



CLC MISSION - PART I



April 18, 2021

Welcome to Christ Concord

- **TO OUR GUESTS:** We're glad that you are with us today! It is our prayer that you will experience God's presence in a meaningful way as we worship together. We invite you to worship with us again. If you are new to Christ Concord and would like to learn more about the church, please contact Pastor Tenny Shifley at tshifley@christelca.org.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,



lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

GREETING AND SHARING THE PEACE

THE FIRST LESSON

Colossians 3:12-15 NIV

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 15:11-31 NLT

To illustrate the point further, Jesus told them this story: "A man had two sons. The younger son told his father, 'I want my share of your estate now before you die.' So his father agreed to divide his wealth between his sons. A few days later this younger son packed all his belongings and moved to a distant land, and there he wasted all his money in wild living. About the time his money ran out, a great famine swept over the land, and he began to starve. He persuaded a local farmer to hire him, and the man sent him into his fields to feed the pigs. The young man became so hungry that even the pods he was feeding the pigs looked good to him. But no one gave him anything. When he finally came to his senses, he said to himself, 'At home even the hired servants have food enough to spare, and here I am dying of hunger! I will go home to my father and say, "Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son. Please take me on as a hired servant."' So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against both heaven and you, and I am no longer worthy of being called your son.' But his father said to the servants, 'Quick! Bring the finest robe in the house and put it on him. Get a ring for his finger and sandals for his feet. And kill the calf we have been fattening. We must celebrate with a feast, for this son of mine was dead and has now returned to life. He was lost, but now he is found.' So the party began. Meanwhile, the older son was in the fields working. When he returned home, he heard music and dancing in the house, and he asked one of the servants what was going on. 'Your brother is back,' he was told, 'and your father has killed the fattened calf. We are celebrating because of his safe return.' The older brother was angry and wouldn't go in. His father came out and begged him, but he replied, 'All these years I've slaved for you and never once refused to do a single thing you told me to. And in all that time you never gave me even one young goat for a feast with my friends. Yet when this son of yours comes back after squandering your money on prostitutes, you celebrate by killing the fattened calf!' His father said to him, 'Look, dear son, you have always stayed by me, and everything I have is yours.'"

CHRIST KIDS TV

The Children's Message will be available on YouTube

SERMON

With Imperfect People

Pastor Tenny Shifley

SONG

One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)

1. High - er than the moun-tains that I face, strong - er than the
 2. Be - cause on and on and on and on it goes. For it o - ver-whelms and
 pow - er of the grave, con - stant in the tri - al and the
 sat - is - fies my soul. And I'll nev - er, ev - er have to be a -
 change. One thing re - mains. This one thing re - mains.
 - fraid. -
Chorus: Your love nev - er fails, it nev - er gives up, it nev - er runs out on me.
 Your love nev - er fails, it nev - er gives up, it nev - er runs out on me.
 Your love nev - er fails, it nev - er gives up, it nev - er runs out on me. Your love.
Bridge: In death, in life, I'm con - fi - dent and cov - ered by the pow'r of Your great
 love. My debt is paid; there's noth - ing that can sep - a - rate my heart from Your great love.
 (to chorus 2x, bridge, and chorus again)

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OFFERING

Move Me with Compassion

Wolfe, arr. Knight

PRAYERS

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

LORD'S PRAYER

Contemporary Wording

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION:

All baptized Christians who have been instructed in the sacrament and believe Christ is present for the forgiveness of sins are invited to commune.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION Take, Oh, Take, Me As I Am

Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The notes are simple, using quarter and eighth notes, with a final whole note on 'me'.

PRAYER FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Leader: Lord Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my heart. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

BLESSING AND PRAYER

BENEDICTION

DISMISSAL

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

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RESUMES IN MAY!

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MEETS THE
FIRST FRIDAY
OF EACH MONTH
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
at Christ Concord

Check Out
Weekly E-News
for Updates

HIGH SCHOOL CAMPOUT

April 23 - 24

Friday 6p - Saturday 9a

*at the Old Dairy Farm
(Christ South)*

Details & Register on REALM

Youth Director *(full-time position)*

Christ Lutheran is seeking a High School/Middle School Youth Director to create a welcoming environment while guiding & providing faith direction & encouraging discussion for all youth to enable them to grow in faith.

**For full job posting, click ad in E-News
or email msimpkins@christelca.org**





Keep in Prayer...

- ◆ Carolyn Draper
- ◆ People in Washington DC, our government and leaders
- ◆ Hospital workers
- ◆ Lifting the 562,000+ lives lost to COVID
- ◆ Those suffering with COVID
- ◆ Steve Deal
- ◆ Teachers, Staff, and students as school resumes in person
- ◆ Dan Reilly
- ◆ Victims of mass shootings
- ◆ Brooklyn Center community
- ◆ Helen Nachenberg
- ◆ Dia Hablutzal's husband, Deron
- ◆ Jay Morrison
- ◆ Bob Mueller
- ◆ Family of Lacey Boaron
- ◆ Slyvia Garrett on the death of her sister
- ◆ Barb Hoefler on the death of her mother Barbara Stratton
- ◆ Sonny Parker
- ◆ Sarah & Will Eiler on birth of Charlotte Lee. Grandparents John & Diana Lasater

Hospice List:

- ◆ Karen Costea's mother
- ◆ Dean Emmans' mom Renata
- ◆ Debi Taube's Uncle Ernie



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