
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

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

– Matthew 11:28-30_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

All: **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

Leader: On God rests my salvation and my glory;

All: **My mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

Leader: Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

All: **God is a refuge for us.**

– Psalm 62:5-8_{ESV}

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee, who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see;

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;

Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: Father, you have searched us and known us. You know our coming and our going, and you know our inward thoughts. We cannot hide from you, and therefore we can only come as we are – unworthy and unacceptable because of sin, but welcomed through Christ Jesus, who offered himself for our sake. We therefore come and worship you in his name and by your Spirit according to your gracious will. We pray that your presence would be felt among us as we worship today. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: I have been crucified with Christ.

All: It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

– Galatians 2:20 ESV

Leader: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

All: Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

– *New City Catechism*, Question 30

THE APOSTLES' CREED



I be - lieve in God the Fa - ther, Mak - er of the heav'n and earth,
 Suf - fered un - der Pon - tius Pi - late, cru - ci - fied, en - dur - ing hell,
 At God's right hand he is scat - ed, 'til his com - ing, as he said;
 I be - lieve the church of Jes - us ho - ly cath - o - lic re - mains;



and in Je - sus Christ, our Sav - ior, God's own Son, of match - less worth;
 laid with - in the grave so si - lent, as the proph - ets did fore - tell.
 fin - al judg - ment will be met - ed to the liv - ing and the dead.
 we are one thro' all the ag - es, the com - mun - ion of the saints.



by the Ho - ly Ghost con - ceiv - ed, vir - gin Ma - ry bore God's Son,
 But the stone - sealed tomb was emp - tied on the third day; he a - rose;
 I con - fess the Ho - ly Spir - it has been sent thro' Christ the Son
 I be - lieve sins are for - giv - en, that our bod - ies will be raised,



he in whom I have be - liev - ed: God Al - might - y Three in One.
 in - to heav - en made his en - try, Might - y Con - queror of his foes.
 to ap - ply sal - va - tion's mer - it; God the Spir - it, three in One.
 life with God is ne - ver end - ed. A - men, let his name be praised!

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: “Yet even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; and rend your hearts and not your garments.” Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love; and he relents over disaster.

– Joel 2:12-13 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **O Holy God, in your light we see ourselves clearly and are ashamed.
We confess that we are people of impure thoughts and unclean lips;
We think too highly of ourselves and too little of others.
We cling so tightly to the treasures of this world
That we cannot open our hands to receive the blessings of heaven.
Our feet trod the well-worn paths of familiar sins,
We wander so far astray that righteousness becomes strange to us.
Forgive us and set us again on the path that leads to life.
Deal with us not as we deserve, but according to your mercy;
Not because we are worthy but because you are gracious.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

– Matthew 9:12-13 ESV

All: **Thanks be to our great God who redeems our lives from the pit and crowns us with steadfast love and mercy!**

COME YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Come ye souls by sin afflicted, bowed with fruitless sorrow down;
By the broken law convicted, through the cross behold the crown;
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus; mercy flows through him alone.

Take his easy yoke and wear it; love will make your obedience sweet;
Christ will give you strength to bear it, while his grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory, where his ransomed captives meet.

Blessèd are the eyes that see him. Blest the ears that hear his voice.
Blessèd are the souls that trust him, and in him alone rejoice.
His commandments, his commandments, his commandments then become their happy choice.

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary, light to newly opened eyes,
Like full springs in deserts dreary, is the rest the cross supplies.
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it shall to rest immortal rise.

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus; mercy flows through him alone.

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Leader: Psalm 146
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.**

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. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

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Sermon | “Jesus Heals a Man Born Blind”

August 11, 2024

John 9:1-41 ^{ESV} | 1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” 10 So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” 11 He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” 12 They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

13 They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. 14 Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. 15 So the Pharisees again asked him how he had received his sight. And he said to them, “He put mud on my eyes, and I washed, and I see.” 16 Some of the Pharisees said, “This man is not from God, for he does not keep the Sabbath.” But others said, “How can a man who is a sinner do such signs?” And there was a division among them. 17 So they said again to the blind man, “What do you say about him, since he has opened your eyes?” He said, “He is a prophet.”

18 The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight, until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight 19 and asked them, “Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?” 20 His parents answered, “We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. 21 But how he now sees we do not know, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.” 22 (His parents said these things because they feared the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone should confess Jesus to be Christ, he was to be put out of the synagogue.) 23 Therefore his parents said, “He is of age; ask him.”

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” 25 He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” 26 They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” 27 He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” 28 And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” 30 The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” 34 They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.

35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” 38 He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: Having heard the Lord’s Word, how should we respond?

All: [L]ove your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, ... and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.

— Luke 6: 35-36 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

And he [Jesus] took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.”

– Luke 22:19-20 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, through these symbols of broken bread and poured out drink we remember the sacrifice of your Son Jesus Christ for us, his resurrection and ascension, and we look for his coming again in power and glory. Since you have ordained this supper to strengthen our faith, we pray that, by your Spirit and through our contemplation of his sacrifice, you would increase our faith and fellowship with both Jesus Christ and each other. And through our proclamation of the Lord’s death for us, as we partake, may we affirm our allegiance and fidelity to him as our Lord and reconfirm our commitment to following him, living in his light and loving our brothers as he loved 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: Take these symbols of Christ’s sacrifice 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.

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.

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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.

PRAISE THE SAVIOR, NOW AND EVER

1. Praise the Sav - ior now and ev - er; praise him, all be -
 2. Man's work fail - eth, Christ's a - vail - eth; he is all our
 3. Sin's bond sev - ered, we're de - liv - ered; Christ has bruised the
 4. For his fa - vor, praise for - ev - er un - to God the

4
 neath the skies; pros - trate ly - ing suf - f'ring, dy - ing
 righ - teous - ness; he, our Sav - ior, has for - ev - er
 ser - pent's head; death no lon - ger is the strong - er,
 Fa - ther sing; praise the Sav - ior, praise him ev - er,

7
 on the cross, a sac - ri - fice. Vic - t'ry gain - ing
 set us free from dire dis - tress. Through his mer - it
 hell it - self is cap - tive led. Christ has ris - en
 Son of God, our Lord and King. Praise the Spir - it;

10
 life ob - tain - ing now in glo - ry he doth rise.
 we in - her - it light and peace and hap - pi - ness.
 from death's pris - on; o'er the tomb he light has shed.
 through Christ's mer - it he doth us sal - va - tion bring.

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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.

INTRO TO CPC CLASS

We will be offering a membership class this fall in the church lobby based upon interest. This is a wonderful time to learn more about CPC, our denomination, beliefs, ministry philosophy, and where you might fit in and serve. If you are interested in membership or just learning more about our church, **please reach out to Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org). Classes are required for membership.

CPC CONNECT

CPC Connect is a community-building dinner program intended to help the CPC family connect to one another, get to know more about others in the church community, and help welcome our visitors. It's a great way to get to know and fellowship with people you might never spend an evening with otherwise! Pick up a flyer in the lobby to sign up.

sunday school

Sunday school is on break until **September 8**. Enjoy the rest of the summer break!