

THE GREATEST BUILDING

1 Peter 2:4-6

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ORDER OF SERVICE

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

- ♪ All Praise to Him ♪
- ♪ I Will Glory in My Redeemer ♪

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

- ♪ Before The Throne of God Above ♪
- ♪ O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer ♪

HONOR DAN SCHIEL & SOVEREIGN GRACE WELCOME

Bart Lipscomb & Billy Reies

FORMAL INSTALLATION

Jon Payne

- ♪ Great Is Thy Faithfulness ♪

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

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- ♪ Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone) ♪

Benediction and Prayer

PRAYER FOR THIS WEEK

Father, as we celebrate adoption Sunday this morning, we stand in complete awe of Your overwhelming generosity and faithfulness towards us. And we ask that You would continue to build this church on the rock of Jesus Christ. We want to be a dwelling place for Your Spirit and a lighthouse for this community. In Him we pray. Amen!

QUOTABLE

The picture of the church as God's new temple should increase our awareness of God's very presence dwelling in our midst as we meet. – Wayne Grudem

TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:14-21

English Standard Version

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height

and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

TODAY'S SERMON TEXT

1 Peter 2:4-6

English Standard Version

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious, you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in Scripture:

“Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious,
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

ALL PRAISE TO HIM

All praise to Him, the God of light
Who formed the mountains by His might,
All praise to Him Who names the stars
That sing His fame in skies afar.
All praise to Him Who reigns in love,
Who guides the galaxies above
Yet bends to hear our every prayer
With sovereign pow'r and tender care.




All praise to Him whose love is seen
In Christ the Son, the Servant King,
Who left behind His glorious throne
To pay the ransom for His own.
All praise to Him Who humbly came
To bear our sorrow, sin, and shame
Who lived to die, Who died to rise
The all-sufficient sacrifice.

All praise to Him whose pow'r imparts
The love of God within our hearts
The Spirit of all truth and peace
The fount of joy and holiness.
To Father, Son, and Spirit now,
Our souls we lift, our wills we bow,
To You, the triune God, we raise
With loving hearts our song of praise.
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I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung Him on the judgment tree.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death.
My only savior before the holy Judge:
the Lamb who is my righteousness, the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my redeemer. My life He bought, my love He owns. 
I have no longings for another. I'm satisfied in Him alone.
I will glory in my Redeemer. His faithfulness my standing place.
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,
my feet are firm, held by His grace. My feet are firm, held by His grace.


I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.
He crowns my life with loving-kindness. His triumph song I'll ever sing.
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold.
And when He calls me it will be paradise,
His face forever to behold, His face forever to behold.

WORDS & MUSIC: I Will Glory in My Redeemer by Steve & Vikki Cook

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 then 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.

WORDS: Charitie L. Bancroft (1841-1892)
MUSIC: Vikki Cook

O LORD, MY ROCK AND MY REDEEMER

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Greatest treasure of my longing soul
My God, like You there is no other
True delight is found in You alone
Your grace, a well too deep to fathom
Your love exceeds the heavens' reach
Your truth, a fount of perfect wisdom
My highest good and my unending need



O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Strong defender of my weary heart
My sword to fight the cruel deceiver
And my shield against his hateful darts
My song when enemies surround me
My hope when tides of sorrow rise
My joy when trials are abounding
Your faithfulness, my refuge in the night

O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
Gracious Savior of my ruined life
My guilt and cross laid on Your shoulders
In my place You suffered bled and died
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
You rose, the grave and death are conquered
You broke my bonds of sin and shame
O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer
May all my days bring glory to Your Name



GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is Thy faithfulness, oh God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not. Thy compassions, they fail not.
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.



Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth;
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

TEXT: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866-1960
MUSIC: William M. Runyan, 1870-1957

AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now 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.

My chains are gone. I've been set free. My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
and like a flood His mercy reigns - unending love, amazing grace.

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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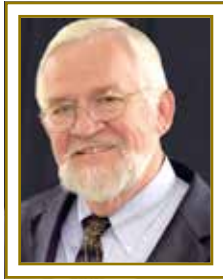
The earth shall soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God who called me here below will be forever mine,
will be forever mine You are forever mine.

TEXT: Verses: John Newton; Chorus: Chris Tomlin
MUSIC: Verses: Traditional American melody from Carrol & Clayton's Virginia Harmony
Chorus: Chris Tomlin

PASTOR DAN SCHIEL

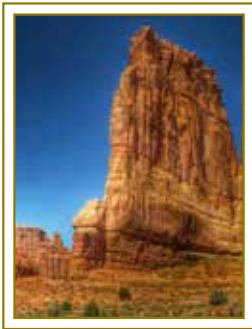
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Born and raised in Montgomery County, Texas, Dan was called to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ at age 20 and has served as pastor in independent churches for more than five



decades. At age 48, he resigned his pastorate in Midland, TX, where he had served for nine years, to move to Point Roberts, WA, to attend Regent College, a seminary in Vancouver, B.C. Canada, where he earned a Master's degree in 1997. In November of that year, he and his wife Grace Ellen returned to Conroe, TX, to assume the pastorate of Christ Church on League Line Road, a church he had founded twenty years earlier. His focus in ministry is to help his congregation live contemplatively, paying attention to God at work in their lives, and to live in response to Him. Pastor Dan retired early in 2021.

ON THE COVER



Our cover art is an original 2016 photograph by Ron Frazier. This rock formation named "Courthouse Towers" is located in Arches National Park, Utah.

CHURCH CALENDAR

Today . . . Adoption Day & Fellowship Meal
Portraits August 15

The Prayer List is inserted into the Sunday Bulletin now. It is also distributed via email in the Christ Church Journal. Check your email daily for updates.

EVERY SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES

Bible Classes

Classes are currently suspended.
Resumption of classes will be announced when appropriate.

Worship Service 10:30 a.m.

We are now meeting in the Sanctuary.
Nursery is currently unavailable.

After Church Fellowship

After church fellowship resumes today following the adoption worship service.

NOTES OF INTEREST

Greeters: To be announced

Fellowship Hosts: To be announced

Nursery Care: To be announced

Sunday School: Currently not being held.

Prayer Needs: Please refer to the printed and emailed prayer sheet for names and specific prayer requests. For ministry or prayer need, call one of our deacons or pastor Bart:

- Phil Moorman 1-832-971-1415
- Stephen Robinson 936-525-0813
- Bob Wendrock 936-647-8830
- Pastor Bart Lipscomb 251-609-5251

You may also email prayer requests to:

Prayer1@ChristChurchConroe.org

Please respect the sanctity of today's worship service by turning off or silencing all cell phones while in the worship area. Blessings!

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