



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 1, 2023

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*Making disciples who love Christ, his Word and his Church, through the ordinary means of grace.*

# Christ Presbyterian Church

Order for the Worship of God

Lord's Day October 1, 2023

## Welcome and Announcements

*To all who are weary and need rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares, to all who fail and desire strength, to all who sin and need a Savior, to all who hunger and thirst for righteousness and to whoever will come this church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.*

## Call to Worship

Psalm 115:1, 19

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!...But we will bless the Lord from this time forth and forevermore. Praise the Lord!”

## 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 through all 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 wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
Who rose victorious to 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 heav'n, One with the Father known  
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne  
To Thee be endless praise for Thou for us hast died  
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified

## Prayer of Invocation

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be  
World without end, amen, amen

**Affirmation of Faith:** The Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 12, 13, 14, 15 & 18

Minister: According to God's righteous judgment we deserve punishment both now and in eternity: how then can we escape this punishment and return to God's favor?

**All: God requires that his justice be satisfied. Therefore, the claims of this justice must be paid in full, either by ourselves or by another.**

Minister: Can we make this payment ourselves?

**All: Certainly not. Actually, we increase our debt every day.**

Minister: Can another creature—any at all—pay this debt for us?

**All: No. To begin with, God will not punish any other creature for what a human is guilty of. Furthermore, no mere creature can bear the weight of God's eternal wrath against sin and deliver others from it.**

Minister: What kind of mediator and deliverer should we look for then?

**All: One who is a true and righteous human, yet more powerful than all creatures, that is, one who is also true God.**

Minister: Then who is this mediator—true God and at the same time a true and righteous human?

**All: Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was given to us to completely deliver us and make us right with God.**

### **Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand  
The shadow of a mighty rock  
    Within a weary land  
A home within the wilderness  
    A rest upon the way  
From the burning of the noontide heat  
    And the burden of the day

Upon the cross of Jesus  
Mine eye at times can see  
The very dying form of One  
Who suffered there for me  
And from my stricken heart with tears  
    Two wonders I confess  
The wonders of redeeming love  
    And my unworthiness

I take, O cross, thy shadow  
    For my abiding place  
I ask no other sunshine than  
    The sunshine of His face  
Content to let the world go by  
    To know no gain nor loss  
My sinful self my only shame  
    My glory, all the cross

### **Call to Confession**

Psalm 38:18, 21-22

“For I am ready to fall, and my pain is ever before me. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin...Do not forsake me, O Lord! O my God, be not far from me! Make haste to help me, O Lord, my salvation!”

## Confession of Sin

Minister: Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Father of mercies, we confess that we have sinned against you. By your Holy Spirit, come and work repentance into our hearts. Help us to see you as you are: with outstretched arms, a loving heart, and power to save. Help us to see Jesus, the friend of sinners, and to follow him more faithfully. As we have received him, so strengthen us to walk in him, depend on him, commune with him, and be conformed to him. Give us an experience of your grace that makes us bold for others, that we might joyfully tell our friends and neighbors of your saving mercy. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

Psalm 103:8-12

“The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.”

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### His Mercy Is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done  
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### **Chorus**

Praise the Lord His mercy is more  
Stronger than darkness new every morn  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam  
What Father so tender is calling us home  
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### *Chorus*

What riches of kindness He lavished on us  
His blood was the payment His life was the cost  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford  
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

### *Chorus*

**Prayer of Intercession**

Mr. Mike Kirkwood

### **Tithes and Offerings**

#### **The Doxology**

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.

**The Preaching of God's Word**

Rev. Nolan Williamson

### **"A Mighty Fortress"**

Psalm 46

## **Ancient of Days**

Though the nations rage  
Kingdoms rise and fall  
There is still one King  
Reigning over all  
So I will not fear  
For this truth remains  
That my God is the Ancient of Days

### **Chorus**

None above Him none before Him  
All of time in His hands  
For His throne it shall remain and ever stand  
All the power all the glory  
I will trust in His name  
For my God is the Ancient of days

Though the dread of night  
Overwhelms my soul  
He is here with me  
I am not alone  
O His love is sure  
And He knows my name  
For my God is the Ancient of Days

### *Chorus*

Though I may not see  
What the future brings  
I will watch and wait  
For the Saviour king  
Then my joy complete  
Standing face to face  
In the presence of the Ancient of Days

### *Chorus*

## **Benediction**



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## **SUNDAY SERVICE**

10:30 am - The Don Walker Education Center  
at the Sam Houston Memorial Museum

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