
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

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

— 2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: For thus says the LORD, who created the heavens, who formed the earth and made it:

All: “I am the LORD, and there is no other.

Leader: “I did not speak in secret, in a land of darkness; I did not say to the offspring of Jacob, ‘Seek me in vain.’

All: I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right.”

Leader: “Who told this long ago? Who declared it of old? Was it not I, the LORD? And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

All: Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.”

— Adapted from Isaiah 45:18-19, 21b-22 ESV

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
 3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty,
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Almighty God, and most merciful Father, we humbly submit ourselves, and fall down before your Majesty, praying from our hearts and asking that, as we worship today, the seed of your Word sown in us may take such deep root that neither the burning heat of persecution would cause it to wither, nor the thorny cares of this life would choke it. Even further, we ask that the seed sown in our hearts may bring forth thirty, sixty, or a hundredfold as your wisdom appoints. We pray before you in Jesus Christ's exalted name. Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: What is true faith?

All: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

— Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

THIS IS THE DAY

** Chorus:*

This is the day that the Lord has made.

We will rejoice as we lift his name.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Come and rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Whether the sun will shine, whether the skies will rain,

I know that you are good and this is the day you made.

Whether in life or death, whether in joy or pain,

I know this truth remains that this is the day you made. *

Now I can walk by faith, you will direct my way.

Your every work is good and this is the day you made.

I am a child of yours, you are the One who saves.

I am redeemed by blood and this is the day you made. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: There is none who does good. The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man, to see if there are any who understand, who seek after God. They have all turned aside. Together they have all become corrupt; there is none who does good, not even one.

— Psalm 14:1b-3 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **O great Father, the house of my soul is corrupt; it is ruinous.
Cleanse it and repair it that you may enter in and renew my soul with your life.
My sin is like scarlet, it is red like crimson.
It dwells within me and is ever present.
I confess both my sin and my inability to overcome it.
Who shall wash me clean? To whom shall I cry but to you, O Lord!
Cleanse me from my secret faults,
And keep your servant from my peculiar sins.
Wash me that I may be clean.
I ask in the name of Jesus Christ, the only Savior and Redeemer. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

— 1 Corinthians 6:9a, 11 ESV

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

A DEBTOR TO MERCY ALONE

A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of
The work which your good - ness be - gan, the
My name from the palms of your hands, e -

cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing, I come with your right - eous - ness
arm of your strength will com - plete. Your prom - ise is yes and a -
ter - ni - ty will not e - rise. Im - pressed on your heart it re -

on, my hum - ble of - f'ring to bring, The
men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet, The
mains in marks of in - del - i - ble grace, Yes

judg - ments of your ho - ly law with me can have noth - ing to
fu - ture or things that are now, no pow - er be - low or a -
I, to the end, will en - dure, un - til I bow down at your.

do, My Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans -
bove, can make you your pur - pose fore - go, or sev - er my
throne. For - ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to

gres - sions from view.
soul from your love.
mer - cy a lone.

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Leader: Colossians 2:6-15
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 Rev. John Weller. He is a Teaching Elder in the South Texas Presbytery and is currently serving as a hospital chaplain. Previously, John was Assistant Pastor at Christ the King PCA in Austin, and prior to that he was a firefighter for the City of Austin for 23 years. He is married to Natalie Weller, and they have four grown children. Please greet John and Natalie, and express our heartfelt thanks to John for his service to CPC this week.

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Ezekiel 36:25-28 ^{ESV} | 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. 26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. 28 You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.

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: Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few.

— Matthew 7:13-14_{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.

WHAT A FRIEND WE HAVE IN JESUS

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
Oh, what peace we often forfeit, oh, what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge – take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee, thou wilt find a solace there.

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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.

PRAISE THE SAVIOR, NOW AND EVER

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
 2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all
 3. Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has bruised the
 4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

4
 neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing suf - f'ring, dy - ing
 righ - teous - ness; he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er
 ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger is the strong - er
 Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

7
 on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - t'ry gain - ing
 set us free from dire dis - tress. his mer - it
 hell it - self is cap - tive led. Through Christ has ris - en
 Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

10
 life ob - tain - ing now in glo - ry he doth rise.
 we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
 from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
 through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

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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.

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | MARCH 9

Immediately following the worship service **Sunday, March 9**, we will be hosting a Newcomers' Gathering in the conference room across the hallway. This is an informal social event for visitors to meet the staff, some of the ordained officers, and each other as well as the chance to ask some questions. Light refreshments will be provided. This event normally goes for about 30 minutes but it is come and go as you please.

CHORAL OPPORTUNITIES

Join Our Easter Sanctuary Choir! (Adults, High Schoolers & Middle Schoolers) The Easter Sanctuary Choir will be starting rehearsals on **Wednesday, March 5, 8p** in the sanctuary right after the music team practice for an hour. We will be learning a song to sing on Easter Sunday. Even if you can't be here on Easter Sunday but love to sing in a choir, I encourage you to join our rehearsals. You never know what other opportunities may arise. Whether you're a seasoned singer or just enjoy leading worship through song, we would love for you to be part of it!

daylight savings time

Daylight savings time begins next **Sunday, March 9, 2a**. Don't forget to set your clocks forward an hour!

ranchopalooza

Thank you to all who prayed for us last weekend as we were at the high school youth retreat in New Braunfels. The youth had a great time making memories, deepening relationships and making new ones, having fun, and seeking the Lord together. It's such a delight to see these young men and women growing in the knowledge of Christ! A special thanks to Mark and Sylvia Lenters for giving their weekend to chauffeur, and to Sam Bosworth for accompanying as volunteer staff!

