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# CHRIST

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## OUR VISION

CPC exists to invite every person in Georgetown and every place we serve into a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ.

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**preparing our hearts**

In that same hour [Jesus] rejoiced in the Holy Spirit and said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will.”

– Luke 10:21 ESV

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* The God who made the world and everything in it, being Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in temples made by man, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything.

**All: He himself gives to all mankind life and breath and everything.**

*Leader:* And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him.

**All: Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, for “In him we live and move and have our being.”**

– Adapted from Acts 17:24-28 ESV

*Leader:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: Alleluia! Christ is risen indeed!**

## IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessèd, 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.

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## **\*\*prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* Eternal God, the Great I AM, immortal and uncreated: You are not dependent on us for anything, and yet you have made yourself our God. What is man that you should be mindful of him and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have crowned him with glory and honor. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth. Enable us by your Spirit and because of your Son to call on the Name too holy for our lips and to confess what is too high for our hearts – that in Christ, you are near us now. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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## **\*\* affirmation of faith**

*Leader:* Christian, do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us, and rose again?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader:* Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

*Leader:* This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## HIS LOVE CAN NEVER FAIL

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;  
But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.  
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;  
I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my Guide. \*

*\* Chorus:*

His love can never fail, his love can never fail,  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know  
That Jesus guides my faltering steps, as joyfully I go.  
And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,  
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. \*

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land,  
If I may only feel the touch of his own loving hand.  
And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail. \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

– Isaiah 57:15 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Thank you, Lord, for your abiding, indwelling presence.**

**Though we have grieved your Holy Spirit by our sin,**

**By our disobedience to your will,**

**We thank you that you have not removed yourself from us,**

**And that you have not cast us off.**

**Forgive us and restore us to yourself;**

**Let us be reconciled by the blood of your Son.**

**Grant us wisdom and knowledge that we would know our sin,**

**Faith and courage that we would confess it,**

**And soft hearts and necks that we would gladly turn from it.**

**We ask these mercies in the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns**

**With you and the Holy Spirit – One God – forever and ever, Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* In [Jesus Christ] we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory.

– Ephesians 1:11-12 ESV

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

## 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 my 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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## scripture reading

*Leader:* John 20:24-31  
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

*An elder will lead the passing of the peace.*

*During this time, everyone will be unmuted. When instructed, greet one another, saying, "The peace of Christ be with you."*

Series | “Exodus: From Captivity to Liberty”

Sermon | “The Burning Bush”

May 17, 2020

**Exodus 2:23-3:15** <sup>ESV</sup> | 23 During those many days the king of Egypt died, and the people of Israel groaned because of their slavery and cried out for help. Their cry for rescue from slavery came up to God. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 God saw the people of Israel – and God knew.

3:1 Now Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law, Jethro, the priest of Midian, and he led his flock to the west side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. 2 And the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush. He looked, and behold, the bush was burning, yet it was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, “I will turn aside to see this great sight, why the bush is not burned.” 4 When the Lord saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” 5 Then he said, “Do not come near; take your sandals off your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.” 6 And he said, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

7 Then the Lord said, “I have surely seen the affliction of my people who are in Egypt and have heard their cry because of their taskmasters. I know their sufferings, 8 and I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 And now, behold, the cry of the people of Israel has come to me, and I have also seen the oppression with which the Egyptians oppress them. 10 Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt.” 11 But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?” 12 He said, “But I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you, that I have sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”

13 Then Moses said to God, “If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, ‘The God of your fathers has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” 14 God said to Moses, “I am who I am.” And he said, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘I am has sent me to you.’” 15 God also said to Moses, “Say this to the people of Israel: ‘The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you.’ This is my name forever, and thus I am to be remembered throughout all generations.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

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**sermon notes**

**1. The God Who Hears**

**2. The God Who Calls**

*Leader:* Though we cannot receive the sacrament of communion together while worshipping apart, we rejoice that our Lord continues to be present among us and remember Christ Jesus,

**All:** [W]ho, though he was in the form of God,  
Did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,  
But emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,  
Being born in the likeness of men.  
And being found in human form,  
He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,  
Even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
And bestowed on him the name that is above every name,  
So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,  
In heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.

– Philippians 2:6-11 ESV

*Please pray silently, giving thanks for Jesus, our salvation through him,  
and our union with him in life forevermore.*

*Leader:* Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All:** Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.  
Amen.

*As you are able, please continue to joyfully give to the work of the Lord through our church by giving [online](#).*

*Note: Besides placing your offering in the offering plate, all of the [other ways to give](#), including mailing a check to the office, are available.*

## TAKE MY LIFE AND LET IT BE

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise. Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be  
Swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be  
Filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use  
Every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own;  
It shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself and I will be  
Ever, only, all for thee; ever, only, all for thee.

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**\*\* benediction**

*Minister:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All:** Alleluia! He is risen, indeed!

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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.