
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

Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

– Psalm 37:3-6_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

All: **With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.**

Leader: You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one.”

All: **Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!**

– From Psalm 89:1-5_{ESV}

Leader: Worship the Lord, all of you, his people,

All: **For he is our great delight forever!**

** Please stand if you are able

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: Great you are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is your power, and your wisdom is infinite. We praise you without ceasing. You call us to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our hearts find no rest until we rest in you; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen.

– Augustine (adapted)

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace alone through Christ, without any merit of our own, why must we yet do good works?

All: **Because Christ, having redeemed us by his blood, also renews us by his Holy Spirit to be his image, so that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for his benefits, and he may be praised by us. Further, that we ourselves may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and that by our godly walk of life we may win our neighbors for Christ.**

– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 86

WHO IS THIS SO WEAK AND HELPLESS

Who is this, so weak and helpless, child of lowly Hebrew maid,
Rudely in a stable sheltered, coldly in a manger laid?
'Tis the Lord of all creation, who this wondrous path has trod;
He is Lord from everlasting, and to everlasting God.

Who is this, a Man of Sorrows, walking sadly life's hard way,
Homeless, weary, sighing, weeping over sin and Satan's sway?
'Tis our God, our glorious Savior, who above the starry sky
Is for us a place preparing, where no tear can dim the eye.

Who is this? Behold him shedding drops of blood upon the ground!
Who is this, despised, rejected, mocked, insulted, beaten, bound?
'Tis our God, Who gifts and graces on His church is pouring down;
Who shall smite in holy vengeance all His foes beneath His throne.

Who is this that hangs there dying while the rude world scoffs and scorns,
Numbered with the malefactors, torn with nails, and crowned with thorns?
'Tis our God Who lives forever 'mid the shining ones on high,
In the glorious golden city, reigning everlastingly.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

– Psalm 139:23–24 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father of heaven and earth,
You have made us for your glory,
But we have denied you and worshiped created things.
You made us to enjoy you forever,
But we have rebelled against you in pride.
You created us to govern creation as Adam's sons and daughters,
But we cannot even rule over the sin in our own hearts.
You have made us stewards over this world you called into being,
But we waste, neglect, abuse, misuse, hoard it,
And in so doing extend the curse we brought upon it.
Even so, have mercy on us, because of the Second Adam,
Your perfect Son and the sacrifice for our atonement.
To whom our sin is imputed, and through whom our righteousness received,
Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray and have access to you, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

All: **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 1:16-17, 19-20 ESV

GOD, BE MERCIFUL TO ME (PSALM 51)

God, be merciful to me; on thy grace I rest my plea.
Plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgressions now.
Wash me, make me pure within; cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

My transgressions I confess; grief and guilt my soul oppress.
I have sinned against thy grace, and provoked thee to thy face.
I confess thy judgment just; speechless, I thy mercy trust.

Broken, humbled to the dust, by thy wrath and judgment just,
Let my contrite heart rejoice, and in gladness hear thy voice.
From my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in boundless grace.

Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true.
Cast me not away from thee, let thy Spirit dwell in me;
Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.

Sinners then shall learn from me, and return, O God, to thee.
Savior all my guilt remove, and my tongue shall sing thy love.
Touch my silent lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise accord.

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Leader: Revelation 21:1-4
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.

Worshiping with us and preaching today is Danny Morgan. Danny is currently serving Redeemer PCA in Austin as Associate Pastor. Before joining Redeemer, Danny served as Regional Coordinator for Children of the Nations in the state of Washington. Danny graduated from Fuller Theological Seminary in California with an MA in Theology. If you have the opportunity, please greet Danny, and express our thanks for his service to CPC this week.

Sermon | “Return of the King”

June 23, 2024

Psalm 98_{ESV}

1 Oh sing to the LORD a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.

2 The LORD has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

3 He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

4 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

5 Sing praises to the LORD with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!

6 With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

7 Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!

8 Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together

9 before the LORD, for he comes
to judge the earth.

He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.

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

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

– From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 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 symbols of your atoning sacrifice. Grant us, O Lord, to eat this broken bread and to drink this cup poured out, with hearts filled with gratitude and praise to your Son Jesus Christ, by whom our souls are washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. 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 symbols of Christ’s sacrifice. Take them in remembrance and proclamation that he died for you, and partake of them in faith and 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.

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said – to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I'll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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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.

CHURCH WORK DAY | JUNE 29

The deacons are asking for volunteers to help with a maintenance day at CPC on **Saturday, June 29, 9a**. Please bring your drills, wrenches, or screwdrivers as we improve/repair the building. **Email the deacons** (deacons@cpcgeorgetown.org) with questions.

FIRST BUILDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION | JULY 14

Please mark your calendars for **Sunday evening, July 14, 530p**. CPC will have an evening fellowship meal and an informal celebration marking the first anniversary of building use. We will share a meal and visit, have a short devotion, recall the impact of using this building, and close with a short hymn sing. **Sign up to bring something to share in the lobby or in the link in the weekly email. Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org) to help with this event.

get ready for "what a mess, vbs"

Things are about to get messy! Kids and parents, mark your calendars and start telling your friends about VBS this year. We will be holding it at the church, **Thursday, July 25 - Saturday, July 27, 9-1230p**, for kids ages 4 years old to grade 5. At "What A Mess, VBS" kids will learn about why this world can be such a mess, and what Jesus has done about it (Romans 3:23, 5:8)! Kids will enjoy games, crafts, skits, songs, snacks, lunch, and lessons each day. **If you would like to volunteer and help, please let Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org) know or sign up at the Kids' check in area in the lobby. **You can register via the weekly newsletter or at www.cpcgeorgetown.org. Registration ends July 12** - don't delay!

sunday school

Summer Sunday school will begin **Sunday, July 7, 915a** and run through **July 28**. Available classes include:

CPC Kids and Youth - This summer both children's and youth ministries will be looking at four of the spiritual disciplines: reading/meditating on Scripture, prayer, worship, and fellowship. As lessons are tailored for each age group, the basis for and the basics of the disciplines will be shown from the Bible and select catechism questions. We welcome all children and youth to learn and grow in these essential Christian practices.

Adults - We'll be using July to share information about CPC's 2025 budget and finances as well as search committee activities, missions activities, and building fund expenses and giving summary. Informational sessions are currently planned as follows though some last-minute scheduling changes are possible:

- July 7 - Pastoral Search Committee sharing with questions and discussion (Larry Lorimor)
- July 14 - CPC 2025 budget and overall finance report and discussion (Gary Britigan)
- July 21 - Missions report and sharing (Shawn Horrall)
- July 28 - Building What Matters sharing and summary on giving/expenses through June (Lane Joffrion)