
preparing our hearts

But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

– John 4:23-24_{ESV}

**** call to worship**

Leader: Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth!

All: **Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

All: **For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.**

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

All: **Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

– Psalm 96:1-6_{ESV}

COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

Come people of the risen King, who delight to bring him praise.
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of Grace.
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him;
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in. *

* *Chorus:*

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night.
Come, those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight.
For his perfect love will never change and his mercies never cease,
But follow us through all our days with a certain hope of peace. *

Come, young and old from every land – men and women of the faith.
Come, those with full or empty hands – find the riches of his grace.
Over all the world his people sing – shore to shore we hear them call
The Truth that cries through every age: “Our God is all in all!” *

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**** prayer of invocation**

Leader: O Lord God, immovable and unchanging, constant and steadfast in love: We look to you that we would be set upon the Rock and Redeemer of our lives. According to your abundant grace, secure us to the sure and steady anchor of our souls, Christ Jesus, your Son, so that our hope reaches to heaven. According to your life-giving Spirit, let us be renewed and strengthened, made to shine brighter and burn hotter in the world you came to save. For the sake of Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

**** affirmation of faith**

Leader: What is true faith?

All: True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true
All that God has revealed to us in his Word.
At the same time it is a firm confidence
That not only to others, but also to me,
God has granted forgiveness of sins,
Everlasting righteousness, and salvation,
Out of mere grace,
Only for the sake of Christ's merits.
This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.

– Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 21

REJOICE, THE LORD IS KING

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heaven;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus given.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: Formerly, when you did not know God, you were enslaved to those that by nature are not gods. But now that you have come to know God, or rather to be known by God, how can you turn back again to the weak and worthless elementary principles of the world, whose slaves you want to be once more?

– Galatians 4:8-9 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **Lord of everlasting covenant, have mercy on us.
We have broken our covenant with you
And have turned our hearts from true worship and loving obedience.
Instead, we have allied ourselves with false gods
And have lived for their false promises.
We live like we belong to this world, rather than to your kingdom.
Forgive us the sins that issue from our wayward hearts –
Sins against you and against our neighbor;
For both by our actions and our attitudes,
And by what we have done and left undone.
But, we thank you, Gracious God, that you grant our pardon
Because of Christ, who kept the covenant perfectly and for our sake.
Grant that we would live in the service and peace of our True King,
Living as citizens of heaven from now until our feet are set there forever.
In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

– Ezekiel 36:25 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God.**

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it; mount of thy redeeming love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I've come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be.
Let thy goodness like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it; prone to leave the God I love.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts above.

On that day when freed from sinning, I shall see thy lovely face;
Clothed by thee in blood-washed linen, how I'll sing thy sovereign grace.
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry; take my ransomed soul away.
Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

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scripture reading

Leader: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
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.**

cpc kids welcome

Today is a milestone day for some of our CPC Kids. We welcome our three-year-olds as they graduate from the nursery and join us in the first part of the worship service. During normal times, we provide Children's Worship during the sermon for children ages three through five, but when children turn six, we encourage parents to begin engaging their children in all aspects of corporate worship. Today we want to extend a special welcome to these big kids:

** 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.

Series | “Exodus: From Captivity to Liberty”

Sermon | “The Golden Calf”

September 13, 2020

Exodus 32:1-14 ^{ESV} | 1 When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered themselves together to Aaron and said to him, “Up, make us gods who shall go before us. As for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him.” 2 So Aaron said to them, “Take off the rings of gold that are in the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me.” 3 So all the people took off the rings of gold that were in their ears and brought them to Aaron. 4 And he received the gold from their hand and fashioned it with a graving tool and made a golden calf. And they said, “These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!” 5 When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it. And Aaron made a proclamation and said, “Tomorrow shall be a feast to the LORD.” 6 And they rose up early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought peace offerings. And the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to play.

7 And the LORD said to Moses, “Go down, for your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have corrupted themselves. 8 They have turned aside quickly out of the way that I commanded them. They have made for themselves a golden calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, ‘These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!’” 9 And the LORD said to Moses, “I have seen this people, and behold, it is a stiff-necked people. 10 Now therefore let me alone, that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, in order that I may make a great nation of you.”

11 But Moses implored the LORD his God and said, “O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? 12 Why should the Egyptians say, ‘With evil intent did he bring them out, to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth’? Turn from your burning anger and relent from this disaster against your people. 13 Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, to whom you swore by your own self, and said to them, ‘I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your offspring, and they shall inherit it forever.’” 14 And the LORD relented from the disaster that he had spoken of bringing on his people.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

1. Israel's Sin
2. Israel's Mediator
3. Israel's Savior

**** gospel charge**

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

All: Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

— Romans 6:13-14 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

Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, “Take, eat; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.”

– Matthew 26:26-29 ESV

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Minister: It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But it is your right, O God, to give mercy to whom you please. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of him, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood; that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

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.

WHAT A BEAUTIFUL NAME

You were the Word at the beginning, one with God, the Lord Most High.
Your hidden glory in creation, now revealed in you, our Christ.

What a beautiful Name it is, what a beautiful Name it is: the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a beautiful Name it is – nothing compares to this – what a beautiful Name it is:
The Name of Jesus.

We couldn't find heaven without you, so Jesus, you brought heaven down.
My sin was great, your love was greater, what could separate us now?

What a wonderful Name it is, what a wonderful Name it is: the Name of Jesus Christ, my King.
What a wonderful Name it is – nothing compares to this – what a wonderful Name it is:
The Name of Jesus.

Death could not hold you, the veil tore before you, you silence the boast of sin and grave.
The heavens are roaring the praise of your glory, for you are raised to life again.
You have no rival, you have no equal, now and forever, God, you reign.
Yours is the kingdom, yours is the glory, yours is the Name above all names.

What a powerful Name it is, what a powerful Name it is: the Name of Jesus Christ, my king.
What a powerful Name it is – nothing can stand against – what a powerful Name it is:
The Name of Jesus.
What a powerful Name it is: the Name of Jesus.

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LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies
Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,
He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou art worthy Lamb of God

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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.**