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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**

For the LORD takes pleasure in his people;  
he adorns the humble with salvation.

– Psalm 149:4<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* It is good to give thanks to the LORD,

**All:** **To sing praises to your name, O Most High;**

*Leader:* To declare your steadfast love in the morning,

**All:** **And your faithfulness by night.**

*Leader:* At the works of your hands we sing for joy.

**All:** **How great are your works, O LORD!**

– Based on Psalm 92:1-2, 4-5<sub>ESV</sub>

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

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

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King, all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end; our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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## \*\* prayer of invocation

*Leader:* Merciful God, whose compassion never ends and whose mercy comes to us new every morning: Visit us this day with your presence and comfort. Set us free from the concerns of this life, that we might worship you wholeheartedly as those who carry the easy yoke and the light burden of Christ. Fill our hearts with gladness and joy, and by the Holy Spirit fix our eyes on the eternal, unseen things we have in Jesus our Lord. It is in his name we pray. Amen.

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* Why was it necessary for Christ to humble himself even unto death?

**All: Because of the justice and truth of God, satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.**

*Leader:* Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

**All: Our death is not a payment for our sins, but it puts an end to sin and is an entrance into eternal life.**

*Leader:* What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

**All: Through Christ's death our old nature is crucified, put to death, and buried with Him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves to Him as a sacrifice of thankfulness.**

— *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 40, 42, and 43

## IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all – here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For every sin on him was laid – here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death – this is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* For the Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love[.]

– Lamentations 3:31-32<sup>ESV</sup>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Heavenly Father, Most Holy, Most Pure,**  
**We have sinned in thought and word and deed;**  
**We have not loved you with all our heart and soul;**  
**We have not loved you with all our mind and strength;**  
**We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.**  
**In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the sin we do and allow,**  
**And for the good we neglect and stifle,**  
**So that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred.**  
**But, Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness.**  
**In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation,**  
**So that we may love you with a holy love.**  
**We pray these things in the only name by which we stand:**  
**Jesus, your Son. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

– Romans 5:1<sup>ESV</sup>

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

TEACH ME, O LORD, YOUR WAY OF TRUTH

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble clef, a key signature of two sharps (D major), and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The lyrics are: Teach me, O Lord, your way of truth, In your com - mand - ments make me walk, Turn now my eyes from van - i - ty, Turn a - way my re - proach and fear; and from it I will not de - part; for in your law my joy shall be; and cause me in your ways to tread; your right - eous judg - ments I con - fess; that I may stead - fast - ly o - bey, give me a heart that loves your will, O let your ser - vant prove your word to know your pre - cepts I de - sire; give me an un - der stan - ding heart. from dis - con - tent and en - vy free. and thus to god - ly fear be led. re - vive me in your righ - teous - ness.

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*Leader:* Acts 10:9-28  
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. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.*

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**Romans 14:13-23** <sup>ESV</sup> | 13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. 14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. 15 For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. 16 So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. 21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. 22 The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. 23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!



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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

**All:** Let us...lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

– Hebrews 12:1-2<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. 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.*

## GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT JEHOVAH

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing waters flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.  
Strong Deliverer, be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee;  
Songs of praises I will ever give to thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears –  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye.

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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 LOVE CAN NEVER FAIL

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;  
But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.  
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;  
I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my Guide. \*

*\* Chorus:*

His love can never fail, his love can never fail,  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know  
That Jesus guides my faltering steps, as joyfully I go.  
And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,  
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. \*

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land,  
If I may only feel the touch of his own loving hand.  
And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail. \*

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**announcements**

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**\*\* benediction**

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**\*\* 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.

**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.

**FAREWELL LUNCH FOR THE ANDERSONS | MAY 19**

Please plan to join us **Sunday, May 19**, immediately following the service for a farewell lunch for the Anderson family. We hope to show the Anderson family how much we love them and wish them well on their future endeavors in San Antonio! There is a sign-up link in the weekly newsletter or you can sign up in the lobby to bring something to share. **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org) for more information or to volunteer to help.

**CPC KIDS CHECK-IN TEAM NEEDED**

We are growing and welcoming both CPC kids and new visitors every Sunday. Praise God! With our growth we are seeing a need for a "Kids Check-In Team." We'd love to train and equip 5 friendly CPC members, with smiling faces and warm hearts, who would love to help young families and kids check-in to children's classes and children's worship. **If this sounds like an area of service you may enjoy, please contact Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org).

**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.

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