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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**

You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

– Psalm 16:11<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

**All:** Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

*Leader:* Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**All:** Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually!

– Psalm 105:1-4<sub>ESV</sub>

## ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing. Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam –  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along – O praise him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening, find a voice.  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part. O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care.  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness. O praise him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise him! O praise him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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## **\*\* prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* Father in heaven, by the power of your Spirit, let your light shine upon us this day. Awaken us this hour to the glory of your presence in our midst. Shine among us in such a way that the darkness without and within may be pushed back, and that we might see you, the eternal King. In the knowledge of your Son, let us see you as you truly are and let us see ourselves in light of you. This we pray in the name of the faithful and true witness: Jesus Christ. Amen.

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## **\*\* affirmation of faith**

*Leader:* What is the true repentance or conversion of man?

**All: It is the dying of the old nature and the coming to life of the new.**

*Leader:* What is the dying of the old nature?

**All: It is to grieve with heartfelt sorrow that we have offended God by our sin, and more and more to hate it and flee from it.**

*Leader:* What is the coming to life of the new nature?

**All: It is a heartfelt joy in God through Christ, and a love and delight to live according to the will of God in all good works.**

*– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 88, 89, 90*

## FATHER, LONG BEFORE CREATION

Father, long before creation, thou hadst chosen us in love.  
And that love, so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.  
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same.  
His compassion and his covenant through all ages will remain.  
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise his name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day.  
Mercy, free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.  
God so loved us, God so loved us, that his only Son he gave.

Loving Father, now before thee, we will ever praise thy love.  
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,  
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.

Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb!

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,” and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to you at a time when you may be found.

– Psalm 32:5b-6a ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Almighty God, who numbers the very hairs on our heads,  
And who has declared our lives to be in the palms of his hands,  
We are so often overwhelmed by our circumstances and difficulties,  
We struggle to see opportunities for Gospel witness in our trials,  
We fix our focus on the less important and insignificant in our lives,  
And fail to lift our heads from our problems to see the glorious,  
The expansion of your Kingdom, the proclamation of your Gospel,  
Forgive us for such myopia and lack of true vision,  
Grant us your perspective, confidence, and delight,  
In the name of our ascended and returning King,  
Jesus Christ, who evermore calls us to his mission in this world. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* And he who was seated on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” And he said to me, “It is done!

**All:** **I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son.”**

– Revelation 21:5-7 ESV

## DEAR REFUGE OF MY WEARY SOUL

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise  
On thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies.  
To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal.  
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine.  
The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline.  
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust,  
And still my soul would cleave to thee, though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain?  
And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain?  
No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer.  
Oh, may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat.  
With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.  
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*Leader:* Acts 16:25-40  
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. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.*

**Series** | “Philippians – Joy in the Lord”**Sermon** | “Chained Reaction”**June 30, 2024**

**Philippians 1:12-18a** ESV | **12** I want you to know, brothers, that what has happened to me has really served to advance the gospel, **13** so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to all the rest that my imprisonment is for Christ. **14** And most of the brothers, having become confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

**15** Some indeed preach Christ from envy and rivalry, but others from good will. **16** The latter do it out of love, knowing that I am put here for the defense of the gospel. **17** The former proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but thinking to afflict me in my imprisonment. **18** What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice.

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

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**



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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* Having heard the Lord's Word, how should we respond?

**All:** [T]he grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

–Titus 2:11-14<sub>ESV</sub>

## 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

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.*

## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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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, THE DEEP, DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; vast, unmeasured, boundless free.  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love.  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; spread his praise from shore to shore.  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore.  
How he watches o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own.  
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O, the deep, deep love of Jesus; love of every love the best;  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus; 'tis a heaven of heavens to me,  
And it lifts me up to glory for it lifts me up to thee.

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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.

**welcome to our guest**

Serving Communion today and worshiping with us again is **Rick Box**. Rick has preached for CPC and served Communion in the past. He was born and raised in Texas, and he and his family served as Mission to the World church planting missionaries in Bogota, Colombia for 29 years. Rick retired from MTW in 2020 and now lives in the Austin metroplex area. If you have an opportunity, please greet Rick, and express our thanks for his service to us today and throughout May and June.

**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](mailto:hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org)) to help with this event.

**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)

**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](mailto: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](http://www.cpcgeorgetown.org). Registration ends July 12** – don't delay!