
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 in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

– Colossians 1:19-20_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;

All: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Leader: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;

Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

All: For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

– Psalm 95:1-3_{ESV}

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
And hail him as thy matchless King throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high;
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity!

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: God of wonders, who set the stars and moon in their place, who established the sun and tells it when to rise and fall: Is it not your voice that establishes our days and quiets our spirit? Only your words can fill our souls and quench our thirst. Therefore, come, Father of mercies! Come, Son of God and Word of Life! Come, Holy Spirit, Comforter of our souls! Inhabit the praises of your people, O Great God, and fill us with awe at your power, for there is no other god than Our God. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Why is he called God's only begotten Son, since we also are children of God?

All: Because Christ alone is the eternal, natural Son of God. We, however, are children of God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's sake.

Leader: Why do you call him our Lord?

All: Because he has ransomed us, body and soul, from all our sins, not with silver or gold but with his precious blood, and has freed us from all the power of the devil to make us his own possession.

– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 33 and 34

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace. *

* *Chorus:*

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!

Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose,
And let my song forever be: "My only boast is you." *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all . . . 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 1:5, 8-9 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father in heaven, by your Word,
Which is sharper than any two-edged sword,
Would you discern the thoughts and intentions of my heart?
Pierce my soul with conviction of sin and alert me to any error in me.
For though I know and confess that I am a sinner,
I am yet confounded by my desires and enticed by my flesh.
Thank you that Jesus sympathizes with my weakness,
And that he knows what is required to resist temptation,
Because he was tempted as we are, yet without sin.
Let me diligently labor as one who will receive the rest Christ has won,
Even as I rest in his good work carried out on my behalf.
Thank you for your abundant mercy and your throne of grace,
And because of Jesus' Name, I offer this prayer to you in faith, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

All: **Thanks be to the Risen Lamb!**

THY MERCY, MY GOD

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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Leader: 1 John 4:7-12
This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God!

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 | Mary Angelina Loving Steelman

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.

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 yourself to be a sinner 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 a follower 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 yourself to the government and the discipline of the church and promise to study its purity and 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.

sermon

WHIT ANDERSON

Series | “Romans: The Foundation of Our Faith”

Sermon | “Unity Without Uniformity”

April 21, 2024

Romans 14:1-12 ^{ESV} | 1 As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. 2 One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. 3 Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. 4 Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand.

5 One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. 6 The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. 7 For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. 8 For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. 9 For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

10 Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; 11 for it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
and every tongue shall confess to God.”

12 So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

**** gospel charge**

Leader: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

All: **But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**

– Based on James 1:22-25_{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.

’TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus says the Lord.” *

** Chorus:*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more.

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
And in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood. *

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace. *

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end. *

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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.

HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *

** Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more,
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?
What father so tender is calling us home?
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *

What riches of kindness he lavished on us?
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. *

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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 welcome pad when it comes to you.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | TODAY

Members, please plan to join us for a congregational meeting **TODAY**, immediately following the service, to vote on an amendment to the corporation's by-laws and to dissolve Pastor Whit's call to CPC.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 2

Mark your calendar **Thursday, May 2, 630-730p** to join in National Day of Prayer at a new location on the Williamson County Courthouse lawn (710 S Main Street, Georgetown). Bring a blanket or chair if you wish. There is also a morning event open to all at The Worship Place (811 Sun City Blvd, Georgetown), 10a. *Rainout location - 111 W 10th Street, Georgetown.

LADIES' TEA PARTY | MAY 4

Ladies, come and join us for our Ladies' Tea Party **Saturday, May 4, 3p** in the church lobby. We'll sip tea, indulge in delicate treats, and enjoy sweet fellowship as sisters in Christ. Ladies of all ages are welcome - wearing your frilliest dress is encouraged! Sign-up sheets are available in the lobby. **Contact Alexia St. John** (alexia.stjohn26@gmail.com) with questions.

missions opportunity

Come alongside CPC missionaries Marcus and Heather Rudd at Isaiah 55 Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico (just across the border from McAllen, TX) the week of **June 1-7**. Isaiah 55 is a multi-faceted ministry, including a deaf and vocational school, neighborhood outreach, and church planting efforts. Team members will work on projects to improve our deaf school facility and surrounding community. If you have a heart that is moved for the Isaiah 55 Ministries, please prayerfully consider joining a team of CPC members who will act as the hands of Christ in this ministry. **Please contact Gary Britigan** (gary_britigan@yahoo.com) for more information or to sign up for this trip.

nursery worker needed

Our nursery is growing and we are looking to hire a **SECOND** nursery worker! If you know anyone who loves babies, has experience working with kids, and is over the age of 18, please send them our way. Please join us in praying that we find a new nursery worker to serve our youngest members and their families at CPC. **Contact Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org) for more information.

cpc playgroup

If you take care of kids during the day, come visit with friends from church while your children play! We would love to have you join planned and impromptu playdates around town. **Contact Joanna Sukup** (joannasukup@gmail.com) to be added to our email list.