
prelude

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

preparing our hearts

How lovely is your dwelling place,
O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.

– Psalm 84:1-2_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Serve the LORD with gladness!

All: Come into his presence with singing!

Leader: Know that the LORD, he is God!

All: It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: Give thanks to him; bless his name!

– Psalm 100:2-4_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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**** prayer of invocation**

Leader: O Lord, our Lord, give us in rich abundance the blessings the Lord's Day was designed to impart. May our hearts be bound fast against worldly thoughts and cares; flood our minds with peace beyond understanding. May our meditations be sweet, our acts of worship be to us life, liberty, joy; our drink the streams that flow from thy throne, our food the precious Word, our defense the shield of faith, and may our heart be evermore knit to Jesus, through his most precious name and in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
The Creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
Who was conceived of the Holy Spirit
Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven,
And sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,
From whence he shall 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.**

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
Her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore:
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic, sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: 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.

– 1 John 1:8-9^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **God in heaven, holy and righteous;**
Forgive our ungodliness and unrighteousness before you;
For suppressing the truth, exchanging it for a lie;
For worshiping and serving created things rather than the Creator;
For knowing you, yet failing to honor you or thank you;
For our futile thinking and our darkened, foolish hearts;
For our lust, impurity, inventing evil, covetousness, malice, and unbelief.
Hold us up against your righteous standard that we might be humble.
Hold us close despite my unrighteousness, that we might repent.
Hold us in Christ, that we may always hide ourselves in his righteousness.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace.

– John 1:16^{ESV}

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME (PSALM 51)

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace, and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear thy voice.
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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CANDIDATES FOR MEMBERSHIP

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Dayvid and Nubia Oliveira with Pedro, Isabela, and Rebeca

Greg Shoup

Cody and Alexia St John with Weston and Willow

Aldo and Luciana Tumolin with Davi, Mariana, Julia, and Daniel

VOWS FOR COMMUNING MEMBERS

All those who are joining the church as communing members for the first time, whether through baptism, profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or transfer of membership, must affirm the following vows:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and the discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and peace?

** the dedication of the church building

Leader: Having been blessed by the good hand of our God, who enabled us by his grace and power to complete this house of worship to be used to the glory of God, we come before his holy presence to dedicate this building to him.

All: **To the glory of God our Father, from whom comes every good and perfect gift; To the honor of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, Redeemer and King; To the praise of the Holy Spirit, our source of light and life, Amen.**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: **Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!**

Leader: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

All: **Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!**

– Psalm 24:7-10 ESV

(singing Gloria Patri)



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly
Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and e - ver shall be,
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

Old Testament Reading | 1 Kings 8:22-24, 27-30 ESV

New Testament Reading | Ephesians 2:13-22 ESV

DEDICATION LITANY **

Leader: To you, God and Father of Jesus Christ, our Lord

All: We dedicate this house.

Leader: To you, eternal Son of God, Redeemer of your people and Head of the church

All: We dedicate this house.

Leader: To you, Spirit of God, Lord and Giver of life, our Teacher, Sanctifier and Comforter.

All: We dedicate this house.

Leader: For the worship of God in praise and prayer; for the preaching of the gospel of the grace of God; for the celebration of the holy sacraments:

All: We dedicate this house.

Leader: For the diffusion of sacred knowledge; for the promotion of righteousness; for the extension of the kingdom of God:

All: We dedicate this house.

Leader: For release of the captives; for recovering of sight to the blind; for rest to the heavy laden:

All: We dedicate this house.

Leader: For comfort to those who mourn; for strength to those who are tempted; for assurance to those of little faith:

All: We dedicate this house.

Leader: For the sanctifying of the family; for the nurture of the young; for the perfection of believers:

All: We dedicate this house.

Leader: In gratitude for the gracious keeping of the divine covenant throughout past generations; In reliance upon the promise that the gates of hell shall not prevail against the church; In the hope of the eternal glory of the church triumphant:

All: We dedicate this house.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION **

Leader: Recognizing that the Almighty God does not dwell in houses made with hands, that heaven is his throne and the earth his footstool, and that we are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit, consecrate ourselves to serve him in this place.

All: We now, the people of this church, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifice of our fathers and mothers in the faith, dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

** passing the peace

Leader: Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3-5.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

An elder will lead the passing of the peace. If you are joining us from your home, please unmute yourself so that you can greet one another. If you are gathered here with us today, greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

Series | “Romans: The Foundation of Our Faith”**Sermon** | “The Joy of the Christian”**October 22, 2023**

Romans 5:1-11 ESV | 1 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. 2 Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not put us to shame, because God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

6 For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will scarcely die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – 8 but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. 10 For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. 11 More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In response to the Gospel of grace, how shall we then live?

All: Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor.

– Romans 12:9-10 ESV

WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians — a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.

If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymn.

NOTE TO PARENTS: *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24^{ESV}

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: Let us pray.

All: O Lord and heavenly Father, when we celebrate and observe this memorial your Son has commended to us, we remember his suffering and death, his mighty resurrection, and glorious ascension; and we await his coming again with power and great glory. God of Mercy, hear our prayer and by your Word and Holy Spirit bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine. Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Holy Name. Amen.

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Minister: Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

**All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
We proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come again.**

Minister: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?”

“Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”

’Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

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** offering & song of thanksgiving

The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of his kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so we give freely in return; not in any way to add to Christ's supremely adequate atonement for us, but in joyful response to this work and in thanksgiving for such unmerited grace.

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with his light,
And wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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announcements

** benediction

** doxology

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

for first-time visitors

Whether you are visiting us from out of town or looking for a church to call home, we're so glad to have you with us. Please fill out the visitor section in the attendance pad when it circulates.

sunday school

Sunday School will resume classes next week, **October 29, 915a.**

BUILDING DEDICATION CELEBRATION | TODAY

Please plan to join us for our Building Dedication Celebration lunch immediately following service today! All are welcome!

CPC CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHOIR | DECEMBER 17

Parents, please mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 17!** We are so excited to have Kathy Lorimor leading our CPC Kids Christmas Choir this year. The children will have an opportunity to share a song with both our church body and with the residents of The Delaney's assisted living community for their Christmas service. More details to come! If you would like more information or would like to volunteer to help, **please contact, Korina Slabach** (kids@cocgeorgetown.org).

advent ensemble

Come join the Advent ensemble! We need singers and musicians (preferably brass instrumentalists) to form an ensemble for Advent. Rehearsals are Wednesday night, 7p for instrumentalists and 8p for the choir. The first rehearsal will be **October 25.** If you are interested, **please contact Van Henry** (hsbd@aol.com).