# Our Mission

Christ Church exists to lead people into a deeper relationship with Christ and His Church, through community, for the city.

# Connect to Christ Church

We are so happy you are worshiping with us and would love to connect with you!

**If you are new**, please complete the Connect Card via the QR code or in the pew rack, and place it in the offering tray or in the box at the Welcome Table. On it you can sign up for our email updates on events and ways to be involved. Visit our website, christchurcheastbay.org, to learn more about our church.

#### **Opportunities to Serve**

There are many ways to be involved at Christ Church — we can use your gifts! We always need more people to be part of the worship or audio-video team, greet newcomers, host the coffee hour, or help with the kids. To see all the options and sign up, head over to christchurcheastbay.org/ways-to-serve.

#### Christ Church Kids & Youth

Come to the check-in table in the entrance of the Sanctuary for information on our wonderful programs and childcare for our toddlers, kids, and youth on Sundays, and more!

# Upcoming Events & Announcements

### Let's Read Acts & Epistles Together

Join us as we read through the Acts of the Apostles and Epistles this spring and summer. Full schedule and recommended resources are on the back table or under the Resources tab of the website.

#### Week 5 - May 5

Sunday	Romans 15	Thursday	1 Cor. 3
Monday	Romans 16	Friday	1 Cor. 4
Tuesday	1 Cor. 1	Saturday	1 Cor. 5
Wednesday	1 Cor. 2		

### Congregational Meeting - TODAY!

#### Sunday, May 5, immediately following the service

All are welcome for this important time to learn about what's going on in this season of Christ Church. If you consider Christ Church your home, please plan to be part of this twice-a-year meeting.

#### \* 2nd Wednesday Dinner, Praise & Prayer May 8, Dinner 6:00 pm, Service 7:00 pm

Join us as we gather to enjoy a free meal together and to pray and enjoy singing "psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit" (Col 3:16). Youth will meet; no CCKids. Please \* register today for dinner.

### \* Loaves and Fishes: Serving Our Unhoused Neighbors Saturday, May 11, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

Meet in the church kitchen with Bill Barnes to make and then go out to serve lunches to our unhoused neighbors.

#### Fellowship Lunch - Next Week! Sunday, May 12, after service

Come on up to the Community Hall after the worship service to get to know some Christ Church brothers and sisters as we gather over a free lunch catered by The Table!

### \* The Fullness of Philosophy Sundays, May 12 & 26, 12:00 pm, Upper Room

Led by Jonathan Tanaka, CC member and UC Berkeley philosophy PhD student, we'll explore how the philosophical milieu of the first century is exactly as we would expect if the intellectual landscape were to be maximally providentially prepared for the revelation of Jesus Christ.

#### \* B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Baby) New Moms Meetup Saturday, May 18, 9:00 -11:00 am, Infant/Toddler Room

Moms who had babies in 2023 or are expecting in 2024 are welcome! Bring your baby and take some time to connect with other moms over breakfast goodies. For more information, reach out to Kathryn Lopez (kathryn@christchurcheastbay.org).

#### \* Community Group - Prospective Leader Meeting Sunday, May 19, 12:00 pm, Community Hall

Have you ever dreamed about leading or hosting a Community Group, but weren't sure where to start? If you would like to find out what it takes to lead or host, meet in the Community Hall after service on Sunday, May 19. Contact Pastor Jonathan if you have questions: jonathan@christchurcheastbay.org.

#### \* Women Reading Women Book Group Monday, May 20, 7:00 pm

Join us for an evening of conversing and connecting with your Christ Church sisters. For May we're reading *The Worlds I See: Curiosity, Exploration, and Discovery at the Dawn of AI* by Fei-Fei Li. All women welcome, whether or not you've finished the book, whether you come once or monthly. Learn more on the \* Events page or email Maria Francis (maria@christchurcheastbay.org).

#### \* All-Church Retreat at Mount Hermon Friday-Sunday, August 23-25

Registration is open! Find out all the details on the \* Registrations page. Pro-tip: register now to ensure your first choice of housing.

### Coming Up

5/12 - Fellowship Lunch, 12:00 pm6/2 - Fellowship Lunch, 12:00 pm6/2 - Belonging Class (for membership and baptism), 12:00 pm

6/8 - Loaves and Fishes, 9:00 am-1:00 pm

\* Register and see details for events marked by an asterisk by using the Church Center app or this QR code:





# Gathering

# Speak O Lord

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You To receive the food of Your holy word. Take Your truth plant it deep in us, Shape and fashion us in Your likeness, That the light of Christ might be seen today In our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak O Lord and fulfill in us All Your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, Holy reverence, true humility. Test our thoughts and our attitudes In the radiance of Your purity. Cause our faith to rise, Cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority. Words of power that can never fail, Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds. Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us. Truths unchanged from the dawn of time That will echo down through eternity. And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built, And the earth is filled with Your glory

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## Call to Worship - Psalm 34

I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips. I will glory in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together. I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame. **Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.** 

## 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

chorus Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; Worship His holy name. Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship Your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, It's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, Let me be singing when the evening comes:

You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger; Your name is great, and Your heart is kind. For all Your goodness I will keep on singing, Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

And on that day when my strength is failing, The end draws near and my time has come. Still my soul will sing Your praise unending, Ten thousand years and then forevermore!

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# Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us, How high the mountain I could not climb. In desperation, I turned to heaven, And spoke Your name into the night. Then through the darkness, Your loving kindness Tore through the shadows of my soul. The work is finished, the end is written, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

Who could imagine so great a mercy? What heart could fathom such boundless grace? The God of ages stepped down from glory To wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has spoken, I am forgiven, The King of kings calls me His own. Beautiful Savior, I'm Yours forever, Jesus Christ, my living hope.

#### Chorus

Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free! Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me! You have broken every chain, There's salvation in Your name; Jesus Christ, my living hope.

(Lyrics continued on next page)

Then came the morning that sealed the promise; Your buried body began to breathe. Out of the silence, the roaring Lion Declared the grave has no claim on me. Jesus, Yours is the victory!

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## **Confession & Prayer**

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in Me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in Me will never die. Do you believe this?"

Let us together confess our sins against God and neighbor: Gracious Father, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts and treasures of this world rather than for Your enduring Kingdom. We have loved the gifts more than the Giver. In Your mercy, help us to see that the things we strive for are shadows, but You are the substance; that they are quicksand, but You are a mighty rock; that they are shifting, but You are an anchor. Thank You for forgiving us through the riches of Christ and freeing us to live a new life, faithfully devoted to Him. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Silence is kept for private confession of sin

## Assurance of Pardon

Hear, receive, and rest by faith upon the promises of God to all those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for all their confidence before God:

But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared, He saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of His mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that, having been justified by His grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:4-7)

#### Thanks be to God.

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** \*Children are dismissed at this time.

## Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

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# The Lord's Word

## New Testament Lesson

A reading from the First Letter of Peter

1 Pet 11-2 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect, exiles scattered throughout the provinces of Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia, 2 who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with His blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

2:11-12 Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. 12 Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.

5-12-14 With the help of Silas, whom I regard as a faithful brother, I have written to you briefly, encouraging you and testifying that this is the true grace of God. Stand fast in it. 13 She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. 14 Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ.

# This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

\*Please be seated

## Teaching

Series: Elect Exiles Sermon: Our Identity: Elect Exiles Preacher: Rev. Jonathan St. Clair

# The Lord's Supper

## Confession of Faith

Let us confess our faith from the Apostle's 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, dead, and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty. From there He will come 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.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts! We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Preface (Prayer of Praise)

(Sung)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!

## He Took, Blessed, and Broke

#### Words of Institution

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of the faith: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Christ, our Passover, is sacrificed for us. **Therefore, let us keep the feast.** 

And now as our Savior taught us, so we pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

## He Gave

Invitation

The gifts of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.** 

## Remembrance

Oh how could it be That my God would welcome me Into this mystery Say take this bread take this wine Now the simple made divine For any to receive

#### Pre-chorus

By Your mercy we come to Your table

By Your grace You are making us faithful

chorus Lord we remember You And remembrance leads us to worship And as we worship You Our worship leads to communion We respond to Your invitation We remember You

See His body His blood Know that He has overcome Every trial we will face None too lost to be saved None too broken or ashamed All are welcome in this place

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## Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts

Let us offer our thanks to God, and ourselves to His service. Living God, we offer these gifts as signs of our gratitude for Your faithfulness to us, and of our belief in the Holy Spirit's power to give us the strength we need to take up our crosses and to follow Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

## **Blessed Assurance**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

#### This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect communion, perfect delight, Visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above, Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest. Watching and waiting, looking above, Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

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