



CHRIST

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Lord's Service

June 7th, 2026

Learning Through Parables – *Lamps & Secrets*

Mark 4:21-25

WELCOME TO CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America

Blessings to you this Lord's Day! We are thankful that you have joined us this morning for worship. At Christ Presbyterian we want to experience the fullness of our union with Him as his people. This leads us to grow in our understanding and application of life In Christ, life in His Church and life in Mission.

Life In Christ - Each Sunday we gather together for God honoring worship, knowing that worship is the right, fitting, and delightful response of all who come to know God by his grace, through faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ. Through songs, prayer, preaching and sacraments, we proclaim Christ and life in Him.

Life in His Church - As the church of Christ we are called to meaningfully love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, serve alongside one another and in all things seek to build one another up into Christ who is Head of His Church. Belonging to Christ and his church provides us with the blessings of life in community. Here at Christ Pres. we enjoy not only our weekly worship on the Lord's Day, but also more personal times of life together in hospitality, close knit fellowship and shared study. In addition, these are times to welcome friends and neighbors within our community into hospitality and to share with them the grace of Christ.

Life In Mission - Reaching others with the gospel both locally and globally is at the heart of Christ Presbyterian Church. As the church, we are called to be faithful to the Great Commission, reaching those apart from Christ with the gospel of grace both locally and globally through intentional acts of service and cooperative support with those serving in missions.

If you're visiting, we're glad you're here and if you would like to learn more about life together at Christ Presbyterian I would be happy connect more personally and to share with you what God is doing here.

May God be praised and honored this Lord's Day.

In Christ,

Pastor Adam Thomas

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Order for the Public Worship of God

GOD CALLS
US TO
WORSHIP

REFLECTION

“Joy in God is disturbingly interlaced with fear of God. God is the object of your deepest desire and adoration. He is your refuge, your happiest hiding place. And yet God stands over you, above you, often seemingly against you. As Job confessed, ‘Though he slay me, I will hope in him; yet I will argue my ways to his face.’ Taking refuge in God is intertwined with the knowledge that he who made you and sustains you and loves you can also undo you.”

| **Bobby Jamieson**, *Everything Is Never Enough*

Q: “Did our first parents continue in the estate wherein they were created?”

A: Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate wherein they were created, by sinning against God.

| **Westminster Shorter Catechism Q & A 13**

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE + PREPARATION

❖ PLEASE STAND
AS ABLE

Our worship begins with a scriptural call for God’s people to worship. In this way, our gathered worship is a conversation initiated by God between Himself and His people.

The congregation speaks the print in bold.

The prayer of invocation begins worship by inviting God’s presence and preparing us to encounter His redeeming grace with reverence and unity.

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 97:8-12

Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O LORD.

For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

O you who love the LORD, hate evil!

He preserves the lives of his saints; he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

❖ INVOCATION

❖ HYMN **Come People of the Risen King** (Next Page)

Come, People of the Risen King

C Am F C/E G

1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring him praise;
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night;
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wom - en of the faith;

C Am F F/G C

come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace.
 come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight.
 come, those with full or emp - ty hands—find the rich - es of his grace.

F Am Dm7 C/E Gsus G

From the shift - ing shad - ows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
 For his per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er cease,
 O - ver all the world his peo - ple sing—shore to shore we hear them call,

C Am F F/G C

where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to gath - er chil - dren in.
 but fol - low us through all our days in the cer - tain hope of peace.
 the truth that cries through ev - 'ry age: "Our God is all in all!"

Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice!

One heart, one voice; O church of Christ, re - joice!

**GOD
CLEANSES
US**

Within the context of our relationship with God, we are invited in safety, not in shame to consider our sins.

God loves us in spite of our sins. We rehearse this truth by confessing our sins corporately and leaning into His renewal, restoration, and cleansing.

The scripture that follows our confession assures us of God's forgiveness, grace and pardon. This is the good news.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence, we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, wasting your gifts, and forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior, Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

HEBREWS 8:10, 12

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people...For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.”

Praise be to God.

The call to grateful obedience invites us to respond to God's mercy with lives shaped by grace. Having confessed our sin and received the assurance of pardon, we now turn toward faithful living—not to earn His favor, but to reflect His love with joy and purpose.

GOD
CONSECRATES
US

Our giving is an act of worship; it is both a response to God's generosity toward us and a sign of faith in God's future provision.

CALL TO GRATEFUL OBEDIENCE

As we move from guilt unto grace and now unto lives of gratitude, hear these words from **Galatians 6:6-10**, *“One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.”*

Amen.

❖ HYMN This Is My Father's World

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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 debts as we forgive our debtors; lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING & PRAYER

Lord, we give our gifts to you with thankfulness for the magnificent gift of Jesus that you so generously gave to us; may we give to others with the same thankfulness; in Jesus' name. Amen.



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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

New Testament Reading: Matthew 5:13-16

Sermon Text: Mark 4:21-25

The Word of the Lord...

Thanks be to God!

SERMON: Learning Through Parables - *Lamps & Secrets*

This Is My Father's World

E \flat B \flat sus E \flat A \flat B \flat

1. This is my Fa - ther's world, and to my lis - t'ning ears
 2. This is my Fa - ther's world; the birds their car - ols raise;
 3. This is my Fa - ther's world; oh, let me ne'er for - get

E \flat B \flat sus E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat

all na - ture sings, and round me rings the mu - sic of the spheres.
 the morn - ing light, the lil - y white de - clare their Mak - er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul - er yet.

E \flat A \flat E \flat A \flat E \flat

This is my Fa - ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa - ther's world; he shines in all that's fair; in the
 This is my Fa - ther's world, the bat - tle is not done; Je -

E \flat B \flat sus E \flat E \flat /B \flat B \flat E \flat

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won - ders wrought.
 rus - tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev - 'ry - where.
 sus who died shall be sat - is - fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

Words: Maltbie D. Babcock, 1901, alt.
 Music: English folk melody, adapt. Franklin L. Sheppard, 1915

TERRA BEATA
 SMD

Following the sermon, we profess the Nicene Creed as a shared declaration of faith, rooted in the gospel we have just heard. This ancient confession unites us with believers across time and place, affirming the core truths of God's redemptive work in Christ and anchoring our lives in His story of grace.

❖ CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE NICENE CREED

WE BELIEVE in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

AND IN ONE Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; through whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

AND WE BELIEVE in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

GOD
COMMUNES
WITH US

Communion is a holy sacrament of the Church. The word, "sacraments" is a translation of a greek word which means "mystery".

Baptism and Communion are the "mysteries" of the Church that God uses to powerfully nourish our faith. Communion is not just a ritual or a memorial, it is a fellowship with the risen Christ.

We invite all who are baptized Christians and members in good standing of a gospel-believing church to receive the sacrament. If you are unable to come forward, the pastor or elder will be available to serve you where you are.

Baptized Children can only eat and drink after they have made a profession of faith approved by the Session. If you would like to know more, please reach out to the pastor or one of the elders.

For those not communing, we are so glad you're here!

We invite you, including non-communing children, to come forward and receive a gospel blessing.

Or feel free to remain in your seat to sing joyfully with the congregation or meditate in prayer.

The prayers in the bulletin may help you in your prayers.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion is served weekly at Christ Presbyterian. Note that the bread is gluten-free and non-alcoholic wine is available in the colored cups in the center of both trays.

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you,

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister prays...

Amen.

COMMUNION

**[Hymn during distribution: Great is Thy Faithfulness –
Nothing but the Blood (Next Page)]**

COMMUNION HYMNS

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O 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.

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!

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!

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!

Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus; what can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone, nothing but the blood of Jesus; naught of good that I have done, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace, nothing but the blood of Jesus; this is all my righteousness, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Glory! Glory! This I sing: nothing but the blood of Jesus; all my praise for this I bring, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Oh! precious is the flow that makes me white as snow; no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

PRAYERS FOR THOSE NOT COMMUNING

Please use the prayers below during communion as guides to reflect and respond to what God is doing in your life.

PRAYER FOR THOSE SEARCHING

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

PRAYER OF BELIEF

“Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, and yet, through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sin and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.”

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

“Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.”

GOD
COMMISSIONS
US

Our worship
concludes with
God's sending us
into the world with
his blessing as we
seek to love our
community in the
power of the Spirit.

❖ **HYMN Psalm 136 - Give Thanks To God For Good Is He**

❖ **BENEDICTION**

... and all God's people...

Amen!

❖ **DOXOLOGY**

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

PSALM 136 Give Thanks to God, for Good Is He

Unison*

1. Give thanks to God, for good is he:
 2. His wis - dom made the heav'ns to be: his love en-dures for -
 3. He struck the hosts of E - gypt down:
 4. He helped us in our deep - est woes:

ev - er. To him all praise and glo - ry be:
 He spread the earth up - on the sea: his
 His peo - ple saved, their cap - tors drowned:
 He ran - somed us from all our foes:

love en-dures for - ev - er. His won-drous works with praise re -
 Praise him whose sun a - wakes the
 The kings of Ca - naan feared, and
 All: To each their need he will sup -

cord; the on - ly God, the sov - 'reign Lord:
 day; the moon and stars his might dis - play:
 fell; he gave his own a place to dwell:
 ply; give thanks to God, en-throned on high:

his love en - dures for - ev - er, his love en - dures for - ev - er.



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