
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

Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The LORD is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.
He gives power to the faint,
and to him who has no might he increases strength.

— Isaiah 40:28-29 ESV

**** call to worship**

Leader: The eyes of all look to you, and you give them their food in due season.

All: **You open your hand; you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.

All: **The LORD is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.**

Leader: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; he also hears their cry and saves them.

All: **The LORD preserves all who love him, but all the wicked he will destroy.**

— Psalm 145:15-20 ESV

Leader: We are gathered here to behold the Lord our God. Awesome and mighty is he.

THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. Oh, let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

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****prayer of invocation**

Leader: Heavenly Father, you are the giver of life and the source of all true and lasting joy. We praise you for your power and wisdom and love that are beyond compare. O Lord, you meet all our needs. You restore the brokenhearted and heal the wounded. You have revealed yourself to your people, and by your Spirit you are building your church, against which the gates of hell cannot prevail. How great are you, Lord! Fill our hearts with love as we respond by singing praises to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?
All: **If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**
If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me.
If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me, and the light about me be night,”
even the darkness is not dark to you; the night is bright as the day, for darkness is as light with you.

Leader: For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother’s womb.
All: **I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well. My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Your eyes saw my unformed substance; in your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!**

— Psalm 139:7-17a ESV

BE THOU MY VISION

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night; waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father and I thy true son; thou in me dwelling and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart; High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won. May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!
— Psalm 139:23-24^{ESV}

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Father, forgive us for we are sinners.**
We are sinners for the many sins we commit,
For our countless offenses and trespasses.
Not only do we commit sins; we are sinners by nature.
We rebel against you, we resist you, and we neglect you.
We are corrupted in our hearts, sinful through and through.
Outside of your grace in Christ, we are powerless against this nature.
But if in Christ, we do not sin because you have left us powerless,
For in him, we have died to sin and it no longer reigns in us.
If in Christ, we sin because we forget;
So remind us how mighty and awesome is our God who saves us,
And how sweet, how lovely, how wonderful
Is the life lived in your Spirit through the peace Christ has made.
In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace[.]

— Ephesians 1:7^{ESV}

All: **Thanks be to God!**

ISAIAH 43

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you,
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name; you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am) the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
I am the Lord (do not fear) (x4)

When you walk through the fire, you'll not be burned,
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you,
I have called you by name; you are mine.

For I am the Lord your God (I am the Lord your God),
I am the Lord your God (I am) the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior
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I am the Lord (do not fear) (x4)
I am the Lord.

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Leader: Galatians 1:3-12
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”

WHIT ANDERSON

Sermon | “Fire From Heaven”

January 22, 2023

1 Kings 18:17-39 ^{ESV} | 17 When Ahab saw Elijah, Ahab said to him, “Is it you, you troubler of Israel?” 18 And he answered, “I have not troubled Israel, but you have, and your father’s house, because you have abandoned the commandments of the LORD and followed the Baals. 19 Now therefore send and gather all Israel to me at Mount Carmel, and the 450 prophets of Baal and the 400 prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel’s table.”

20 So Ahab sent to all the people of Israel and gathered the prophets together at Mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah came near to all the people and said, “How long will you go limping between two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him.” And the people did not answer him a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people, “I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD, but Baal’s prophets are 450 men. 23 Let two bulls be given to us, and let them choose one bull for themselves and cut it in pieces and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. And I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood and put no fire to it. 24 And you call upon the name of your god, and I will call upon the name of the LORD, and the God who answers by fire, he is God.” And all the people answered, “It is well spoken.” 25 Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, “Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many, and call upon the name of your god, but put no fire to it.” 26 And they took the bull that was given them, and they prepared it and called upon the name of Baal from morning until noon, saying, “O Baal, answer us!” But there was no voice, and no one answered. And they limped around the altar that they had made. 27 And at noon Elijah mocked them, saying, “Cry aloud, for he is a god. Either he is musing, or he is relieving himself, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened.” 28 And they cried aloud and cut themselves after their custom with swords and lances, until the blood gushed out upon them. 29 And as midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice. No one answered; no one paid attention.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, “Come near to me.” And all the people came near to him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down. 31 Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, “Israel shall be your name,” 32 and with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. And he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two seahs of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order and cut the bull in pieces and laid it on the wood. And he said, “Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood.” 34 And he said, “Do it a second time.” And they did it a second time. And he said, “Do it a third time.” And they did it a third time. 35 And the water ran around the altar and filled the trench also with water.

36 And at the time of the offering of the oblation, Elijah the prophet came near and said, “O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, and that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your word. 37 Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back.” 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering and the wood and the stones and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, “The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God.”

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.

— Colossians 2:6-7_{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. 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.

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

ABIDE WITH ME

Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord with me abide.
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, abide with me.

Thou on my head in early youth didst smile;
And, though rebellious, and perverse meanwhile,
Thou hast not left me, though I oft left thee;
On to the close, Lord, abide with me.

I need thy presence, every passing hour.
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, abide with me.

I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight; tears lose their bitterness.
Where is thy sting, Death? Where, Grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, abide with me.

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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 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.

MY HOPE IS BUILT ON NOTHING LESS

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name. *

** Chorus:*

On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand.

All other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every rough and stormy gale my anchor holds within the veil. *

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *

When he shall come with trumpet sound, oh, may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne. *

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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.**

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.

CHILI COOKOFF | JANUARY 29

Our 5th annual chili cookoff is **Sunday, January 29**, immediately following the service. We still have a few spots for chili chefs and many openings on the sign up list to bring sides/desserts. The sign-up sheets can be found in the main hall or electronically in the newsletter link.

CAKE WALK SIGN UP

Once again we will have the popular cake walk at the chili cook-off so we will also need dessert donations for that. To sign up, **please email or call Daniel McDowell** (daniel@cpcgeorgetown.org). A sign-up list is also available in the main hall.

CPC KIDS VOLUNTEER NEEDS

Nursery volunteers needed! We are currently looking for adult volunteers to help care for and disciple the youngest in our church (6 months-3 year olds). We are looking for helpers specifically during the Sunday school hour (915-1015a).

Children's ministry is also looking for a **nursery coordinator**. The involvement would be primarily administrative in nature and can easily be done from home! This role would involve 1-2 hours of time invested per week. **Contact Korina Slabach** (kids@cpcgeorgetown.org) to volunteer for either of these roles.

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).

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.

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.

thank you

Please extend great gratitude to **Bob Turner** (elder), **Kevin Tanner** and **Van Henry** (deacons) who are rolling off active duty this month. These men bless the church in so many ways, and their service has been so appreciated. Bob and Kevin will both continue on as liaisons/project managers on the Sedro Crossing building project until its completion. Thank you!

new staff position

We are pleased to announce the creation of a new staff position called the **music coordinator** who will be responsible for music selection and team coordination and communication. Beginning this month, this position will be filled on a volunteer basis by **Rob Castro**. Please join us in giving thanks to **Rob Castro** and **James Schell**, who have worked tirelessly over the last few years as interim leaders of our music ministry.