
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: 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. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

Leader: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

All: And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

– 1 Chronicles 29:10b-13 ESV

** Please stand if you are able

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: 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*, Q&A 1

MY SOUL FINDS REST IN GOD ALONE (PSALM 62)

My soul finds rest in God alone, my rock and my salvation;
A fortress strong against my foes, and I will not be shaken.
Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies like arrows pierce me;
I'll fix my heart on righteousness; I'll look to him who hears me. *

** Chorus:*

O praise him, hallelujah, my delight and my reward;
Everlasting, never failing: my Redeemer, my God.

Find rest, my soul, in God alone, amid the world's temptations;
When evil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my salvation.
Though riches come and riches go, don't set your heart upon them;
The fields of hope in which I sow are harvested in heaven. *

I'll set my gaze on God alone and trust in him completely;
With every day pour out my soul, and he will prove his mercy.
Though life is but a fleeting breath, a sigh too brief to measure,
My King has crushed the curse of death, and I am his forever. *

O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
O praise him! O praise him! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! *

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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: Thanks be to God!

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.
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: Daniel 2:31-45
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 Mustard Seed”**July 9, 2023**

Matthew 13:31-32 ESV | 31 He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. 32 It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.”

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 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.

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.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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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HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

“Man of Sorrows” – what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood;
Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heaven, exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing – Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

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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.

MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with his light,
And wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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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.

playground

Parents, please be mindful of letting your kids go to the playground. Children must be supervised by an adult to be on the playground. Over the next few weeks there will be some additional safety measures implemented.

stage

Parents, in order to protect children from injury and expensive equipment from damage, we ask that all children be kept off the stage. Thank you in advance for your attentiveness to this request!

FAREWELL & BABY SHOWER | JULY 16

The McQuittys will be leaving in August, and for those who don't already know – they are also expecting! We would love to send them off in style with both a lunch and a baby shower on **next Sunday, July 16** immediately following service. Sign-up sheets for food are in the lobby. **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org) to help.

men's conquer support group

This is a group dedicated to helping men overcome and conquer pornography use/addiction through the use of the Conquer video series along with very open and non-judgmental discussions. We are a supportive group of guys from several churches who currently meet twice monthly on Wednesday nights. Though the primary focus is on biblical and proven principles to stop porn use, we also spend time helping each other and talking about other topics, including family, work, and other personal issues. **If you have any questions or interest, contact Jason Crouch** (jcrouchbroker@gmail.com).

update your directory information

Would you like to update your photo or contact information in the online directory? CPC has a self-service membership portal to manage personal information! **Contact Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org) to learn how to register and update your personal information in Servant Keeper!