

City Church SAINT LOUIS | Digital Service Guide | 25 October 2020

Welcome to City Church! We're so glad that you've joined us this morning. By embracing God's love for the city, City Church is committed to seeing the Gospel bring renewal to Saint Louis through the church, in which hurting people experience hope, skeptics find answers, religious people lose their religion, and all find a home in gospel-centered community. We would love for you to be a part of this mission with us! If there's any way we can help you get connected, don't hesitate to ask!

- Please wear a mask as you enter and leave our space; while you are seating in your reserved box, feel free to relax and unmask if you choose
- Children under 2 years of age should NOT wear a mask
- Please practice at least 6 feet of social distancing at all times
- If you need to use the restroom, please follow the guidance of the south door monitor. They will indicate whether the restroom is available or unavailable for use, directing entry into the building on as needed basis. The kitchenette restroom is the primary restroom for use. Please sanitize restroom with materials provided once finished and exit through the north doors.

Call to Worship

Revelation 15:3-4

15:3 And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying,
"Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!"

Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!
4 Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.”

Song of Praise | Oh! Great Is Our God!

Verse 1

Oh! Great is our God! So we should worship greatly!!
No song is too loud! No orchestra too stately
To hail the majesty of our King
So lift your voices loud as we sing

Verse 2

Oh! Great is our God! So let our songs be endless!!
So awesome His ways, how could we comprehend them?
So we will make it known to our kids
And we will sing about the gracious gifts you give

Chorus

We will sing your praise and pour forth your fame
We will bless your name
Let every one give thanks, because our God is great!

Verse 3

Oh! Great is our God! And we cannot contain it!

We sing from our souls, affected by His greatness
His mercy covers all that He's made
Showing His glory and His grace

Chorus

We will sing your praise and pour forth your fame
We will bless your name
Let every one give thanks, because our God is great!

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(Words and Music by Brian Eichelberger)

Confession and Assurance

Confession of Sin

Each week when we gather together to worship God, we take time to confess our sins together. As God's people, our every thought, intention, attitude and action ought to arise from a sincere love for God and a desire to do his will. In confession, we acknowledge that we have gone our own way, rebelling against God and disregarding his love and authority.

**Merciful God,
we confess that 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 and mind and
strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
In Your mercy forgive our sins,
and grow us in Your grace as Your covenant people,
so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon | 1 Peter 2:24

God's Word assures us that He not only forgives the sin of His people, but He also empowers us to live in line with our new identity in Christ. Hear then this assurance of pardon from 1 Peter:

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed.

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God!

Song of Response | We Abide We Abide In You

VERSE 1:

We are the vineyard You have planted!
Tend our leaves and wild branches:
we abide, we abide in You.
We abide, we abide in You.

VERSE 2:

Fruit growing from our strength and labor,
rain on us with grace and favor:
we abide, we abide in You.
We abide, we abide in You.

REFRAIN:

Where can my soul find living water?
Apart from You we bear no fruit!
O plant my feet down by the river:
we abide, we abide in You.

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

Guide us, O God, by Your Word and Spirit,
that in Your light we may see light,
in Your truth find wisdom,
and in Your will discover Your peace,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading | 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

One Body with Many Members

12:12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. **13** For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many. **15** If the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. **16** And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. **17** If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? **18** But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. **19** If all were a single member, where would the body be? **20** As it is, there are many parts, yet one body.

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” **22** On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, **23** and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, **24** which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, **25** that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. **26** If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

27 Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. **28** And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues. **29** Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? **30** Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak with tongues? Do all interpret? **31** But earnestly desire the higher gifts.

And I will show you a still more excellent way.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon: ***“One Body, Many Members”***

The Lord’s Supper

Leader: Let us boldly proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us.

All: Dying He destroyed death. Rising He restored life. Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Leader: The gifts of God for the people of God.

The bread we break represents the broken body of Jesus. Take, eat, remember and believe that the Body of Christ is the bread of heaven for us.

The wine or juice that is poured out represents the shed blood of Jesus. Take, drink, remember and believe that the blood of Christ is the cup of our salvation.

Prayers of the People

Heavenly Father, you call us to be united as brothers and sisters in the gospel of the Lord Jesus. So, we pray for ourselves and for the world and its people:

We pray for all true and visible churches in the world where deep divisions run between people because of race, class, and political ideology.

Lord Jesus,
Mend our divisions.

We pray for the churches in Saint Louis, where different traditions shape different outlooks on things. Help all of your children to listen well to each other so that we may learn to work together for the truth of the gospel and the good of our city.

Lord Jesus,
Mend our divisions.

We pray for our own members at City Church, where growing up into Christ is difficult and messy; where we are so often quick to speak and slow to listen; where words spoken in haste are not easily taken back; where hurtful or thoughtless words and actions are tearing down instead of building up.

Lord Jesus,
Mend our divisions.

Hear and answer our prayers, O LORD
In the name of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, Father, and the Holy Spirit,
One God, now and forever.

Amen.

Song of Sending | We Will Feast In The House Of Zion

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire; He is the Lord our God.
We are not consumed by the flood—upheld, protected, gathered up.

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

In the dark of night before the dawn, my soul be not afraid;
For the promised morning, Oh how long! O God of Jacob, be my
strength!

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

Every vow we’ve broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One;
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom.

We will feast in the house of Zion.
We will sing with our hearts restored.
“He has done great things,” we will say together.
We will feast, and weep no more.

Benediction

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

As we depart from worship, the Word of the Lord sends us out:

3:12 and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, **13** so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all His saints.

A note on tithes and offerings: Giving of our financial resources is a necessary part of worship and learning to live as God's people. If you are visiting with us this morning, please know that we have no expectation that you would or should give. Supporting the church financially is the responsibility of our members and regular attenders. That said, if you would like to give this morning, please feel free to do so by dropping your gift into the City Church mailbox located at the south door to the offices or by visiting <https://www.citychurchstl.org/give>.

What's Going On

Attend the Elder's Zoom Prayer Meeting, this **Wednesday, October 28th** from 4:00 pm to 4:30 pm.

- Join via Zoom
URL: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/984185600?pwd=eVd3TzErazN6a1ZTQXFqT2dFNzdWUT09>
- OR via Zoom Meeting ID: 984 185 600

- Passcode: Prayer

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