



# CHRIST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

April 23, 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 April 23, 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 47:6-7

"Sing praises to God, sing praises!  
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!  
For God is the King of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm!"

## 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. Amen

## 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 Westminster Shorter Catechism Q&A 1-3

**Minister:** What is the chief end of man?

**All: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.**

**Minister:** What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**All: The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.**

**Minister:** What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**All: The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.**

### 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

### **Chorus**

Hallelujah, all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah, Jesus is my life

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*

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

### *Chorus 2x*

## **Call to Confession**

Psalm 32:3-5

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

## **Confession of Sin**

**Minister:** Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Eternal God, you do not change. You have revealed yourself to us in your Word. You call us to worship you in spirit and in truth, but we confess that we often worship not your true self but who we wish you to be. We too often ask you to bless what we do, rather than seeking to do what you bless. Forgive us for seeking concessions when we should be seeking guidance. Forgive us when our worship shapes you into what we want, instead of shaping us into what you want. Help us to meet you here, that we might bow before your unspeakable majesty and so live for you now and ever in Christ. Amen.**

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon and Comfort**

Psalm 32:1-2

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

### **God Be Merciful To Me**

God be merciful to me  
On Thy grace I rest my plea  
Plenteous in compassion Thou  
Blot out my transgressions now  
Wash me make me pure within  
Cleanse O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess  
Grief and guilt my soul oppress  
I have sinned against Thy grace  
And provoked Thee to Thy face  
I confess Thy judgment just  
Speechless I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born of sin  
Thou desirest truth within  
Thou alone my Savior art  
Teach Thy wisdom to my heart  
Make me pure Thy grace bestow  
Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken humbled to the dust  
By Thy wrath and judgment just  
Let my contrite heart rejoice  
And in gladness hear Thy voice  
From my sins O hide Thy face  
Blot them out in boundless grace

**Prayer of Intercession**

Mr. Aaron Lockhart

### **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

#### **"Fellowship and Joy"**

1 John 1:3-4

## **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**

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

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**

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

*Repeat*

## **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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