

Gathered Worship



RESTORATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

We exist to pursue the restoration of people, communities, and cultures in the greater St. Louis area and the world through the transforming power of the Gospel.

WELCOME TO RESTORATION COMMUNITY CHURCH

We are glad that you found your way here today. We believe that corporate worship is the central event in our church's life together and that it restores and shapes our whole lives in the pattern of the gospel of Jesus Christ. In worship, God gathers us together to serve us and strengthen us, and we have the great privilege to respond to him with our praise, thanks, confession, and commitment.

*Please help us connect you by texting your name and email address to **314.722.6212** or by filling out and putting the **Communication Card** located in the seat back in front of you into the offering plate during the offering (found on page 4).*

Here are some options if you have children:

- 1. Keep your children with you through the entire worship service.** Many of our families see worship as one of the most unifying times of their week as a family. If your children are a bit wiggly or make a little noise, don't worry; it will not bother us!
- 2. Leave children under age three with our capable nursery workers during all or part of the service.** We have two rooms for nursery: *23 mos. and under* are in Room 107, while *24 mos. and up* are in Room 102.
- 3. If you have an infant or young child and need a little extra space, please feel free to use our Family Room.** Parents are welcome to use this room (located in the rear of the Sanctuary near the sound booth) where they will be able to continue listening to the service.
- 4. Have your children participate in our Children's Worship time that will begin just before the sermon.** See the time noted later on page 7.

SONG OF PREPARATION

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is king, your Lord and king adore
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice; again I say, rejoice

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice; again I say, rejoice

He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes submit
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice; again I say, rejoice

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come
And take his servants up to their eternal home
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice, rejoice; again I say, rejoice

Text: Charles Wesley, 1744; Tune: John Darwall, 1770

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 138:4-6*

This morning's liturgy is led by Seminarian Joshua Smith.

All the kings of the earth shall give you thanks, O LORD, for they have heard the words of your mouth, and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD. For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

WE PRAISE GOD

Be Unto Your Name

**We are a moment; you are forever
Lord of the ages, God before time
We are a vapor; you are eternal
Love everlasting, reigning on high**

**CHORUS Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty
 Worthy is the Lamb who was slain
 Highest praises honor and glory
 Be unto your name
 Be unto your name**

**We are the broken; you are the healer
Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save
You are the love song we'll sing forever
Bowing before you, blessing your name**

CHORUS

Text and tune: Gary Sadler and Lynn DeShazo, 1998

WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESSION *from 1 Peter 5:6-7*

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER *from Psalm 51*

**Have mercy on me, O God, in your faithful love,
in your great tenderness wipe away my offences;
wash me thoroughly from my guilt,
purify me from my sin.**

**For I am well aware of my offences, my sin is constantly in mind.
But you delight in sincerity of heart,
and in secret you teach me wisdom.**

**God, create in me a clean heart,
renew within me a resolute spirit,
do not thrust me away from your presence,
do not take away from me your spirit of holiness.**

**Give me back the joy of your salvation,
sustain in me a generous spirit.**

A time of silent prayer will be kept for personal confession.

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS *from Micah 7:18*

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO GOD IN OFFERINGS AND SONG

At this point in the service, Restoration members and regular attendees are invited to respond to God's grace by giving their tithes and offerings. If you are our guest this morning, please know that you are under no obligation to give.

WE THANK GOD

Jesus, I Come

**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come
Into thy freedom, gladness and light
Jesus, I come to thee
Out of my sickness, into thy health
Out of my wanting and into thy wealth
Out of my sin and into thyself
Jesus, I come to thee**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into the glorious gain of thy cross
Jesus, I come to thee
Out of earth's sorrows, into thy balm
Out of life's storms and into thy calm
Out of distress, into jubilant psalm
Jesus, I come to thee**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into thy blessed will to abide
Jesus, I come to thee
Out of myself to dwell in thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward, forever, on wings like a dove
Jesus, I come to thee**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into the joy and light of thy home
Jesus, I come to thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of thy sheltering fold
Ever thy glorious face to behold
Jesus, I come to thee**

Text: William Sleeper, 1887; Tune: Greg Thompson, 2000

Come Ye Sinners

**Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power
He is able, He is able, He is willing; doubt no more**

**Come ye needy, come, and welcome God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy**

**Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better, you will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous, sinners Jesus came to call**

**Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good**

Text: Joseph Hart, 1759; Tune: Matthew Smith, 2000

MINISTRY SPOTLIGHT *Deacons: Mercy Fund*

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

We are led in prayer this week by Rev. Dan Song.

This week, we are praying for Stephanie Shin; Vern & Trudy Sinkey.

We will conclude our time of prayer with the Lord's Prayer.

**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, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our
debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

COMMUNITY WELCOME & NEWS *Children are dismissed for Children's Worship*

At this time, children ages 3 and up are invited to join our Children's Ministry volunteers in the back of the Sanctuary. Their classes will be held in the SPARK and Conference rooms. They will be returned following the sermon.

*Please take a moment to warmly welcome those around you.
Announcements and upcoming events can be found on page 10*

PRAYER FOR THE READING AND PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING *Luke 14:12-24*

Church Bible p. 874

After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Parables: The Great Banquet*
Rev. Daniel Song

Additional space for notes can be found on page 9.

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON **Lenten Series 2019: Greater** | Hebrews 1:1-4

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH IN GOD *The Apostles' 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, died, and was buried. He descended into hell.¹ The third day he
rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and sits on the right
hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he shall come to judge the
living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic² Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the
body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

¹ Hell is not to be understood here as the place of judgment, but simply the place of the dead; therefore, when we confess that Jesus descended into hell, we confess that He actually died.

² In this sense, "catholic" means "universal."

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

It is our custom to receive and hold the elements until invited to partake so that we may do so together.

A gluten-free bread option is available from the ushers in the center aisle.

Wine is in the cups in the inner rings of each tray; grape juice is in the outer ring.

The Feast

**With wondering eyes, Lord we admire
The feast prepared by grace
Come, Lord and set our souls on fire
And fill each heart with peace
These emblems of thy precious love
By faith may we receive
And with a solemn pleasure prove
We, in thy name, believe**

**CHORUS We eat this bread, we drink this wine
 Come give yourself to us
 We know you're here, that's why we've come
 To feast on Thee with love**

**No goodness of our own we bring
We're sinners vile and base
Christ is our all; of Christ we sing
And long to see his face.
O may we each, with heart and tongue
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb"
To him alone the praise belongs
And we'll adore his name**

CHORUS

Text: William Gadsby, 1838; ref. Karl Digerness, 2004; Tune: Karl Digerness, 2004

DOXOLOGY

Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise him, all creatures here below

Praise him above, ye heav'nly hosts

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Amen, Amen, Amen.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1709; Tune: Louis Bourgeois, Genevan Psalter, 1551.
OLD HUNDREDDTH

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING (*hands outstretched*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome, Visitor!

If you are a visitor to Restoration Community Church, we would love to give you a gift in appreciation for joining us today. Please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer after the service in order to receive a book from us to you!

Newcomers' Luncheon

Are you new to Restoration? Would you like a chance to get to know a few others, along with ResCom staff and leaders in a casual setting? If so, please join us for lunch at the Songs' home on **Sunday, March 31 at 12:30pm**.

"Won't You Be My Neighbor?" Discussion

We'll continue our ACE conversation about neighboring by watching and discussing this recent documentary about the life and work of Fred Rogers. Join us at church on **Sunday, March 24 at 6:30pm** (while Illuminate is happening). Child care will NOT be provided, but dinner will be, so please let Jenilyn know if you plan to come.

Youth Sports Fusion

The youth are invited **TODAY at 3:30-5:30pm** to have a time of fellowship at Chesterfield Sports Fusion. Please bring \$15 per student for a pass to do activities but we won't be eating dinner together so please plan accordingly! Contact Dawson with any questions or check your email.

Coffee for 4

Ladies, sign up by *March 18* for an easy way to get to know a few other Restoration women this spring. We'll assign you a group and you'll get together for coffee (or tea, or whatever!) once this spring. Sign-up in the foyer or at bit.ly/coffeefor4

Mercy Fund

If you are interested in contributing to the Mercy Fund you can give any time by making a check to Restoration with "**Mercy Fund**" in the memo line. If you have questions, contact our deacons at deacons@restorationcommunity.net.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Illuminate — *March 24, April 14, 28*
- Newcomers Luncheon — *March 31*
- Chew on This! — *April 7*
- Spark Sports Fusion — *April 12*
- Church Work Day — *April 13*
- Good Friday Service — *April 19*
- Easter Service, Egg Hunt and Luncheon — *April 21*
- Youth Bake Sale — *April 28*
- Last Sunday School/ACE for the semester — *May 5*
- Summer Picnic — *June 2*

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

9 AM Children's/Youth Sunday School, ACE (*Nursery Provided*)

10 AM Gathered Worship

11:15 AM Refreshments & Fellowship

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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