music from the Sanctuary Choir and Julia Yob.

Church family news

Doris DeBoer celebrated her 93rd birthday on November 13, congratulations!

We extended our congratulations to **Marvin and Bernice Neinhouse** on their celebration of 60 years together.

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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