

Sunday August 25, 2019

Reflections on the Story of David "Theology: David & God"

Welcome.

Thanks for joining us today in worship. We hope you find City Church to be a warm, welcoming community—regardless of your background, beliefs, or life situation. To that end, we recognize that certain parts of the service may feel unfamiliar, so we've provided brief explanations throughout this guide.

Our worship is "liturgical." The Greek word "leitourgia" means a public work, the work of the people. Liturgical worship begins with God's call upon us, his meeting with us, speaking among us, and ministering to us. The flow of our liturgy aims at drawing us further into the life of the Trinity and then moving us outward into our world.

On pages 19-22, you'll find information about our community. We hope this helps you get to know us better and that, in turn, we can get to know you better. Help us welcome you by filling out the contact sheet on the back page and placing it in the offering basket or in our hands after the worship service.

All to say, we are glad you are here and look forward to meeting you.

— The Pastoral Staff

Tuck Bartholomew, Chris Currie, Jonathan Davis

Sunday Info

Nursery, Room 111 Children 4 – 24 months for the duration of the service

Children's, Church Room 112–113 Children ages 2 through 5th grade dismiss just before the sermon. 1st – 5th graders will return prior to communion.

Adult Ed Class No classes are currently meeting.

Accessibility A wheelchair ramp and elevator are on site. A greeter can assist you.

Coffee is available in the SE hallway at 10:15am and before Adult Ed classes when offered.

Reflection

If God were small enough to be understood, he wouldn't be big enough to be worshipped.

- Evelyn Underhill

Church Calendar

ADVENT
CHRISTMAS
EPIPHANY
LENT
EASTER
PENTECOST
ORDINARY TIME

We observe a season of Ordinary Time from Pentecost until Advent, which we count as weeks following Pentecost. During this time we especially remember the lives and actions of Jesus' followers. We think about how the first Christians lived their lives, and how we should live ours today. This season of Ordinary Time takes up half the year and it doesn't offer big exciting festivals such as Christmas or Easter. As a result, as one Sunday follows another, this season can begin to feel, well, ordinary.

GOD SUMMONS US AS HIS PEOPLE

As we meet together each week, we recognize in the preparation that God, through his word and Spirit, gathers us into his presence and calls us into his life and mission.

Prelude

Preparation

Gracious God, grant us diligence to seek you and patience to wait for you.

All Amen.

Silence is kept.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All And also with you.

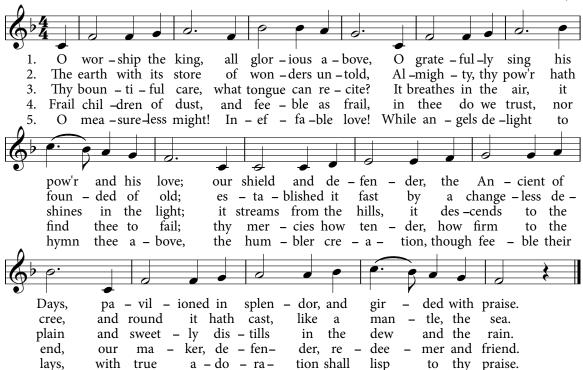
O praise the Lord with me,

All let us exalt God's name together.

Opening Song

O Worship the King

Robert Grant, Johann Michael Haydn



Opening of Worship

With wonders you will answer us in your righteousness,

All O God of our salvation, O hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.

In your strength you set fast the mountains

and are girded about with might.

You still the raging of the seas,

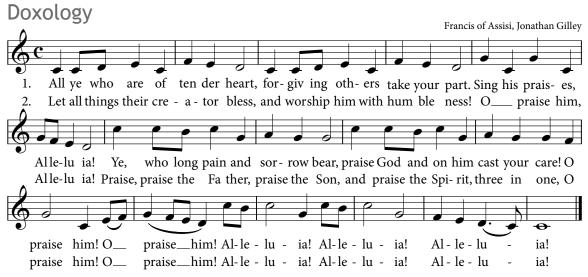
the roaring of their waves and the clamour of the peoples.

Those who dwell at the ends of the earth tremble at your marvels;

the gates of the morning and evening sing your praise.

from Psalm 65

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation



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Confession of Sin

All Most 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;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Silence is kept.

Words of Comfort and Assurance of Pardon

May the Father of all mercies cleanse you from your sins, and restore you in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GOD SANCTIFIES US TO HIMSELF

Throughout Scripture, when people find themselves in God's presence, they sense how far short they fall and become aware of their own shame and brokenness In the same way, we make a confession of sin, both as a community and also silently as individuals. In this. we remember that God is always ready, by his mercy and grace, to forgive us.

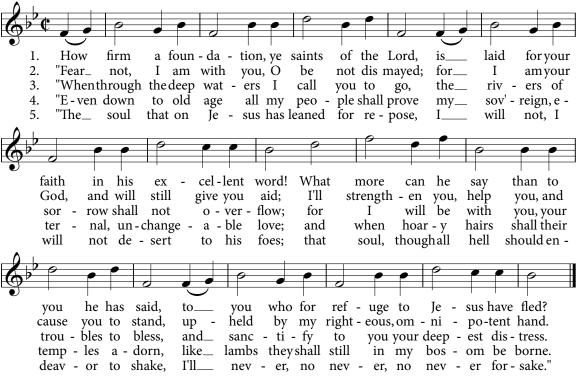
Songs of Praise and Thanksgiving



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Rippon's Selection of Hymns



Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. *All* And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Children attending kindergarten and younger are invited to go to their classes at this time. 1st - 5th graders are invited to Children's Church and will return during the Offering.

GOD SPEAKS TO US
IN HIS WORD

In the public reading of the word of God and its exposition in the sermon, God shares the story of his saving mission in Jesus, encouraging us to join in that mission and orienting us again to his priorities.

The Word of God

Old Testament reading: 2 Samuel 22 (select verses)

¹David spoke to the Lord the words of this song on the day when the Lord delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul. ²He said: The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer, ³my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold and my refuge, my savior; you save me from violence. ⁴I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from my enemies.

¹⁰He bowed the heavens, and came down; thick darkness was under his feet. 11He rode on a cherub, and flew; he was seen upon the wings of the wind. ¹²He made darkness around him a canopy, thick clouds, a gathering of water. ¹³Out of the brightness before him coals of fire flamed forth. 14The Lord thundered from heaven; the Most High uttered his voice. ¹⁷He reached from on high, he took me, he drew me out of mighty waters. ¹⁸He delivered me from my strong enemy, from those who hated me; for they were too mighty for me. ¹⁹They came upon me in the day of my calamity, but the Lord was my stay. ²⁰He brought me out into a broad place; he delivered me, because he delighted in me. ²¹The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness; according to the cleanness of my hands he recompensed me. ²²For I have kept the ways of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my God. ²³For all his ordinances were before me, and from his statutes I did not turn aside. ²⁴I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from guilt. ²⁵Therefore the Lord has recompensed me according to my righteousness, according to my cleanness in his sight.

³²For who is God, but the Lord? And who is a rock, except our God? ³³The God who has girded me with strength has opened wide my path. ³⁴He made my feet like the feet of deer, and set me secure on the heights. ⁴⁷The Lord lives! Blessed be my rock, and exalted be my God, the rock of my salvation, ⁴⁸the God who gave me vengeance and brought down peoples under me, ⁴⁹who brought me out from my enemies; you exalted me above my adversaries, you delivered me from the violent.

⁵⁰For this I will extol you, O Lord, among the nations, and sing praises to your name. ⁵¹He is a tower of salvation for his king, and shows steadfast love to his anointed, to David and his descendants forever.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel reading: John 17:1-5

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. *All* Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ²since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

"Theology: David & God" - Rev. Tuck Bartholomew

Offering and Presentation of Gifts

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, he became poor, so that through his poverty you might become rich" - 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

The offering is an opportunity to participate in the ministry of City Church. Online giving is available at citychurchphilly. com/give. If you are visiting, please don't feel obligated to give—we're grateful simply for your presence here today.

Creed

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Members of the congregation lead us in prayer.

Wonderful Counselor, give us wisdom when we are bewildered and confused; give us grace for our neighbor when they lack wisdom. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Mighty God, encompass the vulnerable with your protection; engage us to follow you in caring for the unnoticed. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Having offered ourselves up in faith through the creed, affirming the power of God's redemption, we lift up the church, our world, and other needs to God in prayer for his provision and healing.

Everlasting Father, guide our children as they face challenges we cannot protect them from; refresh their spirits and give them resilience. For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

And for what else should we pray?

Members of the congregation may add their own intercessions at this time, ending with,

For this, O Lord, we pray:

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

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

Communion

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

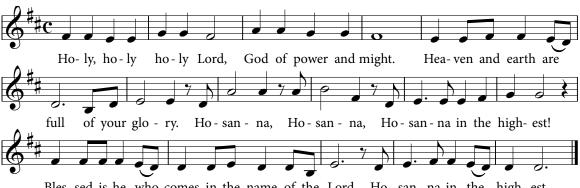
GOD STRENGTHENS US AT HIS TABLE

Communion, also called the Lord's *Supper, is the family* meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ to participate. If you are not a follower of Jesus or are not prepared to share in the meal. we encourage you to spend this time in prayer ("Prayers for Reflection" are included below). We hope this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with *Iesus Christ and with* his people, the church.

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.
This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

Sanctus



Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Ho-san-na in the_high-est.

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The minister concludes the Eucharistic Prayer.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The minister speaks the Words of Institution.

Memorial Acclamation

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

All Therefore, let us keep the feast.

We use wine in Communion. Nonalcoholic white grape juice and a glutenfree option are also available if preferred. Please discard your Communion cup as you leave worship.

If you would like prayer for healing and anointing with oil, please come to the back of the room after you have been served, and an elder will pray for you. This will be a time of liturgical prayer; you will not be asked to share your particular situation.

Prayers for Reflection

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and lead me to the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise.

Prayer of belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weak and sinful, but through you, I am loved and accepted. I thank you for taking my place in death in order to offer me forgiveness and renewal. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and my Lord.

Prayer for those struggling with sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and faithfully follow you in life.

Communion Song



Prayer after Communion

All God of our pilgrimage,
you have willed that the gate of mercy
should stand open for those who trust in you.
Look upon us with your favor
that we who follow the path of your will
may never wander from the way of life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing and Sending



GOD SENDS US
INTO THE WORLD

We have responded to God's call, heard his word, offered ourselves to his service, and received strength at his table. Now, at the close of worship, God sends us out to carry forward the gospel story.

Benediction

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may comprehend with all the saints the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God; and the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Dismissal

Let us go forth to serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

West Philly

Esuga Abaya: liturgist Jonathan Davis: celebrant

Bethany Brooks: piano, voice

Christopher McDonald: keyboards, voice

Matt Scarano: drums

CONNECT

COMMUNITY GROUPS range in size from 10-15 people and meet weekly in the home of a group member for spiritual formation and friendship. We encourage you to visit multiple groups to see which one might be a good fit. Contact a leader if you plan to visit. Contact Jonathan Davis, jonathan@citychurchphilly.com if you have questions.

West Philly

- 50th & Springfield, Tuesdays 7_{PM} Jessie Taylor, jessie.f.taylor@gmail.com
- 49th & Chancellor, Tuesdays 7_{PM}
 Candy Cason, candy.cason@gmail.com
- 46th & Cedar, Tuesdays 7:30_{PM}
 Jade Avelis, jade.avelis@gmail.com
- 48th & Baltimore at Linda's, Wed 6:30_{PM}
 Janet Nygren, janetnygren@gmail.com
- 49th & Baltimore, Thursdays 6_{PM}
 Vieen Leung, vieenleung@gmail.com
- 48th & Baltimore at Dick's, Thursdays 6:30_{PM} Joel Bassett, jbassett4@gmail.com

Fairmount

- Ringgold & Poplar, Wednesdays 7pm Su Jin Kim, splujin@gmail.com
- 22nd & Poplar, Fridays 6:30_{PM}
 Liz Voboril, voborils@gmail.com

South Philly

 12th & Wharton, Wednesdays 7:30_{РМ} Kirstin Peth, kirstin.peth@gmail.com

Roxborough

Tuesdays 6:30_{PM}
 Cale Weatherly, cale.weatherly@gmail.com

FAMILY MINISTRIES come alongside families as they disciple their children, seeking to help them cultivate friendships, connect with the wider church community, and grow into maturity as people of faith.

- Children's Ministry. Our children's classes use a gospel-centered curriculum with scripture, stories, and activities to allow them opportunities to form spiritual friendships with their peers and teachers. See page 2 for details. Contact Chris Currie, chris@citychurchphilly. com.
- City Church Youth, Sundays 12:30-2:30pm. Students and Volunteer Leaders gather at a Woodland Presbyterian Church (42 & Pine) for fellowship, bible study, and prayer. Lunch is provided each week. Contact Jonathan Davis, jonathan@citychurchphilly. com.

UNIVERSITY STUDENTS Ekklesia is our mid-week, liturgically oriented, worship space for college students. We meet together to pray, sing, confess, and hear from God's Word. Contact Natalie Harvey, natalie@citychurchphilly.com.

55+ is a group of older people attending City Church who gather monthly after Sunday services for a shared meal and shared prayer. Contact Ginny Toliver, ginny. toliver@verizon.net.

WOMEN'S DAYTIME BOOK STUDY Tuesdays 9:30AM, Childcare available. Contact Eeva, eevaduddleston@gmail.com.

GROW

City Church is a community committed to growing in our life of joy and peace through communion with God in Christ. God uses many means to form his children into his likeness. As a church family, City Church focuses on eight practices that Christians historically have embraced for their growth. At right are a few links to help you get started.

- Read about our approach to Spiritual Formation | citychurchphilly.com/spiritualformation
- Sign up to receive Daily Prayer in your inbox citychurchphilly.com/daily-prayer
- Check out current and upcoming Adult Ed classes | citychurchphilly.com/adult-ed

SERVE

Church

Prepare the space for

- worship by joining one of our hospitality teams: setup, communion, coffee, greeters, and scripture readers.
 Contact Dan Cason (UCity), dan@citychurchphilly.com
 Ryan McCormick(Fairmount), rmmccormick@outlook.com
- Serve our children and youth. Contact Ginger Hayes (children), ginger@citychurchphilly.com Jonathan Davis (youth), jonathan@citychurchphilly.com

City

- Serve dinners with University City Hospitality Coalition on Friday evenings at Woodland Presbyterian Church, 42nd & Pine. Contact Julia Snyder, julia.a.snyder@gmail.com
- Tutor 1st graders at Lea Elementary. Contact Stacy Bartholomew, stacy. bartholomew@gmail.com

World

- Assist refugees
 with needs such as
 housing, employment,
 transportation, community
 resources, education, and
 social services through
 our partnership with HIAS
 Pennsylvania. Contact
 Esuga Abaya,
 esugaabaya@gmail.com
- Host international students for dinner.
 Contact Lyn Newbrander, Inewbrander@isionline.org

GIVE

The intentional financial participation of those who consider City Church their church home is vital. If you are not already tithing regularly, please prayerfully consider doing so. Our desire in giving is not only to meet our own needs but to be able to serve others in our city and neighborhoods. Here are a few ways that you can contribute financially to City Church:

- Place cash or check in the offering basket on Sundays
- Give online | citychurchphilly.com/give
- Text any amount to 84321, follow the link, and select City Church Philadelphia
- Checks may be mailed or arranged through Electronic Bill Pay to be sent to: City Church, PO Box 30902, Philadelphia, PA 19104

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Taco Truck and Community Group Meet & Greet Today. Plan to stick around for lunch and fellowship today after the service. Also, if you're new around here (a) tacos are free for visitors, and (b) our Community Group leaders will be available to talk (look for the people with balloons) about their groups and help you get a sense of where you might want to visit as groups resume after Labor Day.

No Children's Church (for 1st-5th grade) Until September 8
Children's Church for kids who completed 1st through 5th grade last year is on a two-week break, beginning today. Kids are welcome to stay with their parents for the worship service. We'll resume Children's Church for this age group, moving everyone up and adding in new 1st graders, on Sunday, September 8.

Labor Day Picnic at Ku's on Monday, Sept 2, 12-4 pm. An annual City Church favorite. Kickoff the fall with us at the Kus'—we'll provide the pig, beer, and lemonade; you bring a side or dessert to share and a chair/blanket. Parking is limited, so carpooling is encouraged! The house is air-conditioned and open, so feel free to come even if you know you can't be outside for the whole time. Picnic location: 825 Bryn Mawr Avenue, Penn Valley.

Woodland Merger Info Sessions, September 1 and 8: In June, the Consistory approved a plan to merge with the Woodland congregation. We'll offer information sessions on September 1 at 9:30 am and on September 8 immediately after worship services to go over the plan. Then, on September 22, we'll have a Congregational Meeting to vote on the plan. We'll send out a copy of the plan, an overview and an FAQ this week.

Community Group Leadership Training on Saturday, September 21. All City Church community group leaders and hosts: Save Saturday, September 21 from 9-12 pm and plan to join your fellow leaders for encouragement and equipping for the next year. Please RSVP to Jonathan at jonathan@citychurchphilly.com.

Fairmount Summer Schedule. On summer Sundays, our schedule varies. View latest at citychurchphilly.com/fairmount. If you haven't been receiving Fairmount emails but would like to stay in the loop, please email Liz at Liz@citychurchphilly.com.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

August

25 Taco Truck Sunday

25 4th Sunday Prayer

September

2 Labor Day Picnic at Ku's,

7 Consistory Day Retreat

22 Congregational Meeting

22 4th Sunday Prayer

August 2019

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☐ Community Groups					
☐ Neighborhood Service Opportunities					
☐ Volunteering on Sundays					
☐ Children's & Youth Ministries					
☐ Meeting with a Pastor					
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Prayer Requests					
Our staff prays weekly on Tuesdays, and our deacons pray monthly on 4th Sundays. Fill out your name above if you'd like to be prayed for by name.					

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