
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

“Who is like you, O LORD, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You will bring in the people whom you have purchased and plant them on your own mountain, the place, O LORD, which you have made for your abode, the sanctuary, O Lord, which your hands have established. The LORD will reign forever and ever.”

– From Exodus 15:11-18_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

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.**

Leader: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

All: **Teach me your way, O Lord, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.**

Leader: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart

All: **And I will glorify your name forever.**

– Psalm 86:8-12_{ESV}

IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish – but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: God of light and truth, you are beyond our conception or grasp. With reverence and love, we acclaim your glory and sing your praise. For you have shown us your truth and love in Jesus Christ, our Savior. By the power of your Spirit, move us from darkness to light, from sin to new life. May you be present with us and your light shine within us as we worship this day, and every day. This we pray in the name of the Word made flesh, the true light of the world: Jesus Christ. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart,

All: For we have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

Leader: So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

All: Let us like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it we may grow up into salvation.

Leader: For you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,

All: A people for God's own possession, that we may proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy.

– Based on 1 Peter 1:22-23; 2:1-2; 9-10_{ESV}

WONDERFUL, MERCIFUL SAVIOR

Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and friend;
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
Oh, you rescue the souls of men.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace'
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way.
Oh, we've hopelessly lost the way. *

** Chorus:*

You are the One that we praise. You are the One we adore.
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for.
Oh, our hearts always hunger for.

Almighty, infinite Father, faithfully loving your own;
Here in our weakness you find us, falling before your throne.
Oh, we're falling before your throne. *

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

– Isaiah 57:15 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All: Almighty and most merciful Father,
We are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens,
Wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.
Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,
Our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,
Our envy of those who have more than we do,
Our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,
Our indifference to the treasures of heaven, and
Our neglect of your wise and gracious law.
Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good,
Love what you love, and do what you command,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord who reigns forever and ever. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.

– 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 ESV

All: May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works[!]

– Psalm 104:31 ESV

COME, YE SINNERS

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus, ready, stands to save you, full of pity, joined with power.
He is able, he is able; he is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.
Not the righteous, not the righteous; sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him.
This he gives you, this he gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! The Incarnate God, ascended; pleads the merit of his blood.
Venture on him; venture wholly, let no other trust intrude.
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, can do helpless sinners good.

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Leader: Joshua 24:14-28
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. Greet one another warmly with the peace of Christ.

Series | “Philippians – Joy in the Lord”**Sermon** | “A Life Together Worthy of the Gospel”**August 18, 2024**

Philippians 1:27-30 ^{ESV} | 27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, 28 and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God. 29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake, 30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

**** gospel charge**

Leader: In light of God's word of truth, how should we respond?

All: You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.

– Deuteronomy 6:5-7_{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.

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

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

– Matthew 26:26-28 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 of all, you have ordained this supper as a symbol of your sacrificial death on our behalf and for our contemplation. It is a reminder that you gave your body and blood to redeem us. You have taken upon yourself the Father’s just displeasure on account of our sins, bearing what we deserved. Even so, O Lord, our participation in this supper is a sign of our fellowship and participation with you in dying to the world. Remind us, Lord, that we cannot partake of your cup and also of the cup of those idols around us. Lead us to abandon drinking from the cup of the idols of this world and grant us to be strengthened by your example in resisting sin and the evil one. Let us not grow weary or fainthearted, but live by faith to honor and praise you and Father and Holy Spirit. 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 and the instrumentals are played, please consider Christ's sacrifice, the meaning of his sacrifice for you, and how you will then respond to the lovingkindness expressed by the Kings of Kings.

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.

THIS IS THE DAY

** Chorus:*

This is the day that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice as we lift his name.
This is the day that the Lord has made.
Come and rejoice, we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Whether the sun will shine, whether the skies will rain,
I know that you are good and this is the day you made.
Whether in life or death, whether in joy or pain,
I know this truth remains that this is the day you made. *

Now I can walk by faith, you will direct my way.
Your every work is good and this is the day you made.
I am a child of yours, you are the One who saves.
I am redeemed by blood and this is the day you made. *

Bridge:

This is the day, come and sing your praise
For the Lord now reigns on the throne of grace
Soon is the day he will bring us home
And we have this hope for we are his own *

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Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

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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.

welcome

Worshiping with us again and serving Communion today is Rev. John Weller. John is a Teaching Elder in the South Texas Presbytery and has assisted us in Worship multiple times this summer. Currently he serves as a hospital chaplain in Austin. Before this, John was Assistant Pastor at Christ the King PCA in Austin. He and Natalie Weller have four grown children. If you have the opportunity, please greet John and Natalie, and express our thanks to John for his service to CPC.

PRAYER MEETING | TUESDAY

Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting in the conference room **Tuesday, August 20, 12p.** **Prayer and meeting link requests can be sent to Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org). All are welcome to join!

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you are wondering about how and where to serve at CPC, please consider praying about joining our Children's Ministry Team! We are creating our fall schedules right now and would love for you to join any of our three areas to serve - nursery, children's worship, or elementary Sunday school. If you have any questions or would like more information, **please speak with Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org).

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.