
 preparing our hearts

Blessed be the LORD!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.
 The LORD is my strength and my shield;
 in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
 my heart exults,
 and with my song I give thanks to him.

– Psalm 28:6-7 ESV

 ** call to worship

Leader: The LORD is righteous in all his ways

All: And kind in all his works.

Leader: The LORD is near to all who call on him,

All: To all who call on him in truth.

Leader: He fulfills the desire of those who fear him;

All: He also hears their cry and saves them.

– Psalm 145:17-19 ESV

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!

O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King, all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold – Almighty, your power has founded of old;
Established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end; our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

Words: Robert Grant; Music: LYONS, Johann Haydn. Public Domain.

Leader: O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen and protect us, and to exalt us to that place where our Savior, Jesus Christ, lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**All: I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit

And born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,

Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

And is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

The holy catholic Church*,

The communion of saints,

The forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body,

And the life everlasting. Amen.

* Here, "catholic" means "universal," and refers to the Christian church in all places

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR

“Man of Sorrows” – what a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim, Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned he stood;
Sealed my pardon with his blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was he.
Full atonement! Can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Lifted up was he to die; “It is finished!” was his cry;
Now in heaven, exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

When he comes, our glorious King, all his ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing – Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Hallelujah! What a Savior!

Words & Music: Philip P. Bliss, GETHSEMANE. Public Domain.

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: 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! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

– Psalm 25:7-8 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Merciful God, with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared;
For we have offended you, Almighty God:
We have sinned against your holy law;
We have defiled your design for our lives;
We have perverted justice and reason;
We have neglected and squandered your gifts and blessings;
We have feared created things rather than our Creator;
We have harbored resentment and rebellion against you.
You are our King, apart from you there is no salvation, no hope, and no joy.
Therefore, by your Spirit, humble us and lead us to repent,
To amend our lives according to the life we have in Christ.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved – and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,

All: **So that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. Amen.**

– Ephesians 2:4-7 ESV

’TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word,
Just to rest upon his promise, just to know, “Thus says the Lord.” *

** Chorus:*

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust him more.

Oh, how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood,
And in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood. *

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease,
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest and joy and peace. *

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, friend;
And I know that he is with me, will be with me to the end. *

Words: Louisa Stead; Music: TRUST IN JESUS, William Kirkpatrick. Public Domain.

Leader: Psalm 18:1-3, 31-40
This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

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.**

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 | **GREG GROOMS**

Greg Grooms is an alumnus of Tulane University. For 16 years he worked with L'Abri Fellowship, the ministry of the late Dr Francis Schaefer and his wife Edith. Since 1994 he has been director of Hill House, a Christian study center serving students of the University of Texas. For the last 15 years he served as associate pastor at All Saints PCA in Austin. Greg and his wife Mary Jane have been married for 40 years. They have 5 children and 8 grandchildren.

Sermon | “The Fight”

May 16, 2021

Ephesians 6:10-13 ^{ESV} | **10** Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might. **11** Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. **12** For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **13** Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**** gospel charge**

Leader: But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like.

All: **But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.**

– Based on James 1:22-25_{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, please wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. There are two tabs on the communion sets. The clear tab on top opens the bread. The tab underneath opens the grape juice.

Please hold on to your materials to dispose of on your way out of the sanctuary. If you have a gluten allergy, please indicate this when prompted and to your server, to receive a gluten-free wafer. 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: 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: 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, that they may be unto us the body and blood of your dear Son Jesus Christ. 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.

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.

Hold thou thy cross, before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.
Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, Lord, abide with me.

“Abide with Me,” Words: Henry Lyte; Music: Justin Smith.
© Justin Smith Music. CCLI #3022711, #20579701, Song #6175058.

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.

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

On our Father's love relying, Jesus every need supplying
Yes, in living or in dying, all must be well

"All Must Be Well," Words: Mary Bowley Peters, Matthew S. Smith, Music: Matthew S. Smith.
© detuned radio music. CCLI #3022711, #20579701, Song #5617634.

**** benediction**

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

All: Alleluia! He is risen, indeed!

****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.

season of prayer

Please join us as we lift up our church and ask for God's leading and provision during an 8-week season of focused prayer. Pick up the insert with suggested prayers for each day of the week at the bulletin table in the hallway. Keep this and put it in a visible place as a reminder to be in prayer with your CPC family! During this season, there will be Zoom prayer meetings three times a week (**Mondays at 9a, Wednesdays at 12p, and Fridays at 7p**) to specifically pray for staffing and building needs. You can find these links in the weekly e-mail and join in any that fit your schedule. **Contact Jeanne Dillinger** (CPC Prayer Ministry Leader, prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org), **Ginny Thomas** (Building Team Prayer Coordinator, ginnythomas10@gmail.com), or **Larry Lorimor** (Prayer Ministry Elder, larry.lorimor@gmail.com) for more information.

WOMEN'S RETREAT | RSVP TODAY

Today is the last day to claim your spot and register for "Where Friends Gather – Fellowship of the Saints" Women's Fall Retreat on **September 17-18**. We need to get our participant number to Summer's Mill so we are asking for a \$50 deposit to **claim your spot today**. More details to follow but you won't want to miss this event! **Please let Suzanne Joffrion** (women@cpcgeorgetown.org) or **Virginia Moore** (peacefulchild2000@yahoo.com) know ASAP if you plan to attend. You can also pay online and scholarships are available if needed (thank you to our amazing deacons). If you have questions, e-mail Suzanne.

2021 BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Join us in supporting the work of the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County beginning today on Mother's Day. You will help to provide free parenting classes, spiritual encouragement, maternity and baby supplies, and a hand of friendship to local men and women in crisis. Most importantly, you enable the center to continue sharing the hope and love of Christ with those considering abortion, helping them to choose life for their unborn children. Please pick up a baby bottle today and begin filling it with coins, currency, or a check. **Return the bottles by June 20** (Father's Day). Visit www.phcwc.com for more information about this life-giving ministry or to give an online donation! You may also make your donation on the CPC giving page designating it for PHC-WC by selecting the fund for the Pregnancy Help Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser.

women's bible study

Ladies, you're all invited to join PCA women across the world as we gather virtually during June and July for a study based on Susan Tyner's soon-to-be-released book *What's SHE Doing Here? The Messy Women in Jesus's Genealogy*. Registration to receive access to free videos, discussion questions, and other relational events can be found at <https://pcacdm.org/messy>. You can purchase a print copy of the book through the PCA Bookstore. If you're interested in joining or hosting a CPC-based small group to watch and discuss the teaching videos/book, **please contact Jan Windsor** (jan.windsor@gmail.com) with your preferences (in-person or online) and availability times. It's a great opportunity to invite a friend!

save the dates

CPC Women's Ministry is planning three Fellowship Gatherings this summer: A Morning Coffee on **Monday, June 7**, a Luncheon on **Monday, July 12**, and a Ladies' Dinner Out on **Monday, August 2**. Look for Evites with details soon.

adult sunday school

The last day of Adult Sunday school will be **Sunday, May 23, 1030a** via Zoom. This semester's study, "Salt and Light," looked at our call to understand and engage the culture with the gospel. Join us next week for a semester summary.

volunteer opportunity | cpc nursery coordinator

Providing care for the youngest members of CPC is a vital ministry of the church. The nursery coordinator provides leadership to paid staff and volunteers who provide a safe and loving environment for children ages 0-2 during the worship service each week. The coordinator oversees staff and volunteers, ensures that procedures and policies are being followed, and communicates with parents. If you love children and want to know more about this ministry opportunity, **please contact David Moore** (dinty44@yahoo.com) or **Jan Windsor** (jan.windsor@gmail.com).