
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

Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.

— Revelation 4:11 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!

All: Praise befits the upright.

Leader: Sing to him a new song; play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

All: For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness.

Leader: By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host.

All: Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!

— Psalm 33:1, 3-4, 6, 8 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

G C G D G C

1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

G D7 G F D/F# Em Am7 C

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

G D G C G D7 G 7

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: O God our Father, you are all-powerful and all-knowing and wisdom itself. And it is your glory always to be merciful and gracious. We pray that you would grant your grace and mercy to all of us when we stray from your way. Call us back from our weakness and self-focus. Help us to understand that there is no problem your salvation does not address, there is no trouble your goodness cannot overcome. As we worship this morning, O Lord, let us train our thoughts by your truth; let us surrender ourselves to your paths. Let us remember every day that the Lord Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life. In his name do we pray and come before you in worship, O Father, Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: As for us, we were dead in our trespasses and sins, in which we used to live when we followed the ways of this world and the prince of the power of the air.

All: But because of his great love for us, God, who is rich in mercy, made us alive with Christ. And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace, expressed in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith – and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

– Based on Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

JESUS, STRONG AND KIND



1. Je - sus said that if I thirst I should come to him.
 2. Je - sus said if I am weak, I should come to him.
 3. Je - sus said that if I fear, I should come to him.
 4. Je - sus said if I am lost, he will come to me.



No one else can sat - is - fy, I should come to him.
 No one else can be my strength, I should come to
 No one else can be my shield, I should come to
 And he showed me on that cross, he will come to



him. For the Lord is good and faith - ful. He will keep us day and night. We can
 him.
 me.



al - ways run to Je - sus. Je - sus, strong and kind.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: You say, “I am rich; I have prospered, and I need nothing,” not realizing that you are wretched, pitiful, poor, blind and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen; and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see.

— Revelation 3:17-18 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father in heaven, forgive me and have mercy on my wandering heart.
For though you are just and holy,
And though no one can oppose your perfect will,
When temptation comes, I doubt you and I am filled with unbelief.
I trust in my own devices; I lean on worldly remedies;
I soothe myself on shallow diversions that do not satisfy.
I do not pray, I do not trust, I do not obey,
And I do not wait for you, Almighty and Faithful God.
Forgive me, O Father, and help me to remember your mighty works.
Lead me to set my eyes on Jesus, who came under the wrath I deserved,
So that I might know you, Father, and your great salvation.
In Christ’s Name, I pray. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness[.]

— Psalm 130:3-4a ESV

All: **Thanks be to God for his mercy and grace!**

MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE (PSALM 62)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me;
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me. *

** Chorus:*

O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing: my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. *

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;
With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever. *

O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! *

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Leader: John 17:24-26
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.**

**** 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. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

Preaching and serving Communion today is Rick Box who has graciously ministered to us often over the last several months. He was born and raised in Texas and served MTW as a church planning missionary in Columbia and elsewhere. Rick retired in 2020 and now lives in Austin. If you have an opportunity, please greet Rick and Na-Shuang and express our heartfelt thanks for his service to CPC.

Sermon | “Power Prayer”**February 23, 2025**

Ephesians 3:14-21 ^{ESV} | 14 For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, 17 so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith – that you, being rooted and grounded in love, 18 may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

20 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, 21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: Having heard the Lord's Word, how should we respond?

All: Call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you, declares the LORD[.]

— Jeremiah 29:12-14a_{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

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

— Matthew 26:26-28 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 of all, you have ordained this Supper as a reminder that you gave your body and blood to redeem us. The elements call out to us to consider your sacrificial death on our behalf. You have taken upon yourself the Father’s just displeasure on account of our sins, bearing what we deserved. Even so, O Lord, our participation in this supper signifies our fellowship and participation with you in dying to the world. Lead us, Lord, to understand that we cannot partake of your cup and also of the cup of the world’s idols, and grant us to be strengthened by your example in resisting sin and the evil one. Let us not grow weary or fainthearted, but live by faith to honor and praise you and the Father and the Holy Spirit.

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: Take these symbols of Christ’s sacrifice in remembrance and proclamation that he died for you, and partake of them in faith and thankfulness.

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

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul be not afraid,
For the promised morning – O how long – O God of Jacob be my strength. *

** Chorus:*

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together;

We will feast and weep no more.

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful One.
And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. *

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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.

JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!

Jesus! What a friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole. *

** Chorus:*

Hallelujah! What a Savior! Hallelujah! What a friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! What a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my victory wins. *

Jesus! What a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul. *

Jesus! I do now receive him. More than all in him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine. *

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announcements

**** benediction**

**** doxology**

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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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 welcome pad when it comes to you.

LOST AND FOUND

Our lost and found box is getting full. Please check the box located near the front door and reclaim any items that belong to you. Any items not claimed will be donated after the service **TODAY**.

OFFICER NOMINATIONS

Members – One of the great ways you can love CPC is by helping us identify godly men to serve our church as elders or deacons. Pick up a nomination card from the designated table in the lobby and submit your completed form to the collection box by **TODAY**. Descriptions of qualifications and responsibilities for officers of the church can be found on the same table. You may also submit an electronic nomination card with the QR code.

**lent resources**

You may want to consider adding some devotional resources to use to help guide you through the season of Lent (March 5 - April 17). We suggest *The Heart of Christ* by Thomas Goodwin. There are a limited number of copies in the lobby. Pick your copy up today! Suggested donation is \$9.