



*a diverse, inclusive church experiencing and reflecting the love, hope and joy of Jesus Christ
to each other and our community*

WELCOME TO WORSHIP | 11am | sunday | july 26, 2026

WELCOME | Pastor Jad Denmark

WELCOME ONE ANOTHER

PRELUDE

He is the Rock | Michael Barrett
Ensemble

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*** CALL TO WORSHIP** | Connie Bookholt, liturgist

Beloved of God, come with the truth of your life—your joys, your wounds, your hopes, and your heaviness.

We come trusting that God receives us as we are.

In seasons when life feels fragile or fractured, God's grace does not withdraw.

God remains faithful, steady, and near.

Our broken places are not signs of failure, but the ground where grace takes root.

God meets us in our vulnerability with compassion and strength.

The one who calls us "beloved" walks with us through every difficult season.

With gratitude and trust, we worship the God who is faithful.

*** GATHERING HYMN**

How Firm a Foundation | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 529 (verses 1,2,3,5)

**How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!**

**What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
for I am thy God and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen and help thee, and cause thee to stand
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.**

**"The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake."**

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*** OPENING PRAYER**

Faithful God, you call us beloved even when life feels heavy, uncertain, or broken. We thank you that your love does not depend on our strength or our success. In every season of life, your grace meets us, sustains us, and carries us forward. When we feel weary, remind us that we are not alone. When we are discouraged, renew our hope. When we carry wounds that others cannot see, surround us with your healing presence. Teach us to trust that even in our most difficult moments, you are at work, shaping us with compassion and leading us toward new life. Strengthen us to live with faith and courage, resting in the assurance that your grace is sufficient and your love never fails. Amen.

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*** GLORIA PATRI**

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.

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MUSIC MINISTRY

O Love | Elaine Hagenberg

Ensemble

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MORNING PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our 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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

Clothing giveaway on the Parkway Campus

OFFERING

worshiping through the offering of our lives and gifts

- Place offerings in the plates or wooden boxes
- Give online at christchurchfl.org/give
- Text GIVE to 954.880.3885
- Mail a check to Christ Church, 4845 NE 25th Ave., Fort Lauderdale, FL 33308

Connect cards may also be placed with your offering. Christ Church is a congregationally supported ministry. We thank you for your faithfulness, which helps the church reflect the love, hope and joy of Jesus to our community.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Gonna Sit Down and Rest Awhile | Patti Drennan

Chancel Choir; Wes Kassulke, piano

On this road filled with trouble, many burdens weigh me down. Days can often be cloudy, and hope cannot be found. When I'm laden with sorrow, and I stumble and fall, Jesus takes me in his loving arms. He hears me when I call. I need to sit down, and talk with my Jesus; sit down, forget all my trials; sit down, and let him fill my spirit; sit down, and just rest in him awhile. I know Jesus is listening. I know he hears my prayer when I find myself burdened with more than I can bear. As I walk through the valleys, I should have no fear. Help me, Lord, to depend on you; your voice I long to hear. No more will I carry this load. No more will I go it alone, 'cause Jesus already knows my trials. Jesus, I give my life to you.

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* DOXOLOGY

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

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SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 4:7-10 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

⁷But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. ⁸We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, ⁹persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, ¹⁰always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies.

John 20:19-29 | New Revised Standard Version, updated edition

¹⁹When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁰After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." ²²When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

²⁴But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

²⁶A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." ²⁷Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." ²⁸Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" ²⁹Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

These are the words of God for us, the people of God. **Thanks be to God**

MESSAGE

Beloved | Broken | Pastor Jad Denmark

ANOINTING

Amazing Grace | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 378 (verses 1,2,3,4)

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I am found; was blind, but now I see.**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**

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*** HYMN OF COMMITMENT**

Grace Greater Than Our Sin | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 365 (verses 1,2,4)

**Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.**

(refrain) **Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin!**

**Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross. *(refrain)***

**Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace, freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? *(refrain)***

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WAYS TO CONNECT | christchurchfl.org/ways2connect

Please see below.

*** SENDING FORTH**

*** RESPONSE**

Spirit Song | The United Methodist Hymnal No. 347

O let the Son of God enfold you with his Spirit and his love.

Let him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.

**O let him have the things that hold you, and his Spirit like a dove
will descend upon your life and make you whole.**

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs.

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MUSIC FOR CLOSING

Recessional in C | John S. Dixon

Chuck Stanley, organ

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*** *please stand in body or spirit.***

Join us next Sunday, when we conclude the series, *Beloved*, with the message, *Given*, based on Matthew 26:26–29; John 13:1–17; Acts 2:42–47 & Philippians 2:5–11.

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TODAY

CONNECT CARDS We want to know how you're doing. Please fill out a Connect Card, to tell us that you are here, how we can pray for you, and which ministries you're called to so we can help you get connected. We'd love to hear your ideas also. You'll find paper Connect Cards in the worship space and digital cards at christchurchfl.org/connectcard.

HOLY GROUNDS COFFEE TIME Coffee and snacks are available before the 9am and 11am services. Join your friends for coffee and conversation outside the kitchen window in the gym lobby.

AT THE TABLE today | 10:05am | fellowship hall 1 At the Table is a time to explore the scripture of the day and meet new people as you do. Invite friends and newcomers to join you. Plan to stay after the 9am service or come early for the 11am service for this time together; you don't need to hear the day's message to participate in the conversation. Holy Grounds will be open, so plan to grab a snack and coffee, and join us.

SERVE

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR TEDDER ELEMENTARY We want to bless Tedder Elementary, a school near the Parkway Campus, with supplies to help students start the school year. This year's list includes:

- Backpacks sturdy enough to last the whole year
- Folders with pockets
- Zipper pencil pouches
- Black and white composition books
- Glue sticks
- Boxes of colored pencils
- Small pencil sharpeners
- 24-count boxes of crayons
- 100-page spiral notebooks
- Small Fisker scissors
- Pack of 3-hole looseleaf notebook paper

Items can be brought to the church any time, including Sunday mornings. We want to take the supplies to the school on Monday, August 3, the day we serve breakfast to the school staff. Go to the church website to shop from an

Amazon list, or you can let us do the shopping with a **donation to Tedder School Supplies here**. Questions? Please contact Lisa Jones, coordinator of children's ministry, ljones@christchurchfl.org
christchurchfl.org/school-supplies

BLESSINGS FOOD PANTRY The Blessings Food Pantry uses our donations to keep up with the growing needs of our neighbors. Here are the most-needed items: canned tuna and chicken, canned or boxed soups, cereals, instant potatoes, tomato sauce, rice, pasta, mac-and-cheese, canned beans, saltine crackers, jelly, peanut butter, coffee/tea, canned fruit, canned ravioli, canned meat such as Spam, and cereal bars. If you'd like us to do the shopping, donations can be made at christchurchfl.org/give, with Blessings Pantry in the notes field, or make out a check to Christ Church and write Blessings Pantry on the memo line. Learn more at christchurchfl.org/blessings

SERVE A MEAL AT PARKWAY sundays 8:30-10:30am | wednesdays 4-6pm You are invited to share the joy of serving a hot meal to our neighbors and friends on the Parkway Campus. You'll serve alongside more experienced volunteers, serving food, welcoming guests, and helping to clean up after the meal. If you are interested, please send an email to info@christchurchfl.org

ARTF GATHERING sunday | october 11 | 12:15pm | fellowship halls 2-4 The Anti-Racism Task Force, a group focused on bringing an end to racism within and outside the church, will gather at 12:15pm on Sunday, October 11, to plan events for the next couple of months. All are welcome to come learn about the initiative and plan ways to share with others. For more information, email ARTF leader Susan Spragg, sspragg@christchurchfl.org

ZOE EMPOWERS We support the Arise and Shine Kironya Empowerment Group of 24 orphaned and abandoned teens and young adults as they learn skills to be self-supporting through Zoe Empowers. Our partnership with them runs through December 2027. The skills taught by Zoe will help each young adult support themselves and their families in their context. You can learn more at christchurchfl.org/zoe

PREPARE BREAKFAST FOR PARKWAY The Parkway community breakfast is prepared in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen early Sunday morning. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together. Students can earn service hours. Send an email to info@christchurchfl.org if your family or group can help.

HEAT DINNERS FOR PARKWAY On Wednesdays, we prepare Christ Church's famous and tasty meatloaf and side dishes in the Fort Lauderdale kitchen for our guests on the Parkway Campus. Flex volunteer time 2-4pm. This is a great opportunity for families to serve together after school. Students can earn service hours. If you are interested, please send an email to info@christchurchfl.org

JOIN THE WELCOME TEAM Do you enjoy greeting your church family and welcoming guests? The Welcome Team would be a great place for you to serve. Welcome Team members also help serve communion and collect the offering. Some welcome team members serve as ushers and greeters for memorial services and other special events. Michele Apple and Jeanne Deinken lead this team. Serving with the Welcome Team is a great way to get to know your church family. Sign up at christchurchfl.org/serve

BE PART OF THE WORSHIP TECH TEAM Put your tech skills to work for God. If you would like to be part of the team that helps run the cameras and visuals for worship, send an email to info@christchurchfl.org

CONNECT

SHARED MEALS You are invited to share a meal and community twice each week on the Parkway Campus. On Wednesday, 4:30-6pm, dinner is served to all who come. On Sunday, breakfast is shared 9-10am. This is a great way to build community with our neighbors. The Parkway Campus is located at 100 NE 44th Street, Deerfield Beach.

CHRIST CHURCH AT TRIVIA NIGHT **mondays | 7:30pm | Funky Buddha Brewery** Join us as we play trivia. It's an informal gathering of folks who have fun trying to answer the questions and catching up on one another's lives. Look for the Christ Church team at the Funky Buddha, 1201 NE 38th Street, Oakland Park, on Monday nights.

GROW

WOMEN OF FAITH **noon wednesdays on zoom** Women of all ages are invited to join Women of Faith. This lunch hour group welcomes all who want to learn and pray together. For the rest of the summer, they will be studying the book of Acts. If you're interested, contact group leader Cynthia Metzger Phipps, cmetzgerphipp@christchurchfl.org

MORNING PRAYERS Join your church family for morning prayers Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7:30am on the Christ Church Facebook page, [@christchurchfl](https://www.facebook.com/christchurchfl). If you can't be online at 7:30, a recording of morning prayers is available on Facebook.

HEALING

FAITH CARING GROUP **mondays | 1pm** The Faith Caring Group reflects and addresses the need for caring and assistance as well as grief support. The group meets on Zoom every Monday of the month, except the second Monday when members have lunch at H2Ocean, 5975 N Federal Hwy #103, Fort Lauderdale. For more information, send an email to info@christchurchfl.org with your contact information. A Faith Caring Group leader will get back to you.

STUDENTS

END OF SUMMER POOL PARTY sunday | august 9 | 5-8pm Let's make a giant splash before classes begin. All students grades 6-12, plus Christ Church and Christ Church School 5th graders, are invited to Freeway's last hurrah of the summer. Questions? Contact Mr. W, director of student ministry, pwoodard@christchurchfl.org

CHILDREN & FAMILIES

LEAD THE LORD'S PRAYER & APOSTLES CREED first sundays Children are invited to lead the Lord's Prayer and the Apostles Creed in the 9am and 11am services on the first Sunday of each month. Email Pastor Monique to volunteer, mmcbride@ccsfl.org

i9 SPORTS AT CHRIST CHURCH Soccer, flag football, basketball and multi-sport programs are open for children age 3 and up. i9 is a community-based program devoted to helping children succeed. Learn about all of the opportunities on the i9 website. i9sports.com

CHURCH BUSINESS

SILENT AUCTION CONTINUES Check out the table with surplus kitchen items in the gym lobby. Every week there'll be new items to bid on – silent auction style – and then at 4pm Friday, a winner will be determined. If you don't find a treasure this Sunday, check back next week.