
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

Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

– Psalm 97:11-12_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
All: **To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night,**

Leader: To the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.
All: **For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.**

– Psalm 92:1-4_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: O God, we trust in your power, even as it is often found in weakness; in your wisdom, even as it is expressed in seeming foolishness; in your wholeness, even as it comes to us amid brokenness. We come simply to worship you. Touch us this day, O Lord, sinners that we are, that we might evermore become your saints, your body, your children, your church. For this temple of your spirit is built not upon our own abilities, knowledge, or will, but upon you, in Jesus Christ. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: So God created man in his own image,

All: In the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

– Genesis 1:27_{ESV}

Leader: How and why did God create us?

All: God created us male and female in his own image to know him, love him, live with him, and glorify him. And it is right that we who were created by God should live to his glory.

– *New City Catechism*, Q&A 4

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: For we are brought to an end by your anger; by your wrath we are dismayed. You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

– Psalm 90:7-8 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Have mercy on us, O Lord our God,
For great are our sins, and our unrighteousness abounds.
We repent and humble ourselves before you.
Though our wickedness is great on the earth;
Though every intention of the thoughts of our hearts
Has been only evil continually,
Forgive us and preserve us from your holy wrath,
For the sake of the righteous man you provided in our stead: Jesus.
Because you have allowed the waters of judgment to fall upon his head,
Let us fulfill your will and fill the earth with your glory
By living in the new life you have graciously granted
To those who believe upon Christ and pray in his name. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: “For the mountains may depart and the hills be removed, but my steadfast love shall not depart from you, and my covenant of peace shall not be removed,” says the LORD, who has compassion on you.

– Isaiah 54:10 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God!**

A DEBTOR TO MERCY ALONE

A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of
 The work which your good - ness be - gan, the
 My name from the palms of your hands, e -

cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing, I come with your right - eous - ness,
 arm of your strength will com - plete. Your prom - ise is yes and a -
 ter - ni - ty will not e - raise. Im - pressed on your heart it re -

on, my hum - ble of - f'ring to bring, The
 men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet, The
 mains in marks of in - del - i - ble grace, Yes

judgments of your ho - ly law with me can have noth - ing to -
 fu - ture or things that are now, no pow - er be - low or a -
 I, to the end, will en - dure, un - til I bow down at your

do. My Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans -
 above, can make you your pur - pose fore - go, or sev - er my
 throne. For - ev - er and al - ways se - cure, a debt - or to

gres - sions, from view.
 soul from your love.
 mer - cy, a - lone.

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Leader: Job 1:13-22
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.

Children’s Worship is on break and will resume August 6.

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 Wise and Foolish Builders”**July 23, 2023**

Matthew 7:24-27 ESV | 24 “Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. 25 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. 26 And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. 27 And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it.”

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: **Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.**

– Colossians 2:6-7_{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.

JESUS PAID IT ALL

I hear the Savior say, “Your strength indeed is small.
Child of weakness, watch and pray. Find in me your all in all.” *

** Chorus:*

Jesus paid it all; all to him I owe.
Sin had left a crimson stain; he washed it white as snow.

Lord, now indeed I find your power, and yours alone,
Can change the leper’s spots and melt the heart of stone. *

For nothing good have I whereby your grace to claim;
I’ll wash my garments white in the blood of Calvary’s Lamb. *

And when, before the throne I stand in him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,” my lips shall still repeat. *

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'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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**** 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.

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 visitor section in the attendance pad when it circulates.

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 service on **Sunday, 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!

CPC CONNECT

CPC Connect is coming again this fall. CPC Connect is a once-per-month dinner program with 2-3 other participating couples or singles planned for 3 months each program semester. The intention is to help CPC families connect with one another, help us get to know others in our church community, and assist in welcoming interested visitors. It is a great way to get to know and fellowship with people you might never spend an evening with otherwise. Everyone is welcome to participate. Pick up a flyer in the lobby to sign up for the fall program!

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