



**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. Welcome!

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Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

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

Celebrating Fathers and the Divine Masculine

Sunday, June 21, 2009

Christ Community Church

When I was a boy of fourteen, my father was so ignorant I could hardly stand to have the old man around. But when I got to be twenty-one, I was astonished at how much he had learned in seven years.

~Mark Twain, "Old Times on the Mississippi" Atlantic Monthly, 1874

Prelude

Welcome and news of the community

Bob Kleinheksel

Musical inspiration

Lisa Chorny, Ginny Hebert, Bob Kleinheksel

Closer to Fine

Indigo Girls

I went to the doctor, I went to the mountains

I looked to the children, I drank from the fountain

There's more than one answer to these questions pointing me in a crooked line

The less I seek my source for some definitive

The less I seek my source, the closer I am to fine.

Gathered in community

Let us be at peace with our bodies and our minds. Let us return to ourselves and become wholly ourselves. Let us be aware of the source of being, common to us all and to all living things. Evoking the presence of the Great Compassion, let us fill our hearts with our own compassion, towards ourselves and toward all living beings. With humility, trust, with awareness of the existence of life, and of the sufferings that are going on around us, let us practice the establishment of peace in our hearts and on earth. Amen.

— Thich Nhat Hanh

One: Let us cultivate a spirit of peace and boundless goodwill;

All: **Loving, learning, becoming more than who we are.**

One: Let us with joy demonstrate the mother and father in us all,

All: **Giving of our care, guidance, insights and tenderness.**

One: Let us move into life with a more pervasive sense of connection,

All: **Committing to being present and reliant in good and difficult times.**

One: Let us enjoy the bonds we share across generations: children, parents, grandchildren;

All: **Radiating friendliness and love over each other and the whole world.**

Participants:

Teacher

Ian Lawton

Liturgist

Bob Kleinheksel

Musicians

Lisa Chorny

Ginny Hebert

Bob Kleinheksel

Sound booth

Brian Drabczyk

Video cameras

Brad Vander Ark

Ushers

Tom Holstrom, captain

Barb Brower

Kim Crozier

Bryan Houck

Jean King

Phil Leech

Julia Miller

Pam Park

Sherm Robinson

John Stalzer

Leon Stille

The gold 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 by noon. 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 Thursday, July 23 - Sunday, July 26 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

With a Little Help From My Friends

The Beatles

*What would you think if I sang out of tune,
Would you stand up and walk out on me?
Lend me your ears and I'll sing you a song,
And I'll try not to sing out of key.*

CHORUS: *Oh, I get by with a little help from my friends.
Mmm, I get high with a little help from my friends.
Mmm, gonna try with a little help from my friends.*

*What do I do when my love is away?
Does it worry you to be alone?
How do I feel by the end of the day?
Are you sad because you're on your own? CHORUS*

*Do you need anybody?
I need somebody to love.
Could it be anybody?
I want somebody to love. CHORUS*

*Would you believe in a love at first sight?
Yes, I'm certain that it happens all the time.
What do you see when you turn out the light?
I can't tell you, but I know it's mine. CHORUS*

*Yes, I get by with a little help from my friends,
With a little help from my friends.*

Reading

A man had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, "Father, give me the share of the property that falls to me." And he divided his living between them. Not many days later, the younger son gathered all he had and took his journey into a far country, and there he squandered his property in loose living. And when he had spent everything, a great famine came and he began to be in want. He worked for a citizen of that land, who sent him into the fields to feed pigs. He was so hungry that he would have gladly fed on the pods the pigs ate. And the son came to himself and considered how his father's servants had bread enough to eat. I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me as one of your hired servants." And he arose and came to his father. But while he was yet at a distance, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and embraced him and kissed him. The son said to the father, "Father I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet; and bring the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and make merry; for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to make merry.

Reading

Whether we know our fathers or not; whether we are involved with our fathers or not; whether we feel or felt loved by our fathers or not: Let us celebrate the place of fathers in our lives and in the world. We have our fathers within us in blood, bone and gene; we have their temperaments, their giftedness and their foibles. We share in their legacy, their hopes, dreams and disappointments. We include, transcend and discern all they have been and are for the living of our days. Their divine masculinity and humanity we carry with us and now share with the world at large and all we encounter. Whether in love or estrangement, how can we be apart from our fathers? Our fathers are in us all and make up, in part, who we are. Let us humbly and joyfully honor the earthly father and the divine life-giving masculine in us all.

– Bob Kleinheksel

Children's message

Bob Kleinheksel

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. Parents are asked to pick their children up either following the gathering at 11:00 or following sermon talk-back at noon..

Prayer

Bob Kleinheksel

Meditation through tones

Lisa Chorny

Sermon

Celebrating Divine Masculine

Ian Lawton

Offertory

Hand in My Pocket

Lisa Chorny, Bob Kleinheksel

Alanis Morissette

*Blessing

Go forth to face the world and each other
Bring your love as a son or daughter,
As a mother and father,
Across generations and divisions.
May your love bless this land
And allow peace and justice
To flicker and flair;
To touch and transform us all. Amen.

*Postlude

Give a Little Bit

Lisa Chorny, Ginny Hebert, Bob Kleinheksel

Supertramp

Upcoming events and gatherings

This morning...

11:15 a.m. Sermon talk-back in Sanctuary

Sunday, June 28

NEW! 9:00 a.m. Conversation Circles

Join us for coffee and conversation in the Parlor on Sunday mornings. Bring your Sunday paper for a conversation on current events, or join a group talking about Integral Theory, or another discussing spirituality in the everyday. All are welcome!

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 — **Madison Shockley**
Theology of Reproductive Choice

Even in progressive circles where women's choice is fiercely protected, women are often left alone with this difficult decision with very little support or guidance. Taking on this extremely controversial issue, Madison Shockley examines the theological, legal, and moral context surrounding a woman's right to choose. He approaches this topic with sensitivity and grace offering universal wisdom that can serve as guidance to be used in each unique, individual situation.

11:15 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Workshop

Madison will lead a workshop and facilitate a discussion taking a closer look at three important areas of this hot debate:

- Legal issues
- Moral issues
- Theological issues

Church family news

Don Anderson is recovering at home from foot surgery. Jackie and Tom Fisher wish to thank everyone for the outpouring of love and support in the loss of their grandson.

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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