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preparing our hearts

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.

– Psalm 121:1-2<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* 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,

*Leader:* For all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours.

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

– 1 Chronicles 29:10b-11<sub>ESV</sub>

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## 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, unceasing, 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:* O risen King, we rejoice in your redemption over us. In your strength, you bore the wrath we deserve and conquered all our foes. In your love, you took the yoke of our slavery and removed its bond over us. In your Spirit, you call us to remember your ceaseless mercies so that even when we begin to wander in the wilderness, you make your promise of deliverance bring victory in our lives. May your abiding presence be with us and make freedom reign in hearts for all eternity. Amen.

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All:** **My only comfort in life and in death is that I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

– *Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 1*

## A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing:  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he;  
Lord Sabbaoth, his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us:  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure. One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth:  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

– Based on Psalm 130:3-4<sup>ESV</sup>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,  
You shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn.  
We are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace,  
And we despise the weak.  
Forgive us, God of mercy.  
Help us to trust in your power to change us and make us new,  
That we may know the joy of abundant life that comes from Jesus Christ,  
The risen Lord. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* [Y]ou were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

– 1 Peter 1:18-19<sup>ESV</sup>

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

## HIS MERCY IS MORE

What love could remember no wrongs we have done?  
Omniscient, all-knowing, he counts not their sum.  
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore,  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Praise the Lord, his mercy is more,  
Stronger than darkness, new every morn.  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more.

What patience would wait as we constantly roam?  
What father so tender is calling us home?  
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor;  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. \*

What riches of kindness he lavished on us?  
His blood was the payment; his life was the cost.  
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford;  
Our sins, they are many; his mercy is more. \*

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*Leader:* 2 Corinthians 5:16-21  
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 | MATT SOUTHERLAND

Matt and Bonnie are from Fort Worth, Texas, and have lived in central Texas for the last 17 years. Matt has served as Assistant Pastor at CrossPointe Church in Austin since finishing at Redeemer Seminary in 2015. Bonnie taught 6th grade for seven years and is now taking some time off to raise their children: Cole (born January 2015), Forrest (born June 2017), and baby (due June 2021). Matt and Bonnie love the outdoors, reading, and time spent with friends.

**Sermon** | “Grace Transforming Community”

**May 30, 2021**

**Philemon 1-25** ESV | 1 Paul, a prisoner for Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother,

To Philemon our beloved fellow worker 2 and Apphia our sister and Archippus our fellow soldier, and the church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, 5 because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints, 6 and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ. 7 For I have derived much joy and comfort from your love, my brother, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you.

8 Accordingly, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do what is required, 9 yet for love’s sake I prefer to appeal to you – I, Paul, an old man and now a prisoner also for Christ Jesus – 10 I appeal to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I became in my imprisonment. 11 (Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful to you and to me.) 12 I am sending him back to you, sending my very heart. 13 I would have been glad to keep him with me, in order that he might serve me on your behalf during my imprisonment for the gospel, 14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent in order that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord. 15 For this perhaps is why he was parted from you for a while, that you might have him back forever, 16 no longer as a bondservant but more than a bondservant, as a beloved brother – especially to me, but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me your partner, receive him as you would receive me. 18 If he has wronged you at all, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19 I, Paul, write this with my own hand: I will repay it – to say nothing of your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, I want some benefit from you in the Lord. Refresh my heart in Christ.

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21 Confident of your obedience, I write to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say. 22 At the same time, prepare a guest room for me, for I am hoping that through your prayers I will be graciously given to you.

23 Epaphras, my fellow prisoner in Christ Jesus, sends greetings to you, 24 and so do Mark, Aristarchus, Demas, and Luke, my fellow workers.

25 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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**sermon notes**

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**\*\* gospel charge**

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

**All:** As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.

– Matthew 13:23<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.

*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.*

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## 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. Since your Son Jesus Christ ordained the holy supper to strengthen our faith, we pray that through your Holy Spirit, this supper may increase our faith and enrich our fellowship with Christ. May you also use this proclamation of our Lord’s death and resurrection to bring others into this blessed fellowship, so that all your children may be gathered in to share with us the joy of your salvation. Hear us, Heavenly Father, in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.*

## 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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**\*\* 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.*

THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh! for sinners slain \*

*\* Chorus:*

Thank you, O my Father! for giving us your Son  
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done

When I stand in glory I will see his face  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place \*

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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.

**LAST WEEK OF A SEASON OF PRAYER**

**June 4** will be the last day of a season of prayer. Join us via Zoom for prayer meetings three times this week (**Monday at 9a, Wednesday at 12p, and Friday at 7p**) to specifically pray for staffing and building needs. You can find these links, as well as the daily prayer reminder card, in the weekly e-mail and join in any that fit your schedule. **Contact Jeanne Dillinger** (CPC Prayer Ministry Leader, [prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:prayer@cpcgeorgetown.org)), **Ginny Thomas** (Building Team Prayer Coordinator, [ginnythomas10@gmail.com](mailto:ginnythomas10@gmail.com)), or **Larry Lorimor** (Prayer Ministry Elder, [larry.lorimor@gmail.com](mailto:larry.lorimor@gmail.com)) for more information. Our regular monthly prayer team meeting will reconvene on **Tuesday, June 15**.

**2021 BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER**

Join us in supporting the work of the Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County! 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](http://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.

**greeters**

CPC is in need of friendly faces to welcome and direct attendees into service on Sunday afternoon. Greeting begins at 245p and ends at 310p. **If you are interested in serving as a greeter individually or as a family, you can contact Adrienne Herron** ([adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org)).

**scripture readers**

Scripture reading during the worship service is an easy yet important way to serve the church. **If you would like to volunteer to read scripture, contact Adrienne Herron** ([adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org)).

**adult sunday school**

Adult Sunday school is on break until July. Look for next semester's information coming soon!