
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

One thing have I asked of the LORD,
that will I seek after:
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD
and to inquire in his temple.

For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.

– Psalm 27:4-5 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory
and the majesty,

Leader: For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

All: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

– 1 Chronicles 29:10b-11 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

FAIREST LORD JESUS

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring;
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forever more be thine.

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**** prayer of invocation**

Leader: O risen King, we rejoice in your redemption over us. In your strength, you bore the wrath we deserve and conquered all our foes. In your love, you took the yoke of our slavery and removed its bond over us. In your Spirit, you call us to remember your ceaseless mercies so that even when we begin to wander in the wilderness, you make your promise of deliverance bring victory in our lives. May your abiding presence be with us and make freedom reign in hearts for all eternity. Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

All: I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, nor my sinful nature, against which I have to struggle all my life, but he will graciously grant me the righteousness of Christ, that I may never come into condemnation.

— Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 56

JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

– Psalm 130:3-4 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
You shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear.
We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn.
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace,
And we despise the weak.
Forgive us, God of mercy.
Help us to trust in your power to change us and make us new,
That we may know the joy of abundant life that comes from Jesus Christ,
The risen Lord.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: [Y]ou were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

– 1 Peter 1:18-19 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God.**

’TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus says the Lord.” *

** Chorus:*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more.

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
And in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood. *

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace. *

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end. *

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Leader: Isaiah 5:1-16
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. 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.

Sermon | “The Parable of the Tenants”

June 4, 2023

Matthew 21:33-46 ESV | 33 “Hear another parable. There was a master of a house who planted a vineyard and put a fence around it and dug a winepress in it and built a tower and leased it to tenants, and went into another country. 34 When the season for fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to get his fruit. 35 And the tenants took his servants and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again he sent other servants, more than the first. And they did the same to them. 37 Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ 38 But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and have his inheritance.’ 39 And they took him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. 40 When therefore the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” 41 They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death and let out the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the fruits in their seasons.”

42 Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures:

“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord’s doing,
and it is marvelous in our eyes’?”

43 Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people producing its fruits. 44 And the one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and when it falls on anyone, it will crush him.”

45 When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he was speaking about them. 46 And although they were seeking to arrest him, they feared the crowds, because they held him to be a prophet.

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 hymns.

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.

THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen could ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.
The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win;
His erring child he reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. *

** Chorus:*

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure, the saints' and angels' song.

When age-old time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;
When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race – the saints' and angels' song. *

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MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine.
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love thee because thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death.
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore thee in Heaven so bright;
And sing with the glittering crown on my brow.
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.

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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

**** 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

Sunday school is on break until July. Stay tuned for more information on the summer session, and mark your calendars for classes on **Sundays, July 9-30**.

MOVING DAY | TODAY

Thank you to all who came out to the work days at Sedro! Amazing progress was made! We are moving from Pickett to Sedro TODAY immediately after service. Please help load/unload the truck if you are able! We will also need people to unpack and organize this week. **Contact the office** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org) **or the deacons** (deacons@cpcgeorgetown.org) with questions.

FIRST SERVICE & BREAKFAST AT SEDRO | JUNE 11

We are moving! Today is our last worship service at Pickett Elementary. Please take note, we will have worship in our new location at Sedro Crossing (4843 Williams Drive, 78633) beginning next **Sunday, June 11, 1030a**. We invite you to come and view the building and fellowship with **coffee and donuts at 915a** before worship.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

The women's summer Bible study on 1 Timothy will run **Thursdays, June 15-July 27, 7p** at Sedro Crossing. We will take July 6 off for the holiday. No childcare will be available for this study. **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org) if you need a book.

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 would find God's gracious treasure by giving their hearts to the Lord. **Sign your kids up at the CPC kids table and pay \$5 per child** at www.cpcgeorgetown/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).

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 **Sunday, June 25**, immediately following service. Save the date and **contact Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org) if you can help organize this special time.

2023 baby bottle fundraiser

Join us in supporting the work of the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County! You will help to provide free parenting classes, spiritual encouragement, maternity and baby supplies, and a hand of friendship to local men and women in crisis. Most importantly, you enable the center to continue sharing the hope and love of Christ with those considering abortion, helping them to choose life for their unborn children. Please pick up a baby bottle today and begin filling it with coins, cash, or a check. **Return bottles by Sunday, June 18 (Father's Day)**. Visit www.phcwc.com for more information about this life-giving ministry or to give an online donation! You may also make your donation on the CPC giving page designating it for PHC-WC by selecting the fund for the Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser.