

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**

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. During the summer, we will provide nursery for all of our young children in the main nursery (room 102). The second nursery (room 2017) will re-open in August.

3. If you have an infant or young child, please feel free to use our Family Room. Parents are welcome to use this room (located to the left of the sound booth) where they will be able to continue listening to the service. Please respect the privacy of nursing mothers if the "Privacy Please" sign is posted.

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. (*ages 3-2nd grade*)

SONG OF PREPARATION

Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing your majesty
From the colors of fall to the fragrance of spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

REFRAIN **Indescribable, uncontainable**
You placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name
You are amazing, God!
All powerful, untamable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing, God!

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow?
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night?
None can fathom

REFRAIN **Indescribable, uncontainable**
You placed the stars in the sky
And you know them by name
You are amazing, God!
Incomp'able, unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And you love me the same
You are amazing, God!

Text and tune: Laura Story and Jesse Reeves, 2004

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 86:8-10*

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

There is none like you, O LORD, nor are there any works like yours.
All the nations you have made shall come and bow down before you, O
LORD, and shall glorify your name.
For you are great and do wondrous things, you alone are God.

WE PRAISE GOD

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars; I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed

CHORUS Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
 Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee
 How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

CHORUS

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim: "My God how great Thou art"

CHORUS

Text and tune: Stuart Keene Hine, 1949

WE PRAY FOR GOD TO HELP US WORSHIP

GOD CALLS US TO CONFESSION *from Psalm 145:18-19*

The LORD is near to all who call on Him,
to all who call on Him in truth.
He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;
he also hears their cry and saves them.

WE CONFESS OUR SIN TOGETHER

**Most gracious and most merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another
that time after time we have entered your presence
with countless prayers but with hearts that have been
closed to your grace.**
**We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still walked in the ways of evil.**
**We have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbors.**
**We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith
and pardon our acts of injustice.**
**Grant us the healing that comes from your presence
and the cleansing of your all-powerful Word,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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

GOD DECLARES OUR FORGIVENESS *from Psalm 103:11-13*

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far does He remove our transgressions from us.
As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

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

Before the Throne of God Above

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great High Priest whose name is Love
Who ever-lives and pleads for me
My name is graven on his hands
My name is written on his heart
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

**When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin
Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me**

**Behold him there the Risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace
One with himself I cannot die
My soul is purchased by his blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God**

Text: Charitie Lees Bancroft, 1863; Tune: Vikki Cook, 1997

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories
Of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper
Of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased
And that I'm never alone

CHORUS You're a Good Good Father
 It's who You are
 It's who You are
 It's who You are
 And I'm loved by You
 It's who I am
 It's who I am
 It's who I am

I've seen many searching for answers
Far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers
Only You provide
Because You know just what we need
Before we say a word

CHORUS

You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
As You call me deeper still
Into love love love

CHORUS

Words and Music by Pat Barrett and Anthony Brown

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD

We are led in prayer this week by Elder John Peters. Our prayer families are Jaime & Hwei Chu (Daniel, Anabelle, Jonathan); Albert & Esther Chung (Audrey, Elyse, Jameson).

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

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

At this time, children ages 3 through 2nd grade are invited to join our Children's Ministry volunteers in the back of the Sanctuary. Their classes will be held in the Res-Kids room (103) and Youth room (110). 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 *Jonah 3*

Church Bible p. 775

After the reading:

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON ***Jonah: A Mirror and a Window - Episode 3***
Rev. SJ Lim

Big Idea/Question: Do I want a God who is good?

1. *A repenting city and a repenting God*

2. *A furious prophet and a fierce God*

NEXT WEEK'S SERMON ***Jonah: A Mirror and a Window - Episode 4 | Jonah 4***
Rev. SJ Lim

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.

Grace Upon Grace

**In every station, new trials and new troubles
Call for more grace than I can afford
Where can I go but to my dear Savior
For mercy that pours from boundless stores**

**CHORUS Grace upon grace, every sin repaired
 Every void restored, you will find Him there
 In every turning He will prepare you
 With grace upon grace**

**He made a way for the fallen to rise
Perfect in glory and sacrifice
In sweet communion my need He supplies
He saves and keeps and guards my life** **CHORUS**

**To Thee I run now with great expectation
To honor You with trust like a child
My hopes and desires seek a new destination
And all that You ask Your grace will provide** **CHORUS**

Text and tune: Sandra McCracken, 2005

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 HUNDREDTH

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Women's Summer Bible Study — July 15 (*weekly*)
Restoration Summer Playdates — July 15 (*weekly*)
Children's Art Camp — July 15-18
Newcomers' Luncheon — July 21
Can I ask That? (*Youth*) — July 28
10 Year Celebration Picnic — August 4
Men's Night Out — August 5
Youth Luncheon — August 18
Leader Training — August 24
All Church Retreat — September 28-29

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 **Leo and Nicci Hsu's home** on **Sunday, July 21** at **12:30pm**. Please sign up at www.tinyurl.com/newcomersluncheon.

Art Camp 2019 - July 15-18

Please pray for the Art Camp that will start **tomorrow**. This year's theme is "*The Art of Godly Expression*." Children ages 4-5th grade will be learning techniques of self-expression in art based on the Fruit of the Spirit with local Artist, Jenna Bauer. Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for this ministry of Restoration!

10th Anniversary Celebration

Join us for a festive picnic at **Greensfelder Memorial Shelter** in *Creve Coeur Lake* on **August 4** at **4pm**, as we celebrate God's faithfulness to our church over the past decade. Old friends will be coming back for this "family reunion," and this will be the Songs' first Sunday back with us as well! We'll provide the main dish, plus desserts from the *Destination Desserts food truck*. Please bring a **LARGE favorite side dish** to share.

Special Message from the Deacons and NextGen

As we head into summer, we want to encourage our children to utilize the basketball hoop and picnic area behind the church. Parents, you are encouraged to grab a snack and head out back to continue your conversations while looking out for your children. There will not be a deacon supervising this area, so we want to make sure that the children are properly supervised.

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.

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SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

10 AM Gathered Worship

11:15 AM Refreshments & Fellowship

GET IN TOUCH WITH US

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