
preparing our hearts

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.

– Psalm 67:4_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;

All: With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Leader: You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one.”

All: Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,
Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

– From Psalm 89:1-5_{ESV}

Leader: Worship the Lord, all of you, his people, for he is our great delight forever!

All: Amen!

GIVE TO OUR GOD IMMORTAL PRAISE

Give to our God Immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways,
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure when lords and kings are known no more.

He sent his Son with power to save from guilt, and darkness, and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong: Repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heavenly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure when this vain world shall be no more.

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: Great you are, O Lord, and greatly to be praised; great is your power, and your wisdom is infinite. We praise you without ceasing. You call us to delight in your praise, for you have made us for yourself, and our hearts find not rest until we rest in you; to whom with the Father and the Holy Spirit all glory, praise, and honor be ascribed, both now and forevermore. Amen.

– Adapted from Augustine

** affirmation of faith

Leader: What do you believe when you say, “I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth”?

All: **That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ the Son. I trust God so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends upon me in this sad world. God is able to do this because he is almighty God and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 26

FATHER, LONG BEFORE CREATION

Father, long before creation, thou hadst chosen us in love.
And that love, so deep, so moving, draws us close to Christ above.
Still it keeps us, still it keeps us firmly fixed in Christ alone.

Though the world may change its fashion, yet our God is e'er the same.
His compassion and his covenant through all ages will remain.
God's own children, God's own children, must forever praise his name.

God's compassion is my story, is my boasting all the day.
Mercy, free and never failing, moves my will, directs my way.
God so loved us, God so loved us, that his only son he gave.

Loving Father, now before thee, we will ever praise thy love.
And our songs will sound unceasing 'til we reach our home above,
Giving glory, giving glory, to our God and to the Lamb.

Giving glory, giving glory to our God and to the Lamb!

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: [W]e do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

– Hebrews 4:15-16^{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.
We rebel against you, we resist you, and we neglect you.
Outside of your grace in Christ, we are powerless against this nature.
But if we are in Christ, we do not sin because you have left us powerless,
For because we are in him, we have died to sin, and it no longer reigns in us.
If we are 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!**

AND CAN IT BE

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain? For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me? *

** Chorus:*

Amazing love! how can it be
That thou, my God, should die for me!

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me. *

Long my imprisoned spirit lay, fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed thee. *

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th' eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ my own. *

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Leader: Joshua 1:7-9
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.

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 | **BRYANT MCGEE**

Rev. Dr. Bryant McGee is an ordained Teaching Elder in the PCA where he has served the past 27 years. He received his BS in Music Ed from Dallas Baptist College in 1984. While serving the local church in the area of music, he served the greater church as a Firefighter / Paramedic and Chaplain of the Lewisville Fire Department from 1984 to 1994. Dr. McGee attended Covenant Theological Seminary, where he graduated with an MDiv in December of 1996. Following graduation, he served as Associate Pastor of Covenant Presbyterian Church in St. Louis, concentrating on administration, outreach/evangelism, and preaching and teaching. He continued his education at Covenant Seminary, where he eventually earned his DMin degree in May of 2006. In January 2001 he and his family moved to McKinney, TX, where he revitalized a church plant known as Redeemer Presbyterian Church. Bryant served that church as Sr. Pastor for 17 yrs. While serving in McKinney, Bryant began a small group which eventually became a core group and then a church plant. Grace and Peace PCA is now particularized and healthy in Anna, TX. The past few years Bryant served as an Assoc Pastor at Christ Church PCA in Grand Rapids, MI. He and his wife Jennifer have now semi-retired and have relocated to Spring Branch, TX just up from Canyon Lake.

Sermon | “Disciples of the True Vine”

June 20, 2021

John 15:1-11 ^{ESV} | 1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. 2 Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. 5 I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. 6 If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. 7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. 8 By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. 9 As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. 10 If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. 11 These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

1. Disciples in Union with the Vine (1-3)
2. Disciples Who Abide in the Vine (4-10)
3. Disciples Living in Joy with the Vine (11)

**** gospel charge**

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

All: In view of God's mercy, let us offer our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God – this is our true and proper worship. Let us not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds. Then we will be able to test and approve what God's will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.

– Adapted from Romans 12:1-2 NIV

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 hymns.

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. 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.

HELP MY UNBELIEF

I know the Lord is nigh, and would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try, and frights my soul away.
And frights my soul away.

I would but can't repent, though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent till Jesus makes it soft.
Till Jesus makes it soft.

Chorus:

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

I would but cannot love, though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move a soul as base as mine.
A soul as base as mine.

I would but cannot rest in God's most holy will;
I know what he appoints is best and murmur at it still.
I murmur at it still.

Chorus (2x):

Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief. Help my unbelief.
My help must come from thee.

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As the offering plate is presented, please consider giving joyfully to the Lord. Other ways to give include giving online or mailing a check to the church office.

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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**** benediction**

****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.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

CPC would like to say Happy Father's Day to all the men who live out the tender care and spiritual guidance of our Heavenly Father. We love you and pray for your continued role as spiritual leaders and men of excellence in the lives of those around you.

2021 BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER

Baby bottles / donations are due today! Thank you for all the support and donations. You can still contribute online at www.phcwc.com.

TOWN HALL MEETING | JUNE 22

****NEW DATE**** Please join us **Tuesday, June 22, 7p** for a Town Hall meeting via zoom to discuss the Sedro Crossing building opportunity. We'll hear more details and there will be time for questions and discussion. The Zoom link can be accessed from the weekly newsletter email or you can **email Adrienne Herron** (adrienne@cpcgerogetown.org).

food & fun at austin's | june 28

CPC Youth (grades 6-12) - Join us at **Austin's** (16231 N IH 35, Pflugerville) on **Monday, June 28, 530-8p!** Access to the buffet and certain attractions will be covered. If you would like to get a game card to play in the arcade, please bring your own cash. Closed toe shoes are required for this event. We need a headcount, so **RSVP soon to Brandon Flynn** (youth@cpcgeorgetown.org)!

after worship

Friendly reminder that after the worship service, we need to vacate the building by 430p to make room for the next worship service. Please feel free to visit outside in the front or back of the church! Parents, please don't allow your children to wander the building unaccompanied to help minimize disturbing GBC's other ministries.

congratulations

Join us in congratulating Rhonney, Katie, Sedora, Clara, Saryn, and Elin Greene on the birth of Selah Catherine Aurelia. Selah was born Friday, May 14 at 153a. She was 8lbs 14oz and 19 inches long. Congratulations Greene family!

Congratulations, also, to Ryan, Korina, Emery, and Jude Slabach on the birth of Beau David-Matthew. Beau was born on Wednesday, June 9, weighing 7lbs and measuring 20 inches. Congratulations Slabach family!