
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

For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

– Psalm 95:3-5_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: How awesome is the Lord Most High.

All: **He is the great King over all the earth!**

Leader: God reigns over the nations;

All: **God is seated on his holy throne.**

Leader: Let us sing praises to God,

All: **Let us sing praises to our King!**

– Adapted from Psalm 47

SING HALLELUJAH! PRAISE THE LORD!

Sing hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD! Praise God with - in his sa - cred courts!
 Praise God whose maj - es - ty a - bounds! O praise him with the trum - pet sound!
 With sound - ing cym - bals praise the LORD! With clash - ing cym - bals praise a loud!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise, praise him in his heav'n - ly height!
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise God with lute and harp and strings,
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Let all that breathes now praise the LORD!

Praise, praise him for his deeds of might!
 with dance and pipe and tam - bou - rine! O praise him! O praise him!
 O praise the LORD for - ev - er - more!

Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le - lu - jah!

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: Heavenly Father, you are the source of all true and lasting joy. We praise you for your power and wisdom and love that are beyond compare. O Lord, you meet all our needs. You restore the brokenhearted and heal the wounded. You have revealed yourself to your people, and by your Spirit you are building your church, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. How great are you, Lord! Fill our hearts with love as we respond by singing praises to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself.

**All: For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord.
So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's.**

– Romans 14:7-8 ESV

Leader: What is our only hope in life and death?

**All: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death,
to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.**

– *New City Catechism*, Question 1

IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all – here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on him was laid – here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, Light of the World by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death – this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand;
Till he returns or calls me home – here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: [T]he word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

– Hebrews 4:12-13_{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: O Lord God, in you is the light of life.
Shine into the dark reaches of my soul,
That no part would remain untouched and unchanged by you.
Where I have been disarmed by sin's charms,
Let your Spirit sound alarms and alert me to its harmful intent.
Where sin has taken residence in me,
Let my heart be overturned and every wicked habit thrown out.
Where sin remains hidden from my sight,
Let its stink reach me that I would seek to chase it away.
Instead of sin, let the Lord of my heart be my Savior
And give me strength to listen to him, obey him, and become like him,
Since he purchased my life by his precious blood;
By the gracious name of Jesus, I pray. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

– Colossians 1:13-14_{ESV}

All: We praise you O God, for, in raising Jesus from the tomb, you triumphed over the devil, death, and our despair.

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way;
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will,
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross.
And I beheld God's love displayed, you suffered in my place;
You bore the wrath reserved for me; now all I know is grace. *

** Chorus:*

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way you choose,
And let my song forever be: "My only boast is you." *

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Leader: Exodus 34:29-35
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.

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.

about our guest speaker | Terry Dykstra

Worshiping with us and preaching today is Rev. Terry Dykstra. Terry lives in Austin with his wife Mary Rose and their four sons Arthur (6), Frederick (2), and seven-month-old twins Louis and Oscar. Terry served as Campus Minister for RUF International at the University of Texas for six years, and has been a full-time stay at home dad since leaving RUF after May 2023. He is currently seeking a call to join a church staff as an Assistant pastor. If you have the opportunity, please greet Terry, and express our thanks for his service to CPC today.

Sermon | “Need a Lift?”

July 7, 2024

Mark 9:14-29 ^{ESV} | 14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and scribes arguing with them. 15 And immediately all the crowd, when they saw him, were greatly amazed and ran up to him and greeted him. 16 And he asked them, “What are you arguing about with them?” 17 And someone from the crowd answered him, “Teacher, I brought my son to you, for he has a spirit that makes him mute. 18 And whenever it seizes him, it throws him down, and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid. So I asked your disciples to cast it out, and they were not able.” 19 And he answered them, “O faithless generation, how long am I to be with you? How long am I to bear with you? Bring him to me.” 20 And they brought the boy to him. And when the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. 21 And Jesus asked his father, “How long has this been happening to him?” And he said, “From childhood. 22 And it has often cast him into fire and into water, to destroy him. But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” 23 And Jesus said to him, “If you can! All things are possible for one who believes.” 24 Immediately the father of the child cried out and said, “I believe; help my unbelief!” 25 And when Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, “You mute and deaf spirit, I command you, come out of him and never enter him again.” 26 And after crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, “He is dead.” 27 But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he arose. 28 And when he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, “Why could we not cast it out?” 29 And he said to them, “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer.”

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 let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken,
and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,
for our God is a consuming fire.

—Hebrews 12:28-29_{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 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.*

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.

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That he should give his only Son to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon his shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything – no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ – his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart: his wounds have paid my ransom.

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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.

ALL HAIL THE POWER OF JESUS' NAME

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem and crown him Lord of all!

You chosen seed of Israel's race, you ransomed from the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace and crown him Lord of all!

Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe and crown him Lord of all!

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song and crown him Lord of all!

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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 welcome pad when it comes to you.

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) to help with this event.

VBS VOLUNTEERS MEETING | JULY 14

If you've signed up to be a volunteer at this year's VBS, please join us for a brief meeting, **Sunday, July 14, 830a** in the elementary Sunday school room. We'll discuss the rotation schedule, arrival times, the theme, and answer any questions you may have. We also want to spend time in prayer as we look towards our 3-day event. See you there!

NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | JULY 21

Immediately following the worship service **Sunday, July 21**, we will be hosting a Newcomers' Gathering in the conference room across the hallway. This is an informal social event for visitors to meet the staff, some of the ordained officers, and each other as well as the chance to ask some questions. Light refreshments will be provided. This event normally goes for about 30 minutes but it is come and go as you please.

college and young professionals fellowship | july 28

Following worship service on **Sunday, July 28**, we will be offering lunch for college students and young professionals from **1230p-230p**. Come for a time of food, fellowship, and prayer together. Location: TBD. To help us get an accurate headcount for the food, please **email Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org) if you plan to come.

sunday school

Summer Sunday school began today and **will 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 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) 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. Registration ends July 12** – don't delay!