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**prelude**

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

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**preparing our hearts**

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

– 1 John 1:5<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Clap your hands, all peoples!

**All:** Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

*Leader:* Sing praises to God, sing praises!

**All:** Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

*Leader:* God is the King of all the earth!

**All:** God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

– Based on Psalm 47<sub>ESV</sub>

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save;  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high;  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity!

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## \*\* prayer of invocation

*Leader:* Father in heaven, by your mercy grant us never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the exceeding righteousness of salvation, the exceeding glory of Christ, the exceeding beauty of holiness, and the exceeding wonder of grace. Your love never fails, and we are truly your beloved, because of your Son and through your Spirit. Visit us today with your grace that pulls us ever forward toward our heavenly home. We pray this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

– Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, “Continual Repentance”

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* Is God, then, not unjust by requiring in his law what man cannot do?

**All:** No, for God so created man that he was able to do it. But man, at the instigation of the devil, in deliberate disobedience robbed himself and all his descendants of these gifts.

*Leader:* Will God allow such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

**All:** Certainly not. He is terribly displeased with our original sin as well as our actual sins. Therefore he will punish them by a just judgment both now and eternally, as he has declared: Cursed be every one who does not abide by all things written in the book of the law, and do them.

*Leader:* But is God not also merciful?

**All:** God is indeed merciful, but he is also just. His justice requires that sin committed against the most high majesty of God also be punished with the most severe, that is, with everlasting, punishment of body and soul.

– *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 9, 10, & 11

## 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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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts[.]

– Isaiah 55:6-7a ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** O Merciful and Loving God,  
Cause me to fear and tremble before the might of your Name,  
To regard with trembling the blazing fire of your holiness,  
That I may regret my sin as I ought,  
For I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed;  
I have fallen short in my understanding, in my desires, in my plans.  
Far be it from me to run from your purifying fire,  
For there alone will I find salvation and hope,  
For as I draw near, I see that Christ was offered up for my guilt,  
And the Son of God was engulfed for my sin,  
Then I will know what you have revealed from the beginning:  
The Lord, who is a consuming fire, is with me, and yet I am not consumed.  
In Jesus' precious name I pray, Amen.

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

**All:** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

– Isaiah 53:5-6 ESV

## IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." \*

*\* Chorus:*

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:  
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate and has shed his own blood for my soul. \*

My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! – my sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! \*

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend! Even so, it is well with my soul. \*

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*Leader:* Deuteronomy 27:9-26  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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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.**

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\*\* 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 | “Romans: The Foundation of Our Faith”

DANIEL MCDOWELL

Sermon | “Equal Judgment Under the Law”

September 24, 2023

**Romans 2:1-16** ESV | 1 Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. 2 We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. 3 Do you suppose, O man – you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself – that you will escape the judgment of God? 4 Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? 5 But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God’s righteous judgment will be revealed.

6 He will render to each one according to his works: 7 to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life; 8 but for those who are self-seeking and do not obey the truth, but obey unrighteousness, there will be wrath and fury. 9 There will be tribulation and distress for every human being who does evil, the Jew first and also the Greek, 10 but glory and honor and peace for everyone who does good, the Jew first and also the Greek. 11 For God shows no partiality.

12 For all who have sinned without the law will also perish without the law, and all who have sinned under the law will be judged by the law. 13 For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. 14 For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, by nature do what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. 15 They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them 16 on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**



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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In response to the Gospel of grace, how shall we then live?

**All:** **Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.**

– Ephesians 5:1-2<sub>ESV</sub>

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## 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.*

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## 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<sup>ESV</sup>

*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.*

## O WORD OF GOD INCARNATE



1. O Word of God in car - nate, O wis - dom from on high,  
 2. The church from her dear Mas - ter re - ceived the gift di - vine,  
 3. It float - eth like a ban - ner be - fore God's host un - furled;  
 4. O make thy church, dear Sav - ior, a lamp of pur - est gold,



O Truth un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;  
 and - still that light she lift - eth o'er all the earth to shine.  
 it shin - eth like a bea - con a - bove the dark - ling world.  
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light, as of old.



we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the hal - lowed page,  
 It is the gold - en cas - ket, where gems of truth are stored;  
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,  
 O teach thy wan - d'ring pil - grims by this their path to trace,



a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.  
 it is the heav'n drawn pic - ture of Christ, the liv - ing word.  
 'mid mists and rocks and quik - sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.  
 till, clouds and dark - ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

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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.*

## JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish every fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heaven are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me; they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure; come disaster, scorn and pain.  
In thy service pain is pleasure; with thy favor loss is gain.  
I have called thee Abba Father; I have stayed my heart on thee.  
Storms may howl and clouds may gather; all must work for good to me.

Soul, then know thy full salvation. Rise o'er sin and fear and care.  
Joy to find in every station, something still to do or bear.  
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, think what Father's smiles are thine,  
Think that Jesus died to win thee; child of heaven, canst thou repine?

Haste thee on from grace to glory, armed by faith, and winged by prayer.  
Heaven's eternal days before thee; God's own hand shall guide us there.  
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, soon shall pass thy pilgrim days,  
Hope shall change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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**announcements**

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**\*\* benediction**

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**\*\*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.

**SEARCH COMMITTEE CAUCUSES**

Members, mark your calendars to join us for the search committee caucuses in regards to the future senior pastor. The women's fellowship & caucus will be held on **Tuesday, September 26, 7p** in the lobby. A detailed email will be sent this week. **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (suzanne.joffrion@gmail.com) for more information. The childrens/youth ministry caucus will be **Wednesday, September 27 at 630p** in the youth room. **Contact Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org) for more information. The men's caucus will be held **Saturday, September 30, 9a** in the lobby. **Contact Larry Lorimor** (larry.lorimor@gmail.com) for more information.

**NEWCOMERS' GATHERING | OCTOBER 1**

Visitors, we are thrilled you have joined us for worship at CPC. To help us get to know one another better, please join us for a brief time of refreshments **Sunday, October 1** following the worship service in the conference room by the side exit. The pastoral staff will be there to greet you, share about our church, and answer any questions you may have.

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING | OCTOBER 8**

Please make plans to attend a congregational meeting at the end of the worship service **Sunday, October 8** to elect members of the church to serve on the search committee for the future senior pastor. **Please note:** Parents, nursery care will be available for the meeting, but kids in children's worship need to be picked up at the end of service before the meeting begins.

**men's fellowship | october 14**

Men of all ages – Come join us for a day of fellowship at David Moore's ranch **Saturday, October 14, 9-2p!** We will have great food and men doing manly things. This is a come and go event and a GREAT opportunity to invite your neighbors, coworkers, or friends. **Please respond to the Evite, or email James Schell** to RSVP or to be added to the Evite list (men@cpcgeorgetown.org).

**an evening of hope | october 17**

Don't miss The Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County's annual benefit dinner, *An Evening of Hope*, **Tuesday, October 17, 7p** at High Pointe Estate (5555 Co Rd 258, Liberty Hill). The doors open at 630p. There will be a delicious meal, silent auction, and a keynote speaker. Jess Ford of Live Action will share his powerful story of survival and his passion for the gift of life. Larry and Molly Brown are sponsoring two tables at the event. If you are interested in joining for dinner, **please email Abbey Jennings** (abbey@cpcgeorgetown.org). If you would also like to sponsor a table or provide underwriting for this event, please call (512) 868.0153 or visit [www.phcwc.com/events](http://www.phcwc.com/events). Do not wait! **The last day to purchase tickets is October 2.**

**building dedication celebration | october 22**

Please plan to join us for our Building Dedication Celebration, **Sunday, October 22, 12-3p**. The dedication and prayer time will be during worship service, 1030a. Immediately following the worship service there will be food, fun, and fellowship! **Contact Suzanne Joffrion** (hospitality@cpcgeorgetown.org) if you would like to sign up to help with the event! We need volunteers! Also, please note that there will be no Sunday school this day.

### men's discipleship groups

We are launching a new men's ministry this fall at CPC. Groups of 3-5 men will be meeting every 2-4 weeks for a time of life-on-life discipleship through fellowship, prayer, Scripture memory, discussion, accountability, and encouragement through personal testimonies and life updates. Each group will also have outreach and acts of service components. For more information or to sign up, **please contact Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org).

### communion preparation

We are in need of two additional volunteers to prepare communion trays in a once-a-month rotation. Setup usually takes 30-45 minutes each week and can be performed prior to Sunday morning. For additional details, **please contact Chris Windsor** (chris.windsor@gmail.com).