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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**

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

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**\*\* 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

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

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

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.  
There is no shadow of turning with thee:  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. \*

\* *Chorus:*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided —  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. \*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. \*

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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)

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## \*\* 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

## REFORMATION SONG

Your Word alone is solid ground, the mighty rock on which we build;  
In every line the truth is found and every page with glory filled.  
Through faith alone we come to you; we have no merit we can claim.  
Sure that your promises are true, we place our hope in Jesus' name. \*

\* *Chorus:*

Gloria, gloria, glory to God alone; gloria, gloria, glory to God alone.

In Christ alone we're justified; his righteousness is all our plea;  
Your law's demands are satisfied; his perfect work has set us free. \*

By grace alone we have been saved; all that we are has come from you.  
Hearts that were once by sin enslaved now by your pow'r have been made new. \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* [W]e do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

– From Hebrews 4:15-16 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Father, forgive us, for we are sinners.  
We are sinners for the many sins we commit,  
For our countless offenses and trespasses.  
We rebel against you, we resist you, and we neglect you.  
Outside of your grace in Christ, we are powerless against this nature.  
But if we are in Christ, we do not sin because you have left us powerless,  
For because we are in him, we have died to sin, and it no longer reigns in us.  
If we are in Christ, we sin because we forget;  
So remind us how mighty and awesome is our God who saves us,  
And how sweet, how lovely, how wonderful  
Is the life lived in your Spirit through the peace Christ has made.  
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace[.]

– Ephesians 1:7 ESV

**All: Thanks be to God!**

## BE STILL, MY SOUL

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side.  
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.  
Leave to thy God to order and provide;  
In every change, he faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heavenly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
To guide the future, as he has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on  
When we shall be forever with the Lord.  
When disappointment, grief and fear are gone,  
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past  
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

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*Leader:* Psalm 46  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God!**

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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.**

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\*\* 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 Compromising Church”**June 25, 2023**

**Revelation 2:18-29**<sup>ESV</sup> | 18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: ‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.

19 “I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. 21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. 22 Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, 23 and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. 24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. 25 Only hold fast what you have until I come. 26 The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, 27 and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’”

*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:** **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<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<sub>ESV</sub>

*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.*

## WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

*\* Chorus:*

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together;

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up. \*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul be not afraid,

For the promised morning – O how long – O God of Jacob be my strength. \*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, you are the faithful One.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. \*

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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.*

## ON JORDAN'S STORMY BANKS

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, and cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, where my possessions lie.  
All o'er those wide extended plains, shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, and scatters night away. \*

*\* Chorus:*

I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound (I am bound) I am bound (I am bound)  
I am bound for the promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath can reach that healthful shore;  
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death are felt and feared no more. \*

When shall I reach that happy place and be forever blessed?  
When shall I see my Father's face and in his bosom rest? \*

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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 visitor section in the attendance pad when it circulates.

**FAREWELL LUNCH | TODAY**

The Flynns' last Sunday with us is today! Please join us for lunch today, immediately following service, to wish them well in their next chapter!

**MEN'S CONQUER SUPPORT GROUP**

This is a group dedicated to helping men overcome and conquer pornography use/addiction through the use of the Conquer video series along with very open and non-judgmental discussions. We are a supportive group of guys from several churches who currently meet twice monthly on Wednesday nights. Though the primary focus is on biblical and proven principles to stop porn use, we also spend time helping each other and talking about other topics, including family, work, and other personal issues. **If you have any questions or interest, contact Jason Crouch** (jcrouchbroker@gmail.com).

**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.

**stage**

Parents, in order to protect children from injury and expensive equipment from damage, we ask that all children be kept off the stage. Thank you in advance for your attentiveness to this request!

**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](http://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).