



Happy Mother's Day! We're glad to worship with you today in a unique drive-in service.

After being directed to a parking spot by an attendant, tune into **AM 1670**. There will be pre-service music and announcements leading up to the service time at 10:00AM.

If the radio broadcast is not clear, try adjusting your car radio's bass and treble controls to enhance the sound. If you are in a "dead spot," roll down your window to hear sound from the speakers.

We commit to a safe and responsible gathering. We are respectful of our County and State government, as well as our local police and first responders. Please adhere to the following guidelines this morning.

- You must remain in your vehicle.
- You may not transfer vehicles. There can be no mixing of households.
- Bathrooms will not be available. The building is locked.
- The service will be about 45 minutes in length.
- There will be an offering collection upon your exit. You may also give online: cmstl.org/give.
- When the service is over, wait for the direction of parking attendants before exiting. There is a plan to efficiently dismiss all cars gathered.

Our ministry continues to advance in new and creative ways as we minister to our members and community. See our website for video services and updates.

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Rev. Jeff Cloeter, Senior Pastor - Rev. Bobby Walston, Associate Pastor

JOY IN...Hardship

Mother's Day

May 10, 2020 @ 10:00 a.m.

AS WE GATHER

Happy Mother's Day! We rejoice in moms, grandmas, and all who provide a mother's love.

We continue to look to Philippians to find joy in hardship. In chapter three, Paul makes a list of his exemplary resume' . . . and then calls it rubbish. In loss he discovers gain. Part of our hardship in this pandemic is loss – loss of health, job, income, security, relationships, events canceled. Paul looks at loss differently, as revelatory. In loss we are shown a side-by-side comparison. What we once valued seems less significant, and knowing Christ becomes of inestimable value.

Reflect: What are some little joys that you've missed in the last two months? What have you learned about joy during this time? How as the pandemic changed what you view as essential and non-essential in your life?

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)", "Jesus, Savior, Pilot Me" and "By Faith"

By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand
A place where peace and justice reign.

Chorus - *We will stand as children of the promise
We will fix our eyes on Christ our soul's reward
Till the race is finished and the work is done
We'll walk by faith and not by sight*

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave.

By faith this mountain shall be moved
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail
For we know in Christ all things are possible
For all who call upon His name. **Chorus x2**

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

OPENING HYMN: "Praise to the Lord the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is your health and salvation!
Let all who hear, Now to His temple draw near, Joining in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;
Surely His goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.
Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do, As with His love He befriends you.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen, Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore him!

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Christ Is Risen!

People: He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine
for you.

**People: I remember you with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the
first day until now. (Philippians 1:3-4)**

Pastor: My God will supply every need of yours

People: according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. (Philippians 4:19)

Pastor: Rejoice in the Lord always!

People: Again I will say, rejoice! (Philippians 4:4)

Pastor: Christ Is Risen!

People: He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

SONG OF CELEBRATION: “Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds”

Now all the vault of heav’n resounds, In praise of love that still abounds:
“Christ has triumphed!” He is living!” Sing, choirs of angels, loud and clear!
Repeat their song of glory here: “Christ has triumphed! Christ has triumphed!”
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Eternal is the gift He brings, Therefore our heart with rapture sings:
“Christ has triumphed! He is living!” Now still He comes to give us life
And by His presence stills all strife. Christ has triumphed! He is living!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: We acknowledge that we are slow to obey God and quick to follow our own ways. We approach God humbly, seeking his mercy.

People: Merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Pastor: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

SONG OF RESPONSE: “Amazing Love”

I’m forgiven, because You were forsaken,
I’m accepted, you were condemned.
I’m alive and well, Your Spirit lives within me
Because You died and rose again.

Amazing love, how can it be
That You my King would die for me?
Amazing love, I know it’s true
It’s my joy to honor You, in all I do, I honor you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Let us pray.

People: Lord Jesus, we count everything as loss compared to the surpassing worth of knowing you. Fill us with joy in excess. Be our endless well of joy, especially in times of hardship. Without you, we are nothing. With you, we have everything we need. We praise you today, Lord Jesus. Amen.

FIRST READING: Philippians 3:1-11

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. ² Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. ³ For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— ⁴ though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. ⁷ But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 15:1-5

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. ² Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. ³ Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

CHILDRENS MESSAGE: Daniel Meyer, Director of Youth Ministry

SERMON HYMN: "It Is Well With My Soul"

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way;
When sorrows, like sea billows, roll;
Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed His own blood for my soul.

Refrain:

It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trumpet shall sound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so it is well with my soul. **Refrain**

SERMON: "Joy in Hardship" Pastor Jeff Cloeter

Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. (*Philippians 3:1*)

But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ. (*Philippians 3:7-8*)

The source of true joy is not a circumstance, but a Person.

The pandemic has taught us about "essential" and "non-essential." What are some non-essential things you have put your trust in? What are essential things that you have neglected?

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: Christ Is Risen!

People: He is Risen, Indeed! Alleluia!

Pastor: The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the LORD look upon you with favor and give you peace.

People: Amen.

SENDING SONG: "Blessed Be Your Name"

Chorus

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your name

Blessed be the name of the Lord

Blessed be Your glorious name

Blessed be Your Name, In the land that is plentiful
Where Your streams of abundance flow, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, When I'm found in the desert place
Though I walk through the wilderness, Blessed Be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say **Chorus**

Blessed be Your name, When the sun's shining down on me
When the world's all as it should be, Blessed be Your name

Blessed be Your name, On the road marked with suffering
Though there's pain in the offering, Blessed be Your name

Every blessing You pour out, I'll turn back to praise
When the darkness closes in, Lord, Still I will say **Chorus**

OFFERINGS

In this time of separation, we continue to worship God with our gifts and offerings. This is one way we can continue to faithfully support our church and the mission God has given us in this critical moment.

You may give electronically. Go to cmstl.org/give. To make recurring gifts, [log in](#) to your Link profile. You can [make a one time gift](#) by credit card.

You may also mail in your offering/envelope to:

*Christ Memorial
5252 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63126*

Community Assistance Fund: *Our church has established a special fund to meet the growing needs of this crisis. You can contribute to this fund directly. Electronically, you will find the category "Community Assistance Fund." You may also write that in the memo line of a check and mail it.*

Thank you for your generous support. Funds have already been distributed to members in need (gas, groceries, bills), neighbors in crisis, and mission partners (CFNA, Bethlehem Lutheran, LINC Bay Area, Bridge City Chattanooga).

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