



**Being human,
Being love**

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Christ Community Church is an open and affirming spiritual community. We are grateful to have you with us today. We invite you to introduce yourself to a staff member or Ministry Council host or fill out a pew card. Welcome!

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Office Reception Hours
Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Building Hours
Monday - Thursday 7:00 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Trust in Relationships

Sunday, June 14, 2009

Christ Community Church

Prelude

Austrian Hymn

Betty Van Till

*Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. by John Knowles Paine*

Welcome and news of the community

Bob Kleinheksel

Musical inspiration

Resurrected

Brian Vander Ark

Brian Vander Ark

*Rise, my love, be the one that you are
Surprise, my love I love everything that you are*

*You are the lows, you are the highs
You're the fears and the pain
Rest assured, we will survive another year*

*What's it going to take to redirect us, to reconnect us, resurrect us?
What's it going to take to perfect us, to redirect us, resurrect us?*

*Rise above, when I am what I am
Surprise, my love, you love everything that I am*

Gathered in community

You are a child of the Universe, no less than the moon and the stars; you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you, no doubt the Universe is unfolding as it should.

— Max Ehrmann

Trust is part of that core of relating which makes things possible. Without trust, there is no intimacy; without trust, there is no growth; without trust, individuals, relationships, corporations, churches and indeed the world would not function or thrive.

One: May we be reminded here of our highest aspirations.

All: **May we bring our gifts of love, trust and service to all of humanity.**

One: May we know once again that we are not isolated beings.

All: **We are connected, in mystery and miracle, to the universe.**

One: We are connected to this community, to each other and to lovers of life everywhere.

All: **We trust ourselves and those with whom we relate; we are intimately united.**

Participants:

Teacher

Ian Lawton

Liturgist

Bob Kleinheksel

Organist

Betty Van Till

Musicians

Lux Land

Brian Vander Ark

Sound booth

Brian Drabczyk

Video cameras

Brad Vander Ark

Ushers

Kevin Baldus, captain

Steve Alward

Ryan Cotton

Paul Crowell

David Dean

Harvey Hammond

Ted Poulton

Cathy Saurman

Vic Wilhelm

The blue team ushers next Sunday.

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C3 Kids & C3 Youth news

This morning kids are invited downstairs to watch a video. Please plan to pick up children immediately following the gathering. Videos will be offered every week until our summer kids program begins Sunday, July 12.

C3 Youth Service Trip: We will be going to Chicago from Friday, July 24 - Monday, July 27 to serve meals to the hungry and help in other ways. Of course we'll take some time to enjoy the great City of Chicago. Contact Chad or the office for more info.



*Congregational song

Get Together

The Youngbloods

*Love is but the song we sing, and fear's the way we die
You can make the mountains ring or make the angels cry
Know the dove is on the wing, and you need not know why*

Refrain

*C'mon people now, smile on your brother
Ev'rybody get together, try and love one another right now*

*Some will come and some will go we shall surely pass
When the one that left us here returns for us at last
We are but a moments sunlight fading in the grass REFRAIN*

*If you hear the song I sing, you must understand
You hold the key to love and fear all in your trembling hand
Just one key unlocks them both it's there at your command REFRAIN*

Readings

A relationship of love, loyalty and trust. (Saul's son Jonathon, was a dear friend of David even though Saul came to hate David.) The relationship of David and Jonathon is one of scripture's more tenderly described friendships.

When he had finished speaking, the soul of Jonathon was knit to the soul of David, and Jonathon loved him as his own soul. Jonathon made a covenant with David, because he loved him dearly. And Jonathon stripped himself of the robe that was upon him, and gave it to David, and his armor, and even his sword and his bow and his girdle. And David went out and was successful wherever Saul sent him.

– 1 Samuel 8:1-5

When trust is high, the dividend you receive is like a performance multiplier, elevating and improving every dimension of your organization and your life. High trust is like the leaven in bread, which lifts everything around it. In a company, high trust materially improves communication, collaboration, execution, innovation, strategy, engagement, partnering, and relationships with all stakeholders. In your personal life, high trust significantly improves your excitement, energy, passion, creativity, and joy in your relationships with family, friends, and community. Obviously, the dividends are not just in increased speed and improved economics; they are also in greater enjoyment and better quality of life.

– Stephen R. Covey, "The Speed of Trust"

Children's message

Patricia Reilly

If welcome books have not already been signed, please do so at this time. After all have signed, please pass the book along your pew to learn names of those sitting with you.

Children are invited downstairs for a video. Please pick children immediately following the gathering this morning, prior to sermon talk-back.

Prayer

Patricia Reilly

Musical inspiration

Top of the World

Lux Land

Patty Griffin

Sermon

Building Trust in Relationships

Ian Lawton

Offertory

Survival

Brian Vander Ark

Brian Vander Ark

*I partied hard on the first tier, but I burned a lot of bridges and then
I'm a photograph that was torn in half and I'll never be invited again*

*Hey, it's okay, I don't care, I don't mind
You know I'm gonna be just fine*

*Well my first home was a real milestone it had everything that I ever earned
Then one bare wire and roof caught fire I said burn, mother, burn*

*When the world shut me out, I was pretty lucky that you let me in
You're all I need to face another day
Whenever I'm in a bind, there's really only one thing I keep in mind
You are all I ever need to survive*

*When life depends on some pretend friends I guess you get the life you deserve
I'm a played out fad in a world gone mad And I'll fade without striking a nerve*

*I used to sit and worry that I ruined my reputation
It was the hardest thing that I ever had to face
But now I'm free of guilt and I'm free of all complication
It's simple, but it's true it's all because of you that*

*Whenever I'm in a bind, there's really only one thing I keep in mind
You are all I ever need to survive*

*Blessing

The blessing of trust be upon and between you,
The expression of love direct and encourage you,
The power of visions and possibility guide you,
The beauty of laughter and tears ground you,
The reality of unity sustain and comfort you,
Go out in peace, confidence, freedom and trust.

*Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary in D.

Betty Van Till
John Stanley

Upcoming events and gatherings

This morning...

11:30 a.m. Newcomers' Brunch

We would like to invite all newcomers to a free brunch in the parlor this morning. We hope to take an opportunity to get to know you better, and to share what this community is all about with you.

Sunday, June 21

NEW! 9:00 a.m. Conversation Circles

Join us for coffee and conversation with others in this community. More information on this new program in the insert this morning.

9:00 a.m. Awakenings

Are you looking for a more contemplative practice? We invite you to check out our Awakenings Gatherings in the chapel. This 40-min gathering is a wonderful time to explore spiritual practice and discover the peace within you.

10:00 a.m. Gathering

Spirituality is often times viewed in a strictly feminine way. What does masculine spirituality look like? How can both men and women benefit from this new expression of spirit. Ian Lawton will be speaking this week.

Lisa Chorny and Bob Kleinheksel will be providing the music and the meditation for our gathering this morning.

C3/CCC family news

Our hearts are with Jackie and Tom Fisher as they have been through much heartache this week with the difficult birth of their grandson Joel James Stans. At time of printing Joel is in a neonatal unit in the Detroit area. Our love and support extends to the whole Fisher family, especially the parents of Joel, Rob and Sarah Stans.

Our deepest sympathy extends to Steve Alward on the death of his daughter, Debra.

Christ Community is an alternative to church as usual.

We live together in awe of Life,
connected by a sense of mystery that many call God.

Inclusive grace moves us to embrace all
with unconditional love and gracious acceptance,
celebrating ethnicity, gender, age, and sexual orientation.

Christ Community is a diverse, creative community
in background,
in faith perspective,
in public expression;
a blending of all the great spiritual traditions.

Christ Community finds a window to God in the face of Jesus
and also in the quest and insight of other faiths;
seeking dialogue and mutual enrichment in our pluralistic world.

We strive for greater justice and peace in the world
inspired by Jesus and social activists through the centuries
who challenged the status quo,

We seek to be the change we wish to see in the world,
respecting earth's patterns, and honoring wellness in its many forms.

Christ Community is a community of open mind and warm heart,
valuing the progressive unfolding of theology,
where all are encouraged
to honor their minds,
live their questions,
and embrace inner peace.

We invite all to join us in this exciting adventure of humanity.



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