
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

Great and amazing are your deeds,
O Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
O King of the nations!
Who will not fear, O Lord,
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship you,
for your righteous acts have been revealed.

– Revelation 15:3b-4 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised!

All: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.

Leader: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

All: They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and declare your greatness.

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

– Based on Psalm 145:3-9 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works thy hands have made;
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed. *

** Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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How great thou art! How great thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin. *

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: O gracious Father, we thank you for your continual provision in our lives. You daily give us bread to eat and water to drink. In your Son's generosity you have given us all the bounty of salvation. Through your free goodness, remind us that you are all we need. Fill our hearts with gratefulness and praise, for in you there is fullness of life. Even in our grumblings and weaknesses, may your Spirit intercede for us and give us strength to trust you in the giving as well as in the taking away. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

All: **Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, for only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God. I can receive this righteousness and make it mine my own by faith only.**

Leader: But why can our good works not be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of it?

All: **Because the righteousness which can stand before God's judgment must be absolutely perfect and in complete agreement with the law of God, whereas even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.**

Leader: Since then faith alone makes us share in Christ and all his benefits, where does this faith come from?

All: **From the Holy Spirit, who works it in our hearts by the preaching of the gospel, and strengthens it by the use of the sacraments.**

– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 61, 62, 65

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me? *

* *Chorus:*

Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, should die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. *

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. *

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

– Psalm 19:13 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Lord, though you should guide us, we inform ourselves;
Though you should rule us, we control ourselves;
Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves.
We think your truth too high, your will too hard,
Your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not!
And without them, we are of all people most miserable.
Now heal our confused minds with your word,
Heal our divided wills with your law,
Heal our troubled consciences with your love,
Heal our anxious hearts with your presence,
All for the sake of your Son,
Who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

All: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him.**

– Psalm 103:8, 10-11 ESV

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:
A great High Priest whose name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands; my name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heaven he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me; to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ my Savior and my God; with Christ my Savior and my God.

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scripture reading

Leader: Psalm 86:11-17
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.**

missionary update

JOHN & KATHY CLOW

** 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. 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 | “First Love, Sermons from Revelation 1-3”**Sermon** | “The Loveless Church”**June 18, 2023**

Revelation 2:1-7 ESV | 1 “To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: ‘The words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand, who walks among the seven golden lampstands.

2 “I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance, and how you cannot bear with those who are evil, but have tested those who call themselves apostles and are not, and found them to be false. 3 I know you are enduring patiently and bearing up for my name’s sake, and you have not grown weary. 4 But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first. 5 Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent, and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, unless you repent. 6 Yet this you have: you hate the works of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. 7 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will grant to eat of the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.’”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

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

All: **Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

– Ephesians 5:1-2_{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.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." *

* *Chorus:*

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate and has shed his own blood for my soul. *

My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! – my sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend! Even so, it is well with my soul. *

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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.

O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red –
Life that shall endless be.

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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 visitor section in the attendance pad when it circulates.

sunday school

Summer Sunday school has been canceled to allow for necessary work on classrooms. We will reconvene in August. Look for details coming in the near future.

happy father's day

CPC would like to say Happy Father's Day to all the men who live out the tender care and spiritual guidance of our Heavenly Father. We love you and pray for your continued role as spiritual leaders and men of excellence in the lives of those around you.

2023 BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Today is the last day of the baby bottle fundraiser. Please turn in your bottles today or make arrangements to get them to Abbey Jennings. Thank you for supporting the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County!

PRAYER MEETING | TUESDAY

Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting on **Tuesday, June 20, 12p** on Zoom. **Email Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org) for prayer requests and the meeting link.

CPC KIDS AT GAREY PARK | SATURDAY

Please join us for a morning of fun in the sun on **Saturday, June 24, 9a-12p** at the Garey Park splash pad and playground. If your child is in the nursery, pre-school or elementary Sunday school class, they are invited to join us. When you arrive, just tell the front gate you are with Christ Presbyterian Church – admission is free for you.

farewell lunch | june 25

The Flynns' last Sunday with us will be June 25. We want to give them a loving send-off with a congregation-wide potluck lunch on **Sunday, June 25**, immediately following service. Please see the sign up sheets in the lobby to bring something to share. **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org) with questions.

playground

Parents, please be mindful of letting your kids go to the playground. Children must be supervised by an adult to be on the playground. Over the next few weeks there will be some additional safety measures implemented.

farewell & baby shower | july 16

The McQuittys will be leaving in August, and for those who don't already know – they are also expecting! We would love to send them off in style with both a lunch and a baby shower on Sunday, July 16 immediately following service. **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org) to help.

backyard vacation bible school | july 28-29

Get ready CPC kids and mark your calendars for **Friday, July 28 & Saturday, July 29**. Join us for a Faith Expedition as we dig deeply into the rich treasure God has given us. This is also a great experience for children who don't know Jesus, and we pray they will find God's gracious treasure by giving their hearts to the Lord. **Sign your kids up by July 7 at the CPC kids' table and pay \$5 per child** at www.cpcgeorgetown.org/giving. Make sure to choose VBS for the fund.

Volunteers needed: Also, we need help! If you are a teen or adult who would love to come hang out for two days teaching, leading songs, games, crafts, or serving lunch, and overall making Jesus known and having fun while doing it, **contact Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org).

congratulations

Congratulations to Joel, Katie, and Eleanor Narwold on the birth of Tula Marie on Monday, June 5! Tula was 7 pounds, 6 ounces, 20 inches long. Mom and baby are doing great! If you would like to bless the Narwolds with a meal while they transition to being a family of four, **please email the office** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org) for the meal train link.