



Christ Church of Arlington

Gathered Worship

April 28, 2024

Easteride

God Welcomes Us

* Call to Worship

Lamentations 3:21-26

Leader: But this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

ALL: "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

Leader: The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

ALL: It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

* Prayer of Invocation

* Song of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

God Restores Us

Prayer of Confession

ALL: Father, we are often guilty of loving the gifts that you give us while rejecting you. We love the benefits of belonging to you, yet we do not cherish and nurture the greatest gift of all: our relationship with you as your adopted sons and daughters. Sometimes we rebel against you openly and angrily, breaking your laws and running far from you. At other times we rebel against you by carefully keeping your laws, as if by our obedience we could purchase your favor, love, and generosity. God, be merciful to us, for we are lost sinners. In both our rebellion and our obedience, we love ourselves far more than we love you. Father, forgive us.

* *Please stand (if possible)*

Silent Confession of Sin

* Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1, 2, 14, 15

Leader: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

ALL: For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God.

Leader: For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry,

ALL: "Abba! Father!"

* Song of Adoration

Jesus Paid It All

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Confession of Faith, ch. 12

ALL: All those who are justified, God permitted, in and for His only Son Jesus Christ, to make partakers of the grace of adoption, by which they are taken into the number and enjoy the liberties and privileges of the children of God, have His name put on them, receive the spirit of adoption, have access to the throne of grace with boldness, are enabled to cry, Abba, Father, are pitied, protected, provided for, and chastened by Him as by a Father: yet never cast off, but sealed to the day of redemption; and inherit the promises, as heirs of everlasting salvation.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Prayer

ALL: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

God Nourishes Us

Scripture Reading

Psalm 2 (p. 448)

Leader: The grass withers and the flower fades,

ALL: but the Word of our God will stand forever.

* Song of Preparation/Dedication

I Need Thee Every Hour

Sermon

"Grow Up!"

Galatians 4:1-7 (p. 974)

Rev. Will Stockdale

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of Humble Access for Holy Communion

ALL: We do not presume to come to this, your table, O Merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy even as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord, whose eternal nature is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, that by faith in your dear son, Jesus Christ, our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, so that we evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Presentation of Communion Elements

Minister: Behold! The gifts of God for the people of God! Hallelujah!

People: Hallelujah!

Words of Institution

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Minister: When we eat this meal we are reminded that we are not our own,

ALL: But together belong to Christ, and in Christ belong to one another.

Minister: The bread that we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him! *(partake of the bread together)*

Minister: The cup that we drink is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

ALL: And we who are many are one in Him! *(partake of the cup together)*

* Doxology

* Benediction

Sermon Notes

Announcements

Sunday School

Sunday School for all ages continues today, 11:30-12:30. For information on any of our Kids Ministry classes, contact our Kids Ministry Director, Tacye Clarke.

Assist Pregnancy Center's Walk Run Ride Fundraiser

From now through May 4th, join the Christ Church team to raise funds for Assist Pregnancy Center! Contact Melynda or Elaine for details.

Book Discussion Group

Our next meeting will be today, April 28th, at 4PM at Sandy Langley's home in Vienna. We will be discussing *Gone with the Wind*. Contact Sandy to RSVP.

Women's Bible Studies: Acts

Our next Monday Women's Bible Study will be on April 29th at 10AM at Christ Church. Our next Tuesday study will be on April 30th at 7:30PM at Madison Laton's home. Contact Melynda for more details.

Men's Discipleship and Leadership Development

Our next monthly men's discipleship and leadership training meeting will be on Sunday, May 5th, from 6-8PM at the CCA Chapel. Meetings are open to all men interested in spiritual growth. Please contact Pastor Billy for discussion materials.

Women's Cookie Decorating Class

All women are welcome to learn cookie decorating techniques from professional baker Alison McCord on Friday, May 17th at 7:30PM in the CCA Chapel. The class is \$30/person (assistance available). Please RSVP to Melynda by May 3rd.

Men's Fellowship Breakfast

All men are invited to a fellowship breakfast on Saturday, May 18th, at 7:30AM in the CCA Chapel. For more details or to RSVP, please reach out to Robert White.

June CCA Potluck

Mark your calendar for our next all-church potluck on Sunday, June 30th.

Welcome to CCA!

We hope you find rich fellowship with God and with his people this morning. As you enter worship, we'd like to make you aware of a few things:

For All Visitors:

- After the service, please join us for coffee and doughnuts.

For Those with Kids:

- Children of all ages are welcome to stay with their parents throughout the whole service.
- The nursery is available for infants and toddlers (through age 3).

About Communion:

- We celebrate the Lord's Supper (or Communion) every week at CCA.
- We welcome all baptized Christians – those who are trusting in Jesus Christ for salvation and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel – to receive Communion with us. If this does not currently describe you, we invite you to participate in spirit by considering the things you see and hear in worship, including God's love for sinners as portrayed in this meal. If you have any questions about whether you should participate in the Lord's Supper, please talk with our Pastor or one of our elders.
- For parents: to receive communion, a child must have been baptized and formally received as a communing member by the Session of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong.
- Our communion bread is gluten-free, and we offer both wine and juice. Wine is in the outer ring; juice is in the inner ring.

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