

**LENT** | *The season of Lent is traditionally the season to prepare for the memorial of Christ's death and the celebration of his resurrection. This preparation involves especially examining our devotion to Christ. As such, we lay aside through repentance both our sins and even, for a time, good things that sometimes compete for our love and trust. Instead, we intentionally pursue, even with sacrifice and effort, all things that remind our hearts that we are united to Christ and that we belong to no other.*

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## preparing our hearts

I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness;  
 I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
 I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
 a light for the nations,  
 to open the eyes that are blind,  
 to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
 from the prison those who sit in darkness.

– Isaiah 42:6-7 ESV

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## \*\* call to worship

*Leader:* May God be gracious to us and bless us

**All:** **And make his face to shine upon us,**

*Leader:* That your way may be known on earth,

**All:** **Your saving power among all nations.**

*Leader:* Let the peoples praise you, O God;

**All:** **Let all the peoples praise you!**

– Psalm 67:1-3 ESV

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails and hung him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the Holy Judge:  
The Lamb who is my righteousness; the Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer; my life he bought, my love he owns.  
I have no longings for another; I'm satisfied in him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer; his faithfulness my standing place.  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by his grace; my feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings.  
He crowns my life with lovingkindness; his triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;  
And when he calls me, it will be paradise –  
His face forever to behold; his face forever to behold.

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**\*\* prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* God, the Great I Am and Father of lights, every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from you, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In these times we have not known or seen, when much of life has changed, remind us that you are unchanging and immovable – your love remains. O Great Comforter, remind us that every blessing and mercy we seek today, the Father has willed and prepared from before time in Christ our Lord, who visits us with strength for today and joy unending. Amen.

*Leader:* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**All: Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Leader:* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of the heavens and the earth.

**All: By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Leader:* From dust you brought forth the human race and blessed us in your image. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**All: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Leader:* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**All: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Leader:* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory.

**All: Hallelujah! Worthy is the Lamb!**

## STRICKEN, SMITTEN, AND AFFLICTED

Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
'Tis the long expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord;  
By his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.

Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?  
Friends through fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress:  
Many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;  
But the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.

Ye who think of sin but lightly, nor suppose the evil great,  
Here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;  
'Tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.

Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, Sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

– Psalm 25:6-7 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** Faithful Father, forgive us, for our sins against you are many.  
 In mercy, expose our folly, our false faith, our weak hearts;  
 That the seed of your Word would not be snatched from us  
 Because we lack understanding;  
 That we not wither when trouble arises;  
 That the cares and riches of this world  
 Would not choke out what we have heard.  
 Instead, soften our hearts that we would receive you,  
 And that we would bear the fruit of righteousness in our lives,  
 To the glory of your Great Name.  
 In Jesus' name, Amen.

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

KYRIE ELEISON<sup>†</sup>

*Leader:* Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner



**All:** Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner



*Leader:* Ky-ri-e E-le-i-son, have mer-cy on me a sin-ner,



**All:** Have mer-cy on me — a sin-ner. —

<sup>†</sup>*Kyrie Eleison* is transliterated from Greek for “Lord, have mercy.” Public Domain.

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## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* My little children, if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

– 1 John 2:1 ESV

**All:**       **Thanks be to God!**

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## \*\* hymn of gratitude

### WHAT THE LORD HAS DONE IN ME

Let the weak say, “I am strong”; let the poor say “I am rich”;  
Let the blind say, “I can see” – It’s what the Lord has done in me. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Hosanna, Hosanna, to the Lamb that was slain.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Jesus died and rose again.

Into the river I will wade – there my sins are washed away.  
From the heavens mercy streams of the Savior’s love for me. \*

I will rise from waters deep in the saving arms of God.  
I will sing salvation songs; Jesus Christ has set me free. \*

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*Leader:* Psalm 36:1-9  
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.**

*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 while being careful to practice safe social distancing.*

about our guest speaker | **TERRY DYKSTRA**

Terry has been the campus minister for RUF International at the University of Texas in Austin since the summer of 2017. RUF-I exists thanks to local churches and partners, including Christ Presbyterian Church, to welcome the nations, explore the gospel with them, and equip Christians to participate in ministry to international students. He and his wife, Mary Rose, came to Austin from Atlanta, Georgia, and were blessed with a son, Arthur, in May of 2018. Terry loves being part of the work God is doing among the nations at UT.

**Sermon** | “Blind Faith”

**March 21, 2021**

**John 9:1-12, 24-41** <sup>ESV</sup> | 1 As he passed by, he saw a man blind from birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?” 3 Jesus answered, “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be displayed in him. 4 We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. 5 As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.” 6 Having said these things, he spit on the ground and made mud with the saliva. Then he anointed the man’s eyes with the mud 7 and said to him, “Go, wash in the pool of Siloam” (which means Sent). So he went and washed and came back seeing.

8 The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar were saying, “Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?” 9 Some said, “It is he.” Others said, “No, but he is like him.” He kept saying, “I am the man.” 10 So they said to him, “Then how were your eyes opened?” 11 He answered, “The man called Jesus made mud and anointed my eyes and said to me, ‘Go to Siloam and wash.’ So I went and washed and received my sight.” 12 They said to him, “Where is he?” He said, “I do not know.”

24 So for the second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, “Give glory to God. We know that this man is a sinner.” 25 He answered, “Whether he is a sinner I do not know. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” 26 They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” 27 He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” 28 And they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. 29 We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” 30 The man answered, “Why, this is an amazing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. 31 We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. 32 Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a man born blind. 33 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” 34 They answered him, “You were born in utter sin, and would you teach us?” And they cast him out.



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35 Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” 36 He answered, “And who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?” 37 Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and it is he who is speaking to you.” 38 He said, “Lord, I believe,” and he worshiped him. 39 Jesus said, “For judgment I came into this world, that those who do not see may see, and those who see may become blind.” 40 Some of the Pharisees near him heard these things, and said to him, “Are we also blind?” 41 Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would have no guilt; but now that you say, ‘We see,’ your guilt remains.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

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## sermon notes

1. **Blind**
2. **Seeing**
3. **Believing**

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**\*\* gospel charge**

*Leader:* In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

**All:** Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. As obedient children, do not be conformed to the passions of your former ignorance, but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.”

– 1 Peter 1:13-16<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.

*For Sundays in Lent, please come forward via the inside aisles to receive the elements. Once you've been served, please return to your seat via the outside aisles to reflect and take the elements. Non-communing children and others not taking the elements may come forward and stand with arms crossed to receive a blessing or simply remain seated.*

*If you are unable to come forward and would like to receive communion, please notify the deacon as he comes to your row. 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

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, “This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.

– From 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 ESV

*Minister:* The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

*Minister:* Let us lift up our 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:* It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth. Hear us then, as we pray:

**All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of him, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.**

*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.*

## JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; receive my soul at last.

Other refuge have I none, I helpless, hang on thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone, support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed, all help from thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head in the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, are all I want, here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy Name, I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, let me take of thee;  
Spring thou up within my heart; for all eternity.

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**\*\* offering  
& song of thanksgiving**

*As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#) or depositing your offering in the box with the deacon.*

*Note: [Other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.*

**WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION**

*\* Chorus:*

We will feast in the house of Zion.

We will sing with our hearts restored.

He has done great things, we will say together;

We will feast and weep no more.

We will not be burned by the fire, he is the Lord our God.

We are not consumed by the flood, upheld, protected, gathered up. \*

In the dark of night, before the dawn, my soul be not afraid,

For the promised morning – O how long – O God of Jacob be my strength. \*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the faithful One.

And from the garden to the grave, bind us together, bring shalom. \*

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

**WOMEN'S MISSION FELLOWSHIP | MARCH 27**

Join the women's ministry as we connect with our missionaries! We will be hosting an afternoon Zoom session **this Saturday, March 27, 1-3p** with missionaries Becky Young and Heather Rudd. **Please respond to the Evite or for more information contact Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org)

**GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE | APRIL 2**

CPC is invited to join **Crosspointe Church** (5703 McNeil Drive, Austin) for an outdoor Good Friday Service **April 2, 6p**. Please plan to join us if you can. **For more information contact Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org). This event will have limited seating and you are encouraged to bring your own lawn chair.

**MEN'S TOP GOLF | APRIL 17**

Calling all men! In-person fellowship will be returning in 2021. To kick things off, we will be gathering at Top Golf for an afternoon of fellowship **Saturday, April 17, 2-5p**. We will have dedicated golf bays, catered food, and best of all this event is FREE. So even if you hate golf, please come spend an afternoon outdoors enjoying the food as we rekindle more intimate bonds with one another. **The only requirement is that you must RSVP by Saturday, March 27. Respond to the Evite or contact James Schell** (wjamesshell@gmail.com) with questions or to be added to the list.

**adult sunday school**

Adult Sunday school meets **Sundays at 1030a** via Zoom. This semester's study, "Salt and Light," will look at our call to understand and engage the culture with the gospel. Upcoming topics include:

March 28: Conscience

April 4: On break for Easter

April 11: Barriers

April 18: Cultural Apologetics Summary

**assistant pastor search update**

The Search Committee has been formed to find an Assistant Pastor of Discipleship and Church Planting at CPC. The members of this committee are Brandon Flynn, Ethan Hoke, Lane Joffrion, Gary Britigan, Ginny Thomas, and Poem Turner. Please feel free to contact any member of the committee if you have any questions about this search or if you have any ideas or opinions to share with the committee to assist us with our search. The search committee would also appreciate any suggestions on how we could enhance and grow the CPC community during this process.

**condolences**

Myrna Newlan passed into eternity Monday, March 15. Our heartfelt condolences go to her husband Bruce, daughter, and family left behind. Please be in prayer for the family. We can rest easy in our mourning as those who have a sure hope because of Christ.