



CHRIST CENTRAL CHURCH

Virtual Stream Worship Service
January 17, 2021

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Starting Point

Are you new to Christ Central? Whether you're a visitor and have questions about who we are or have been coming for a while and are curious about how to get connected, Starting Point is for you! Meet Charlie Densmore, our Connections Director, some of the pastoral team, and others who are new at Christ Central after the second service. Lunch is provided, and we'll gather outdoors with ample space to be distanced from one another. Join us on January 31 from 12-1pm at the church building. Sign up [here](#).

Share your 2020 "God at Work" story

We believe it's important to name how we've seen God at work and encourage each other in our walks of faith, especially while we're together but apart. We've also heard from many of you that you'd like to hear from each other and have opportunities to meet folks you might not already know.

We're collecting short, one-minute stories from the congregation about how you experienced God at work in 2020. We hope this new series, "God at Work," can be an encouragement to you as you hear from how others experienced God this past year while also giving you the opportunity to get to know people from our body while we continue to do life in a COVID-19 reality.

We will record short videos after Sunday's service in the Fellowship Hall. We will keep things spread out, and maintain social distancing, and only allow one sign up per time slot. Let us know if you'd like to arrange another way to share your video in a way that suits your comfort level. And be on the lookout for this new "God at Work" series over the coming weeks! Learn more and sign up [here](#).

[Complete our online tear-off tab.](#)

CALL TO WORSHIP*

Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION*

SONG OF PRAISE*

I Call You Faithful

(Bobby Price and Kevin Walker)

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Jesus, forgive my sins. Forgive the sins that I remember; and the sins I have forgotten. Forgive my many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when I have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times I have been proud of my own achievements, and when I have failed to boast in Your works. Forgive the harsh judgments I have made of others, and the leniency I have shown myself. Forgive the lies I have told to others, and the truths I have avoided. Forgive me the pain I have caused others and the indulgence I have shown myself. Jesus, have mercy on me and make me whole. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON*

Isaiah 44:22-23

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like a mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you. Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it; shout, O depths of the earth; break forth into singing, O mountains, O forest, and every tree in it! For the Lord has redeemed Jacob, and will be glorified in Israel.

SONG OF RESPONSE*

Great Are You, Lord

(Leslie Jordan and David Leonard)

OFFERING

Your tithe and offering goes directly toward helping Christ Central Church follow Jesus in His mission during this time. In lieu of passing the plate, you can give [online](#), via the app, or by mailing a check.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Church of the week:

New Destiny Christian Fellowship and Rev. Steve Murrell

You can text prayer requests to 919-886-4311, and our pastoral team will receive and pray over them.

SERMON PASSAGE*

Nehemiah 5:1-13

¹Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers. ²For there were those who said, "With our sons and our daughters, we are many. So let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive."
³There were also those who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine." ⁴And there were those who

said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards.⁵ Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards."⁶ I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words.⁷ I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, "You are exacting interest, each from his brother." And I held a great assembly against them⁸ and said to them, "We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the nations, but you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us!" They were silent and could not find a word to say.⁹ So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies?"¹⁰ Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest.¹¹ Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the percentage of money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them."¹² Then they said, "We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say." And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised.¹³ I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said "Amen" and praised the Lord. And the people did as they had promised.

SERMON

Reverend Daniel Mason

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church**,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF CELEBRATION*

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

(Elisha Albright Hoffman, Anthony J. Showalter, and Anthony Johnson
Showalter)

BENEDICTION*

**Congregation stand as able.*

***Means universal.*

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