SERVICE OF WORSHIP | CPC

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

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

For kingship belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

- Psalm 22:27-28

** call to worship

Leader: Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever.

All: Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

Leader: Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all.

All: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.

Leader: And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

- 1 Chronicles 29:10b-13 _{ESV}

^{**} Please stand if you are able

HOW GREAT THOU ART

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed. *

* Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

When thru the woods and forest glades I wander And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees; When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin. *

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *

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**prayer of invocation

Leader:

Father in heaven, thank you that you have spoken salvation over your people and have delivered us from the bondage of sin. Free our lips to praise you, our hands to serve you, and our hearts to love you, for you are our life and breath. Visit us today with the knowledge of your grace in Christ, your Son, whom you sent for our sake, and through the strength of your Holy Spirit, who counsels us to trust in you. According to your saving work in Jesus Christ, Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader:

What kind of King is Jesus, the Christ?

All:

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

- Colossians 1:15-20 ESV

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee:
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. *

* Chorus:

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided —
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest; Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. *

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renewing our hearts

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Repent therefore, and turn back, that your sins may be blotted out, that times of

refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord.

-Acts 3:19-20a _{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: Loving Father, have mercy on me, a sinner;

I confess that I am stiff-necked and hard-hearted.

Even when I know the change you require, I refuse to change.

I rebel against you and I blame you for making me the sinner I am.

Again and again, I ask for blessing, but do not accept your terms;

I plead for liberty, but will not let go of my chains.

And yet, though I have been stubborn and slow,

You turn to me with a soft heart and with tender mercy.

You see my sin and yet have compassion on me.

Melt my heart of stone and give me a heart of flesh -

Let your lovingkindness capture my attention

And cause me to turn from sin and toward your righteousness;

All for the sake of your Son, who lived and died for me. Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to

those who fear him. For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

All: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD,

O my soul!

– Psalm 103:13-14, 22 _{ESV}

** hymn of gratitude

DEAR REFUGE OF MY WEARY SOUL

Dear refuge of my weary soul, on thee, when sorrows rise On thee, when waves of trouble roll, my fainting hope relies. To thee I tell each rising grief, for thou alone canst heal. Thy Word can bring a sweet relief, for every pain I feel.

But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail, I fear to call thee mine. The springs of comfort seem to fail, and all my hopes decline. Yet gracious God, where shall I flee? Thou art my only trust, And still my soul would cleave to thee, though prostrate in the dust.

Hast thou not bid me seek thy face, and shall I seek in vain? And can the ear of sovereign grace be deaf when I complain? No still the ear of sovereign grace, attends the mourner's prayer. Oh, may I ever find access, to breathe my sorrows there.

Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat. With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet. Thy mercy seat is open still, here let my soul retreat. With humble hope attend thy will, and wait beneath thy feet.

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scripture reading

Leader: Philippians 3:8-14

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. 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 | "Faith — Elijah and Elisha in I & II Kings" Sermon | "The Confirmation of Faith" WHIT ANDERSON

January 15, 2023

I Kings 17:17-24 ESV | 17 After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill. And his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. 18 And she said to Elijah, "What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance and to cause the death of my son!" 19 And he said to her, "Give me your son." And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. 20 And he cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?" 21 Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the LORD, "O LORD my God, let this child's life come into him again." 22 And the LORD listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. 23 And Elijah took the child and brought him down from the upper chamber into the house and delivered him to his mother. And Elijah said, "See, your son lives." 24 And the woman said to Elijah, "Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the LORD in your mouth is truth."

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

sermon notes

** gospel charge

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

All: Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

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 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 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, 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.

communion reflection & song

As the elements are distributed, sing as one body, affirming that in Christ we are united to him and to one another.

HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?

"Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room, When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come; Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

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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 our gifts are freely returned, and in no way add to but are only a response to the supremely adequate work of Christ's atonement.

ALL MUST BE WELL

Through the love of God our Savior, all will be well Free and changeless is his favor, all is well Precious is the blood that healed us, perfect is the grace that sealed us Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us, all must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, all will be well Ours is such a full salvation, all is well Happy still in God confiding, fruitful if in Christ abiding Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding, all must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; all will be well Faith can sing through days of sorrow, all is well On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying Yes, in living or in dying, all must be well

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** benediction	
announcements	
**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.

CHURCH LIFE | CPC

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 a visitor card, located at the entrance by the bulletins.

intro to cpc

If you would like to learn more about what we believe and what we aim to do, please plan on attending the Intro to CPC Class (all three days) during the Sunday School hour February 5, February 12, and February 19. **Email Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org) **to sign up or to request more information by January 26.** This class is required to become a member.

PREGNANCY HELP CENTER BBQ FUNDRAISER | TODAY

Please plan to attend a barbecue fundraiser benefiting the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County **after today's worship service until 2p** at the Georgetown Community Center located in San Gabriel Park (445 E. Morrow St.), serving Pok-e-Jo's and all the fixings! You are invited to come and go, dine-in, or take it home!

PRAYER MEETING | TUESDAY

Please join us for the monthly prayer meeting via Zoom, **Tuesday January 17, 12p. Prayer and meeting link requests can be sent to Jeanne Dillinger** (prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org). All are welcome to join!

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP NIGHT | THURSDAY

Ladies, join us for a fellowship night on **Thursday, January 19, 7p** at the Joffrions' home to kick off our winter/spring study of Habakkuk! Even if you can't attend the Bible study, feel free to join us!

women's bible study

The women's group Bible study of Habakkuk has two meeting options: Monday mornings or Thursday evenings. The studies will begin **Monday, January 23, 930a** at Pickett (childcare by RSVP only), or **Thursday night, January 26, 7p**, at Jeanne Dillinger's home. **Let Suzanne Joffrion know if you need a study book**. We look forward to this time of growth in God's Word! **If you have questions contact Valin Wells** (jonandvalin@protonmail.com), **Shelie Moore** (sheliemoore@gmail.com), or **Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org).

sign up for the chili cookoff

Our 5th annual chili cookoff is **Sunday, January 29**, immediately following the service. We need at least twelve chili chefs with crock pots, as well as others to provide sides, salads, cornbread, desserts, and drinks. Jan Straka took home the 1st place trophy in 2022 – do you have what it takes to take home the trophy this year? **Please sign up to compete or to bring something.** The sign-up sheets can be found in the main hall or electronically in the newsletter link. We are also looking for two more volunteers to help organize this event. **Please email Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org) **with questions or to help!**

officer nominations

Members – One of the great ways you can love CPC is by helping us identify godly men to serve our church as elders or deacons. Pick up a nomination card from the designated table near the entrance and submit your completed form to the wooden box by **Sunday, January 29**. Descriptions of the qualifications and responsibilities for officers of the church can be found on the same table.

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missions opportunity

Come alongside CPC missionaries Marcus and Heather Rudd at Isaiah 55 Ministries in Reynosa, Mexico (just across the border from McAllen, TX) the week of **March 11-17, 2023**. Isaiah 55 is a multi-faceted ministry, including a deaf and vocational school, neighborhood outreach, and church planting efforts. Team members will work on projects to improve our deaf school facility and surrounding community. If you have a heart that is moved for the Isaiah 55 Ministries, please prayerfully consider joining a team of CPC members who will act as the hands of Christ in this ministry. **Please contact Gary Britigan** (gary_britigan@yahoo.com) **or Shawn Horrall** (shorrall@gmail.com) with the Missions Committee for more information or to sign up for this trip.