
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

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

– 2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

All: **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

Leader: When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh,

All: **My adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall.**

Leader: Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear;

All: **Though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.**

Leader: One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after:

All: **That I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.**

– Psalm 27:1-4 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

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. *

** Chorus:*

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. *

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**** prayer of invocation**

Leader: We praise you, O God, for creating this world in all its beauty, for redeeming the world through Christ, our Lord, and for sending us the gift of your Spirit to encourage, instruct, and sustain us. We long for your Spirit to work among us now, to inspire our praise, to challenge us with your truth, and to equip us for service in your world. May we worship you in all truth and holiness this day and every day. Amen.

Leader: What is true faith?

All: True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true all that God has revealed to us in his Word. At the same time it is a firm confidence that not only to others, but also to me, God has granted forgiveness of sins, everlasting righteousness, and salvation, out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits. This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

– *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 21

COME THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it; mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

On that day when freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face;
Clothed by thee in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away.
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.

– Psalm 51:10-11 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Living God,
By your Holy Spirit, tell us again of your mercy and faithfulness,
For we often forget.
Witness to us your hope and justice,
For we often despair.
Where we have not followed Christ, direct our paths.
Where we have not praised you, rebuke our hearts.
Forgive us, O God, and remind us of your enduring love.
Breathe your Spirit upon our lives and make us holy.
We pray for your restoring grace,
In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love.

– Micah 7:18 ESV

All: Thanks be to God!

UPON A LIFE I HAVE NOT LIVED

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs,
On these I rest, on these alone.

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what thy cross has done for me;
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, and pardon there I see.
There I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
As one who has thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
As one who has thy gift received.

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what thy cross has done for me;
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, and pardon there I see.

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Leader: Jeremiah 31:31-34
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

prayer

An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.

Leader: All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

the sacrament of baptism

Candidate for baptism | Tula Marie Narwold

Matthew 28:18-20 ^{ESV} | And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Romans 6:4-5 ^{ESV} | We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his.

QUESTIONS FOR PARENTS OF AN INFANT

1. Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God’s covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God’s appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

QUESTION FOR THE CONGREGATION **

Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting these parents in the Christian nurture of this child?

Welcome this new covenant child by singing:

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong; they are weak, but he is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

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** 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 | “Righteousness Revealed”

October 8, 2023

Romans 3:21-31 ^{ESV} | 21 But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it – 22 the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God’s righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. 26 It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

27 Then what becomes of our boasting? It is excluded. By what kind of law? By a law of works? No, but by the law of faith. 28 For we hold that one is justified by faith apart from works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? Is he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also, 30 since God is one – who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith. 31 Do we then overthrow the law by this faith? By no means! On the contrary, we uphold the law.

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. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

– Romans 12:9-11 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.

THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen could ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win;
His erring child he reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *

** Chorus:*

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure, the saints' and angels' song.

When age-old time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race – the saints' and angels' song. *

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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.

THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh! for sinners slain *

** Chorus:*

Thank you, O my Father! for giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done

When we stand in glory, we will see his face
There we'll serve our King forever in that holy place *

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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.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | TODAY

Members, please stay for the congregational meeting at the end of today's worship service to elect members of the church to serve on the search committee for the future senior pastor. **Please note:** Parents, nursery care will be available for the meeting, but kids in children's worship need to be picked up at the end of service before the meeting begins.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP | SATURDAY

Men of all ages – Come join us for a day of fellowship at David Moore's ranch **Saturday, October 14, 9-2p!** We will have great food and men doing manly things. This is a come and go event and a GREAT opportunity to invite your neighbors, coworkers, or friends. **Please respond to the Evite, or email James Schell** to RSVP or to be added to the Evite list (men@cpcgeorgetown.org).

KIDS AND YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

We have started our fall semester with so much joy, enthusiasm, and anticipation about what God is doing in our classrooms! Parents, we need your help: To help our kids and teachers remain focused and optimize our time together, we will have a check-in time window. Teachers and volunteers are ready and excited about welcoming children as early as 9a. This window will end at 930a to allow for minimal distractions and to honor our teachers and students as we gather for Bible study, worship, prayer and fellowship together. Thank you all so much and we look forward to seeing your kids this week!

directory photos | october 15

Joy Flores will be here **Sunday, October 15**, immediately following service to take photos for us. Please make sure to take your family to get a new family and individual photo for the directory!

building dedication celebration | october 22

Please plan to join us for our Building Dedication Celebration, **Sunday, October 22, 12-3p.** The dedication and prayer time will be during worship service, 1030a. Immediately following the worship service there will be food, fun, and fellowship! Please see the sign up sheets in the lobby to volunteer to help or bring food. **Note that there will be no Sunday school this day.**

come join the advent ensemble

We need singers and musicians (preferably brass instrumentalists) to form an ensemble for Advent. If you are interested, **please contact Van Henry** (hsdb@aol.com).

new nursery worker

If you haven't already, please do introduce yourself to CPC's new nursery worker, Terri Dinh. She recently moved to Georgetown from New Braunfels and is looking forward to serving our families and littlest ones in the nursery!