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**preparing our hearts**

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

– Romans 12:1-2<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Make a joyful noise to the LORD all the earth!

**All: Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

*Leader:* Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us and we are his;

**All: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

– Psalm 100:1-3<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, unchanging, 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:* God of all nations, be our blessing this day; let us choose no other portion and drink from no other cup. Your blessing alone restores our fellowship with you, brings peace to all peoples, and provides salvation for our souls. Counsel us by your Spirit that you alone are Lord, that there is no good apart from you; therefore let us fix our sights on Christ today and make him our only venture and reward. This we pray by the grace you give, through Jesus our Lord, Amen.

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## \*\* affirmation of faith

*Leader:* What do you believe concerning “the forgiveness of sins”?

**All:** I believe that God, because of Christ’s satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.

– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 56

## THE LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen could ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.  
The guilty pair bowed down with care, God gave his Son to win;  
His erring child he reconciled and pardoned from his sin.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made;  
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade;  
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky. \*

\* *Chorus:*

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure, the saints' and angels' song.

When age-old time shall pass away, and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall;  
When men who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call;  
God's love, so sure, shall still endure, all measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race – the saints' and angels' song. \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me!  
Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

– Psalm 19:13<sub>ESV</sub>

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **O my Savior, help me.**

**I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb.**

**I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights.**

**I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days,**

**My poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race,**

**My sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities.**

**I am blind while the light shines around me:**

**Take the scales from my eyes;**

**Grind to dust my heart of unbelief.**

**Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you,**

**Sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast,**

**Appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but rubbish.**

**I believe, help my unbelief.**

**In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly... God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

– Romans 5:6, 8<sub>ESV</sub>

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

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)



**All:** From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice of lam-en-ta-tion;  
 To wash a-way the crim-son stain, grace, grace a-lone a-vail-eth;  
 There-fore my trust is in the Lord, and not in my own mer-it;  
 Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace much more a-boun-deth;



Lord, turn a gra-cious ear to me and hear my sup-pli-ca-tion;  
 Our works, a-las! Are all in vain; in much the best life fail-eth;  
 On him my soul shall rest, his word up-holds my fain-ting spi-rit;  
 His hel-ping love no li-mit knows, our up-most need it soun-deth.



If thou in-i-qui-ties dost mark, our se-cret sins and mis-deeds dark,  
 No man can glo-ry in thy sight, all must a-like con-fess thy might,  
 His pro-mised mer-cy is my fort, my com-fort and my sweet sup-port;  
 Our Shep-herd good and true is he, who will at last his Is-rael free



**Men:** O who shall stand be-fore thee? O who shall  
 And live a-lone by mer-cy. And live a-  
 I wait for it with pa-tience. I wait for  
 From all their sin and sor-row. From all their



**Women:** O who shall stand be-fore thee?  
 And live a-lone by mer-cy.  
 I wait for it with pa-tience.  
 From all their sin and sor-row.



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Who shall stand be-fore thee?  
 Live a-lone by mer-cy.  
 Wait for it with pa-tience.  
 All their sin and sor-row.

*Leader:* Genesis 22:1-14  
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.*

**Series** | Core Commitments – Worship, Discipleship, and Mission**Sermon** | “The Devoted Church”**August 22, 2021**

**Acts 2:42-47** <sup>ESV</sup> | 42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. 43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. 44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common. 45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46 And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, 47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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

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



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**\*\* gospel charge**

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

**All:** Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and forgiving each other. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.

– Adapted from Colossians 3:12-14<sup>ESV</sup>

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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.*

**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<sup>ESV</sup>

*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.

*During the celebration of communion, while the music plays, please reflect on your understanding of and readiness for the Lord’s Table.*

*Please join in the song but remain seated until the offering plate passes your seat. Then, as you are able, rise and continue giving praise to the Lord. Other ways to give include giving online or mailing a check to the church office.*

## AMAZING GRACE

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his Word my hope secures.  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

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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.

**BUILDING WHAT MATTERS KICKOFF | AUGUST 29**

On **Sunday, August 29, 915a**, CPC is kicking off our Building What Matters generosity initiative by serving breakfast at **Dell Pickett Elementary School** (1100 Thousand Oaks Blvd.)! Please come enjoy breakfast and join with us in worship. We will also be handing out packets with important information about the generosity initiative to all households after the worship service. If you are unable to attend that day, we will mail your packet to the address we have on file.

**update your contact information**

Please update your profile in Servant Keeper if your mailing address, email address, and/or phone number changes. Don't know how to update your profile, upload your photo, or access the online CPC directory? **Contact Adrienne Herron** ([adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org)).

**audio / visual volunteers needed**

We need volunteers for sound and Zoom broadcasting. If you're interested in helping with the sound, **please contact Buddy Lane** ([buddylane117@gmail.com](mailto:buddylane117@gmail.com)). If you'd like to help with the online service, **contact Bob Turner** ([robert.charles.turner@gmail.com](mailto:robert.charles.turner@gmail.com)).

**be a greeter**

CPC is in need of friendly faces to welcome and direct attendees into service on Sunday afternoon. Greeting begins at 1015a and ends at 1040ap. If you are interested in serving as a greeter individually or as a family, **please contact Adrienne Herron** ([adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org)).

**need to make an announcement?**

If you ever need to make an announcement via weekly email, **please submit your announcement to Adrienne Herron** ([adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org](mailto:adrienne@cpcgeorgetown.org)), along with any relevant materials, details, and/or links, by Monday. Please include your own blurb (50 words or less), and ensure your information is accurate. If the announcement is received after the deadline, it will be included in the following week's bulletin.