

# Weekly

## Community Groups

Winter term Community Groups are here! All groups will be going through *Titus For You* by Tim Chester. If you would like to join a group, sign up at the link below. [citizenschurch.net/groups](http://citizenschurch.net/groups)

## Children's Sunday School

*Sunday mornings, 9:00 AM*  
We will be meeting in room 114. All kids aged 12 and under are welcome to attend!

## Tithes & Offerings

We joyfully worship God through giving. Members can give online at [citizenschurch.net/give](http://citizenschurch.net/give) or by dropping their offering in the black box in the back. If you're a guest, please know we do not expect you to give.

# Coming Up

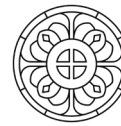
## Men's Breakfast

Saturday, March 16th @ 7:00 AM  
Every 3rd Saturday of the month the men meet for breakfast and fellowship at Bob Evans (23 Huber Village Blvd, Westerville, OH 43081).

## Membership Class

Sunday, March 17th @ 12:00 PM  
If you have any interest in membership at Citizens Church, please consider attending our Class! Lunch will be provided! Please sign up if you plan to attend. [citizenschurch.net/registrations](http://citizenschurch.net/registrations)

You can find all of our upcoming events at [citizenschurch.net/calendar](http://citizenschurch.net/calendar)



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### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### Revelation 21:1-3

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God."

### ADORATION

#### Prayer of Praise

IN ALL OUR SAVIOR REIGNS

### CONFESSION OF SIN

#### Prayer of Confession

AFFLICTED SAINT TO CHRIST DRAW NEAR  
IN CHRIST ALONE

### ASSURANCE OF GRACE

#### 1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, **he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

### THANKSGIVING

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving

### STATEMENT OF FAITH

#### Article 12: Of the Harmony of the Law and the Gospel

### SUPPLICATION

#### Pastoral Prayer

### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

**The Letter of James**  
Robert Kane

**James 5:1-12** (p.1013)  
"Warnings & Promises"

### COMMUNION

#### The Lord's Supper

### PRAISE & BENEDICTION

LORD FROM SORROWS DEEP I CALL  
DOXOLOGY

### FELLOWSHIP

We'd love for you to join us for snacks and fellowship after the service!

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## Serving at

### CITIZENS CHURCH

One of the ways we glorify God is by serving one another and our community with a glad and joyful heart. Not from a place of guilt or obligation, but out of a love for Christ. If you are interested, you can talk to a pastor, or visit [citizenschurch.net/serve](http://citizenschurch.net/serve)

#### Current Serving Needs:

Setup & tear-down, Hospitality, Nursery, Music, Audio Tech

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## The Bible Teaches

### OF THE HARMONY OF THE LAW AND THE GOSPEL

*We believe the law of God is the eternal and unchangeable rule of his moral governance. It is holy, just, and good. Fallen human beings are unable to fulfill the precepts of the law, which the Scriptures attribute entirely to their love of sin. A chief purpose of the gospel is to deliver people from this love and to restore them through a mediator to a sincere obedience to the holy law. The visible church's means of grace share this great purpose.*

BASED ON THE NEW HAMPSHIRE CONFESSION OF FAITH 1853

# In All Our Savior Reigns

## VERSE 1

The Lord has arisen  
Let all exalt his name  
Great depths of matchless mercy  
Great heights of widest grace

Let the stone be rolled  
from the tomb away  
Deep mystery this his empty grave  
Here death unmade in victory  
In life, our savior reigns

## VERSE 2

The Lord is our shepherd  
Who leads us by his love  
Though hosts of darkness haunt us  
The bright Son guides us on

Let the hills bow down  
and the valleys raise  
Let the wilderness be an open plain  
O, wholeness of his comforts  
In love, our Savior reigns

## VERSE 3

Come bow before him only  
Lift now your voice in praise  
Yet find in Jesus all things  
For all is his domain

Let the earth turn round  
in her course for him  
Let the heart of stone be made flesh again  
Great breadth of his dominion  
In all, our savior reigns

## OUTRO

In life our Savior reigns  
In love our Savior reigns  
In all our Savior reigns

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# Reflection Questions

- What were these wealthy landowners doing that was wrong? What will be the result of their injustices in the end? How can believers avoid worldliness in a day and age where worldliness is so pervasive? Evaluate your heart by evaluating your thoughts ask yourself, how much do I love money, how much do I make decisions based on earthly treasures versus heavenly treasures?
- Why is it so difficult to be patient in suffering, and especially in unjust suffering? How can suffering and endurance be a blessing from God? Can you share a blessing God gave from your own suffering? In what specific ways can you apply the truths from this passage to your own responses to suffering?

Questions from Grace Life Bible

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## Ideas for Family Worship

**Read** James 5:1-12 and identify one or two things that it tells us about God and ourselves. Consider reading this week's catechism question as well (see below).

**Sing** *In Christ Alone* (page 4) together as a family.

**Pray** specifically thanking God for what he has revealed in his word and asking for the Holy Spirit to help your family live faithfully in light of it.

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## Walking Through the Catechism

### Question 9:

What does God require in the first, second, and third commandments?

### Answer:

First, that we know and trust God as the only true and living God. Second, that we avoid all idolatry and do not worship God improperly. Third, that we treat God's name with fear and reverence, honoring also his Word and works.

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## Pray for Our Missions Partners

- Lazarus Life Ministries (*gospel-centered drug rehabilitation ministry in Ohio*)
- Out of Darkness (*anti-human trafficking ministry in Westerville*)
- Alex & Lauryn Follett (*Bible translation among unreached people in West Africa*)
- Proclamation Church (*church plant in Mount Vernon, OH*)
- Salt & Light Church (*church plant in downtown Columbus, OH*)
- Kory Martin (*Director of Athletes In Action at Otterbein and Ohio Dominican*)
- "George & Judy" (*church plant among unreached people in the Middle East*)
- Jeremy & Suheily Garcia (*missionaries in Barcelona, Spain*)

## Ongoing Discipleship

- Join a Community Group ([citizenschurch.net/groups](http://citizenschurch.net/groups)).
- Regularly meet with church members for discipleship and prayer.
- Read a book with another Christian and meet to discuss it.
- Faithfully attend Sunday gatherings (Heb. 10:24-25).
- Cheerfully & sacrificially give of your firstfruits (Prov. 3:9; 2 Cor. 9:6-7).
- Joyfully serve your church family.

## Sermon Notes

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(vv.1-6)

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(vv.7-12)

## Afflicted Saint To Christ Draw Near

### VERSE 1

Afflicted saint, to Christ draw near,  
Your Savior's gracious promise hear;  
His faithful Word you can believe:  
That as your days your strength shall be.

### VERSE 2

Your faith is weak, your foes are strong,  
And if the conflict should be long,  
The Lord will make the tempter flee  
That as your days your strength shall be.

### CHORUS

So, sing with joy, afflicted one;  
The battle's fierce, but the victory's won!  
God shall supply all that you need;  
Yes, as your days your strength shall be.

### VERSE 3

Should persecution rage and flame,  
Still trust in your Redeemer's name.  
In fiery trials you shall see  
That as your days your strength shall be.

### VERSE 4

When called to bear your weighty cross  
Or sore affliction, pain, or loss,  
Or deep distress or poverty,  
Still as your days your strength shall be.

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## New Here?

If you're a guest at Citizens,  
we would love if you filled out a Guest Form at  
[citizenschurch.net/guest](http://citizenschurch.net/guest)

When we receive it, we'll make a \$5 donation in your honor to  
*Out of Darkness*, a local ministry fighting against human trafficking.

## Membership & Baptism

AT CITIZENS CHURCH

Publicly proclaiming one's faith through church membership and baptism is what Christians have done throughout the centuries. If you're ready to be baptized and/or become a member, a pastor would love to talk with you about what that looks like.  
Email [info@citizenschurch.net](mailto:info@citizenschurch.net) for more information.

# *In Christ Alone*

## **VERSE 1**

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest  
drought and storm.  
What heights of love,  
what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled,  
when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

## **VERSE 2**

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

## **VERSE 3**

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

## **VERSE 4**

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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# *Lord From Sorrows Deep I Call*

## **VERSE 1**

Lord, from sorrows deep I call  
When my hope is shaken  
Torn and ruined from the fall  
Hear my desperation  
For so long I've pled and prayed  
God, come to my rescue  
Even so, the thorn remains  
Still my heart will praise You

## **VERSE 2**

Storms within my troubled soul  
Questions without answers  
On my faith these billows roll  
God, be now my shelter  
Why are you cast down, my soul?  
Hope in Him who saves you  
When the fires have all grown cold  
Cause this heart to praise You

## **CHORUS**

Oh, my soul, put your hope in God  
My Help, my Rock, I will praise Him  
Sing, oh sing, through the raging storm  
You're still my God, my Salvation

## **VERSE 3**

Should my life be torn from me  
Every worldly pleasure  
When all I possess is grief  
God, be then my treasure  
Be my vision in the night  
Be my hope and refuge  
Till my faith is turned to sight  
Lord, my heart will praise You

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## *Becoming a Christian*

Christians are those who repent of their sins and trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you're interested in becoming a Christian or have any questions about Christianity, a pastor or church member would love to talk with you about what that looks like. Learn more at [citizenschurch.net/gospel](http://citizenschurch.net/gospel)

## *Doxology*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen