
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

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice;
let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
let the field exult, and everything in it!
Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy
before the LORD, for he comes,
for he comes to judge the earth.
He will judge the world in righteousness,
and the peoples in his faithfulness.

– Psalm 96:11-13 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul!

All: O Lord my God, you are very great!

Leader: O Lord, how manifold are your works!

All: In wisdom have you made them all; the earth is full of your creatures.

Leader: These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

All: When you hide your face, they are dismayed; when you take away their breath, they die and return to their dust.

Leader: When you send forth your Spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the ground.

All: May the glory of the Lord endure forever!

Leader: Let us rejoice in his works!

– Psalm 104:1, 24, 27, 29, 30-31 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

ALL PRAISE TO HIM



All praise to him, the God of light, who formed the
 All praise to him whose love is seen in Christ the
 All praise to him whose pow'r im - parts the love of
 moun - tains by his might. All praise to him who names the
 Son, the ser - vant King, who left be - hind his glo - rious
 God with - in our hearts. The Spir - it of all truth and
 stars that sing his fame in skies a - far. All praise to him who reigns in
 throne to pay the ran - som for his own. All praise to him who hum - bly
 peace, the fount of joy and ho - li - ness. To Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit
 love, who guides the ga - lax - ies a - bove, yet bends to
 came to bear our sor - row, sin, and shame, who lived to
 now our souls we lift, our wills we bow. To you, the
 hear our ev - 'ry prayer with sov - reign pow'r and ten - der care.
 die, who died to rise, the all suf - fi - cient sac - ri - fice.
 Tri - une God, we raise with lo - ving hearts our song of praise.

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! We come to you with praise and thanksgiving. You are greater than we can understand, more loving than our hearts can respond to, wiser than we can know. Open our eyes to see the wonderful truths you have shown to us in Jesus. Send your Spirit this moment to still our minds to worship you so that we can learn who you want us to be. May our worship be forever and only for the one who sits enthroned as Creator, Savior, and King. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours.
All: All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

– Psalm 86:8-10_{ESV}

Leader: What is God?
All: God is the creator and sustainer of everyone and everything. He is eternal, infinite, and unchangeable in his power and perfection, goodness and glory, wisdom, justice, and truth. Nothing happens except through him and by his will.

– *New City Catechism*, Q&A 2

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

Come behold the wondrous mystery, in the dawning of the King.
He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity.
In our longing, in our darkness, now the light of life has come.
Look to Christ, who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, he the perfect Son of Man.
In his living, in his suffering, never trace nor stain of sin.
See the true and better Adam, come to save the hell-bound man.
Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law; in him we stand.

Come behold the wondrous mystery, Christ the Lord upon the tree.
In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory.
See the price of our redemption; see the Father's plan unfold.
Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold.

Come behold the wondrous mystery; slain by death the God of life.
But no grave could e'er restrain Him; praise the Lord; He is alive!
What a foretaste of deliverance; how unwavering our hope.
Christ in power resurrected as we will be when he comes.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: “Return to me,” says the LORD of hosts, “and I will return to you.”

– From Zechariah 1:3 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Father, have mercy upon us;

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed.

We are prone to leave you and follow after our own hearts.

We are prone to abandon true life for the temptations of this world.

We would be lost, if not for your grace.

Therefore, be near us, lest we fall.

Let us cling to you, lest we lose our way.

Grant us to live in the strength of the Holy Spirit by faith in Christ,

That we may walk as your children ought: trusting and obeying you.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, 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 4:14,16 ESV

All: Thanks be to God!

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: Romans 12:3-6
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.

Series | “Parables of the Kingdom”

Sermon | “The Parable of the Talents”

July 16, 2023

Matthew 25:14-30 ESV | 14 “For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. 15 To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. 16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. 17 So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. 18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master’s money. 19 Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. 20 And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me five talents; here, I have made five talents more.’ 21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 22 And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, ‘Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.’ 23 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.’ 24 He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you scattered no seed, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here, you have what is yours.’ 26 But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I scattered no seed? 27 Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. 28 So take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. 29 For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away. 30 And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In response to the Gospel of grace, how shall we then live?

All: And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

– Matthew 28:18-20_{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.

HELP MY UNBELIEF

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.
A soul as base as mine.

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will;
I know what he appoints is best and murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

Chorus (2x):

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

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UPON A LIFE I HAVE NOT LIVED

Upon a life I have not lived,
Upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; Another's death,
I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed,
Not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; Another's griefs,
On these I rest, on these alone.

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what thy cross has done for me;
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, and pardon there I see.
There I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me,
As one who has thy Word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me,
As one who has thy gift received.

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what thy cross has done for me;
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, and pardon there I see.

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what thy cross has done for me;
There both my life and death I read, my guilt, and pardon there I see.
There I see.

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**** offering & song of thanksgiving**

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.

GRACE GREATER THAN OUR SIN

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt;
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. *

* *Chorus:*

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that will pardon and cleanse within.

Grace, grace, God's grace; grace that is greater than all our sin!

Sin and despair, like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the refuge, the mighty cross! *

Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace; freely bestowed on all who believe.
You that are longing to see his face, will you this moment his grace receive? *

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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.

PRAYER MEETING | TUESDAY

Join us for our first in-person prayer meeting since 2020! Take a midday break for corporate prayer on **Tuesday, July 18, 12p** in the CPC Conference Room. There will be a Zoom option as well. **Email Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org) with prayer and meeting link requests.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP ON BREAK

Parents of preschoolers and Children's Worship volunteers: To allow our volunteers a break this summer, we will not have children's worship services on **Sunday July 23 or July 30**. Classes will resume on August 6. We will be starting a wonderful new curriculum titled, "The Gospel Story" by Marty Machowski. A special thank you to each of our volunteers who serve year-round to help and to teach age-appropriate Bible lessons to our preschool children. We look forward to seeing your little ones again in a few weeks!

online directory

Did you know that CPC has an online directory for members and regular attenders? If you are interested in learning how to access the online directory or update your picture and information in it, **please email Adrienne Herron** (office@cpcgeorgetown.org).

cpc playgroup

If you take care of kids during the day, come visit with friends from church while your children play! We would love to have you join planned and impromptu playdates around town. **Contact Joanna Sukup** (joannasukup@gmail.com) to be added to our email list.

building what matters mid-year update

Total pledges (October 2021 thru September 2024)	\$1,829,232
Pledge total given as of January 31, 2022	\$967,696
Building fund giving for February-June 2023	\$176,299
Pledge total given as of June 30, 2023	\$1,480,692
Pledge total remaining after June 30, 2023	\$348,540