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**prelude**

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

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**preparing our hearts**

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior[.]

–Titus 3:5-6 ESV

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Answer me quickly, O LORD! My spirit fails!

**All:** **Hide not your face from me, lest I be like those who go down to the pit.**

*Leader:* Let me hear in the morning of your steadfast love, for in you I trust.

**All:** **Make me know the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.**

*Leader:* Teach me to do your will, for you are my God!

**All:** **Let your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

– Psalm 143:7-8, 10 ESV

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All:** **Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## WORSHIP CHRIST THE RISEN KING

Rise, O Church! and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell  
Sing as all the earth rejoices, resurrection anthems swell  
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ the Risen King!

See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now its mouth declares  
Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares  
Come and worship! Come and worship! Worship Christ the Risen King!

Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power  
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour  
He has conquered! He has conquered! Christ the Lord the Risen King!

We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory  
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free  
Stand in triumph! Stand in triumph! Worship Christ the Risen King!

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## \*\* prayer of invocation

*Leader:* Father in heaven, you alone are all-knowing and perfectly wise. Receive this worship from us who are weak and frail, because it depends not upon us, but upon your immeasurable worth. Perfect us, though we are slow to move, because it depends not on our will but yours. Grant us your sufficient grace, though our faith is small, because it depends not on our strength, but upon your powerful Spirit. Be our all, for all we offer you must provide. Be our all, for when we have you, we need nothing else. We pray this in the name of Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit, reigns forever and ever. Amen.

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* What do you confess when you say, he ascended into heaven?

**All:** That Christ, before the eyes of his disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven, and that he is there for our benefit until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.

*Leader:* How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us?

**All:** First, he is our Advocate in heaven before his Father.

Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that he, our Head, will also take us, his members, up to himself.

Third, he sends us his Spirit as a counter-pledge, by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.

— *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 46 & 49

## HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

“Man of Sorrows” – what a name for the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood;  
Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he.  
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry;  
Now in heaven, exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew this song we’ll sing – Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.” Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation!

– Psalm 27:8-9 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Lord of all love and goodness,  
Whose steadfast love is unfailing and unending,  
Forgive us, your children, for we have sinned against you.  
We have been like Judas, loving our own plans more than you;  
We have been like Peter, loving our own strength more than you.  
We have been like the Pharisees, loving our own righteousness  
At the expense of despising our neighbor.  
But you have loved us while we were yet far off,  
And Christ died for us while we were yet sinners.  
Therefore, cause us to repent of our self-love  
That we might be remade by the love of our Savior,  
And be directed to love our neighbors as he did.  
In Jesus’ name we pray, Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

– 1 John 4:10 NIV

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

## HELP MY UNBELIEF

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,  
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away.  
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;  
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft.  
Till Jesus makes it soft.

*Chorus:*

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.  
My help must come from thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;  
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.  
A soul as base as mine.

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will;  
I know what he appoints is best and murmur at it still.  
I murmur at it still.

*Chorus (2x):*

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.  
My help must come from thee.

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*Leader:* 1 Peter 1:1-9  
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.**

*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** | “James – Faith Works”**Sermon** | “Prosperity and Patience”**April 23, 2023**

**James 5:1-11** ESV | **1** Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. **2**Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. **3**Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. **4** Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts. **5** You have lived on the earth in luxury and in self-indulgence. You have fattened your hearts in a day of slaughter. **6** You have condemned and murdered the righteous person. He does not resist you.

**7** Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains. **8** You also, be patient. Establish your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is at hand. **9** Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door. **10** As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. **11** Behold, we consider those blessed who remained steadfast. You have heard of the steadfastness of Job, and you have seen the purpose of the Lord, how the Lord is compassionate and merciful.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**



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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

**All:** As obedient children, we will not be conformed to the passions of our former ignorance, but because he who called us is holy, we will be holy in all our conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

– Based on 1 Peter 1:13-16<sub>ESV</sub>

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## 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.*

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## 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<sup>ESV</sup>

*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, that they may be unto us the body and blood of your dear Son Jesus Christ. 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.*

## JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small.  
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me your all in all.” \*

*\* Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe.  
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,  
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone. \*

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim;  
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary’s Lamb. \*

And when, before the throne I stand in him complete,  
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. \*

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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 our gifts are freely returned, and in no way add to but are only a response to the supremely adequate work of Christ's atonement.*

## ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;  
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

You chosen seed of Israel's race, you ransomed from the fall,  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;  
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all;  
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all;  
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

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**announcements**

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**\*\* benediction**

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**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 a visitor card, located at the entrance by the bulletins.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | TODAY**

Members - Please make plans to attend a congregational meeting **TODAY immediately following the worship service**, to elect Corporate Trustees (read more about the candidates on page 18) and to adopt by-laws for the church. These are legal requirements for the purchase of the new property. A handout with the proposed by-laws will be passed out before the meeting begins.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER | MAY 4**

Mark your calendar **Thursday, May 4, 630-730p** to join in National Day of Prayer at Crestview Baptist Church (2300 Williams Dr) on the east lawn and parking lot. There is also a morning event open to all at The Worship Place at 10a. The event will happen rain or shine with two options to participate: There will be a broadcast "drive-in" style to your car radio in the parking lot, or you can bring a lawn chair and sit under the big oak tree.

**MEN'S ULTIMATE FRISBEE | MAY 6**

Men - We have been challenged by our sister church, CrossPointe, to a friendly match of ultimate frisbee on **Saturday, May 6, 10a. Contact James Schell** (men@cpcgeorgetown.org, (512) 468.1207) for more details.

**sedro crossing update**

We will be moving into our new building in the next few weeks! Please stay tuned for important dates. We will need help moving from Pickett to Sedro. There will also be some work days to get our new space ready, and we will need all hands on deck! **Contact the deacons with questions** (deacons@cpcgeorgetown.org).

**weekly email**

Did you know that CPC sends a weekly email newsletter on Fridays? If you are not receiving the email already and would like to, **please email Adrienne Herron to get on our email list** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org). It's a great way to keep up with church life!

## About the Candidates

### CPC Corporate Officer Election

**Gary Britigan** was born and raised in the Metropolitan Detroit, MI area. While growing up, he attended the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in Warren and was eventually confirmed into that church while in middle school. After graduation from high school, he attended the University of Detroit where he was educated by the Jesuit Fathers of St. Ignatius Loyola. Gary graduated with a degree in accounting and subsequently sat for and passed the CPA examination. After he became a CPA, he went to graduate school and earned his MBA in economics and finance. He has worked in either public accounting or corporate accounting for the past forty-five years. Currently, Gary works in the Internal Audit Department for Berry Plastics Corporation.



Gary and Jan were invited to visit CPC by Larry and Kathy Lorimor when they traveled to Georgetown in 2014 to explore Sun City as a possible place for retirement. In 2016, Jan and Gary bought a home in Sun City and began attending CPC regularly. Previously, Gary was active in his prior PCA church in Naperville, IL, where he taught Sunday School, served as a mentor for students in middle school, participated on the worship team, and was ordained as a deacon. For over ten years, Gary was the Clerk for the Deacons. When not working, Gary enjoys biking, running, and swimming at Sun City. Gary has been on the session since December 2019.

**David Moore** was born in Poughkeepsie, NY, and raised in the Burlington, VT, area where he attended a non-denominational Christian church as a child. David attended the University of Vermont, graduating with a bachelor of science degree in Business and has worked in hi-tech for many years. After moving to Texas from Boston in 1999, David married his wife Shelie in 2001. They have two boys: Joshua and Samuel. David and Shelie have been members of CPC since 2010. David was elected as a CPC ruling elder in 2012 and served in that capacity for six years before taking a sabbatical. He was then re-elected to the session in 2020 and is currently on a break from service. Among many hobbies, David especially enjoys skiing and traveling with his family.



**Jim Pax** was raised in Ohio as one of six children. He joined the Navy after high school and served seven years in the Navy's nuclear power program as an instructor and later as the leading reactor operator on board the fast-attack submarine, USS Jack. Upon his discharge from the Navy in 1977, Jim earned an accounting degree from the University of Texas at Austin. It was also at UT that Jim met and married his wife Carol. Jim's business career included twelve years as a CPA in public and private practice followed by twenty-six years as a CFP offering financial advice to families and small businesses.



Jim and Carol have been married for forty-three years and raised a family of four children. Jim came to know and trust Jesus through the ministry of a business associate and close friend shortly after he and Carol were married. Jim and Carol have been members of various PCA churches and supported PCA ministries for more than forty years.