

# Christ Congregational Church

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## **Call to Worship**

The entrance tower bell and carillon bells are rung.

## **Organ Prelude**

*All Glory Be to God Alone* — Ludwig Lenel (1914-2002)

*Minister.* Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty;

*Answer.* **who was, and is, and is to come.**

✝ The congregation shall stand for the processional hymn.

## **Processional Hymn 1**

*Holy, Holy, Holy!*

✝ The congregation shall sit at the conclusion of the hymn.

## Opening Prayer

The Reverend Randall K. Green

✠ Then shall the Lector lead a responsive reading of Psalm 8, beginning with the choral antiphon:

*℞ O holy triune God, how exalted is your name in all the earth.*

*Lector.* O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*Answer.* **You have set your glory above the heavens.**

*Lector.* Out of the mouth of babies and infants,  
you have established strength because of your foes,

*Answer.* **to still the enemy and the avenger.** *℞*

*Lector.* When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers

*Answer.* **the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,**

*Lector.* what is man that you are mindful of him,

*Answer.* **and the son of man that you care for him?**

*Lector.* Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings

*Answer.* **and crowned him with glory and honor.**

*Lector.* You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;

*Answer.* **you have put all things under his feet,**

*Lector.* all sheep and oxen,

*Answer.* **and also the beasts of the field,**

*Lector.* the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,

*Answer.* **whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

*All.* **O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!** *℞*

✠ The congregation shall stand for the *Gloria Patri*, the lesson and the hymn following.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.**

Hear the Gospel lesson, written in Matthew 28, vv. 16-20 (Pew Bible, p. 835)

**N**ow the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. 17 And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. 18 And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

*Lector.* The Gospel of the Lord.

*Answer.* **Praise be to Christ.**

## Hymn 236

*All Creatures of Our God and King (vv. 1-4 & 6)*

✠ The congregation shall sit at the conclusion of the hymn.

## Sermon

*The Great Commission*

## Anthem

*Holy Lord, We Glorify Thy Name*— arr. Robert C. Clatterbuck (1984)

Holy Lord, we glorify Thy name; we worship and adore Thee, love brings us here before Thee. Holy Lord, from age to age the same; the stars sang at creation; we join their veneration. In Thy presence Lord, we see ourselves bereft and lowly; help us, Father, we would fix our minds upon Thee solely; we worship Thee most holy Lord. Holy, holy, holy Lord, we magnify Thy name; we reverence and adore Thee, lay all our possessions before Thee. Holy, Lord, eternal triune God; we love Thee, and we praise Thee, O holy, omnipotent Lord. Holy Lord, Holy Lord, etc.

† The Congregation stands at the conclusion of the anthem; then shall the Lector lead *The Athanasian Creed*.

*Lector.* Of the Christian faith that was once for all delivered to the saints, we confess:

*Answer.* **That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity; neither confounding the persons nor dividing the substance. For there is one person of the Father, another of the Son, and another of the Holy Spirit. But the Godhead of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit is all one, the glory equal, the majesty coeternal.**

*Lector.* Such as the Father is, such is the Son, and such is the Holy Spirit. The Father uncreated, the Son uncreated, and the Holy Spirit uncreated. The Father incomprehensible, the Son incomprehensible, and the Holy Spirit incomprehensible. The Father eternal, the Son eternal, and the Holy Spirit eternal.

*Answer.* **And yet they are not three eternals but one Eternal.**

*Lector.* As also there are not three uncreated nor three incomprehensible, but one Uncreated and one Incomprehensible, so likewise the Father is Almighty, the Son Almighty, and the Holy Spirit Almighty.

*Answer.* **And yet they are not three almighties, but one Almighty.**

*Lector.* So the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God;

*Answer.* **And yet they are not three gods, but one God.**

*Lector.* So likewise the Father is Lord, the Son Lord, and the Holy Spirit Lord;

*Answer.* **And yet they are not three lords, but one Lord.**

*Lector.* For like as we are compelled by the Christian truth to acknowledge every Person by himself to be God and Lord; so are we forbidden by the truth to say there are three Gods or three Lords. The Father is made of none, neither created nor begotten. The Son is of the Father alone; not made nor created, but begotten. The Holy Spirit is of the Father and of the Son; neither made, nor created, nor begotten, but proceeding.

*Answer.* **So there is one Father, not three Fathers; one Son, not three Sons; one Holy Spirit, not three Holy Spirits.**

*Lector.* And in this Trinity none is before or after another; none is greater or less than another. But the whole three Persons are coeternal, and coequal. So that in all things, as aforesaid,

*Answer.* **the Unity in Trinity and the Trinity in Unity is to be worshiped.**

Furthermore, we believe and confess:

**That our Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is God and man; God of the substance of the Father, begotten before the worlds; and man of the substance of His mother, born in the world; perfect God and perfect man, of a rational soul and human flesh subsisting. Equal to the Father as touching His Godhead, and**

**inferior to the Father as touching His manhood; who, although He is God and man, yet He is not two, but one Christ. One, not by conversion of the Godhead into flesh, but by taking of the manhood into God; One altogether, not by confusion of substance, but by unity of Person. For as the rational soul and flesh is one man, so God and man is one Christ; who suffered for our salvation, descended into hell, rose again the third day from the dead; He ascended into heaven, He sits on the right hand of the Father, God, Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**At His coming all men shall rise again with their bodies; and shall give account for their own works. And they that have done good shall go into life everlasting; and they that have done evil into everlasting fire. Amen.**

† All shall remain standing for the singing of the *Doxology*.

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye, heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

† The congregation shall be seated; then, the *Prayers of the People* are offered, each petition ending with:

*Intercessor.* Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever,

*Answer.* **Amen.**

† The Minister concludes the prayers, ending with *The Lord's Prayer*.

**O**ur 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. **Amen**

† Then shall the congregation stand for the recessional hymn and closing prayer.

### **Recessional Hymn 2**

*God, Our Father, We Adore Thee*

**A**nd now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore.

*Answer.* **Amen.**

### **Organ Postlude**

*Now Thank We All Our God* — Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Op. 65, No. 59 (1877-1933)



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