
prelude

As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.

preparing our hearts

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

– Jeremiah 31:33_{ESV}

**** 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!

All: **It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Leader: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

All: **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

– Psalm 100:1-4a_{ESV}

** Please stand if you are able

PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
Praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,
If with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who hath fearfully, wondrously made thee;
Health hath vouch-safed and, when heedlessly failing, hath stayed thee.
What need or grief ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of his mercy did shade thee.

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him.
Let the "Amen" sound from his people again;
Gladly forever adore him!

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** prayer of invocation

Leader: O Lord God, maker of the heavens, the earth, and all that is within them; so also you have made us, a people you have set aside for yourself; a people called by your Holy Name. As we gather here in your presence by the grace you give, impress upon our hearts the praise and honor we owe you; instruct us in our need for your Son; and increase in us faith and obedience by your Spirit. Amen.

** affirmation of faith

Leader: What are the sacraments?

All: The sacraments are holy, visible signs and seals. They were instituted by God so that by their use He might the more fully declare and seal to us the promise of the gospel. And this is the promise: that God graciously grants us forgiveness of sins and everlasting life because of the one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross.

Leader: Are both the Word and the sacraments then intended to focus our faith on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the cross as the only ground of our salvation?

All: Yes, indeed. The Holy Spirit teaches us in the gospel and assures us by the sacraments that our entire salvation rests on Christ's one sacrifice for us on the cross.

Leader: How many sacraments has Christ instituted in the new covenant?

All: Two: holy baptism and the holy supper.

– *Heidelberg Catechism*, Q&A 66, 67, and 68

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said – to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed, for I am your God and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.”

“When through the deep waters I call you to go, the rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless, and sanctify to you your deepest distress.”

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie, my grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design your dross to consume, and your gold to refine.”

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose, I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake, I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”

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CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

Leader: [I]f my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land.

– 2 Chronicles 7:14 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

All: **God in heaven, holy and righteous,
Forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you
And for ignoring your immensity and greatness.
Lord Jesus, forgive us when we forget that you rule the nations
And our small lives.
Holy Spirit, we offend you in minimizing your power
And squandering your gifts.
We confess that our blindness to your glory, O triune God,
Has resulted in shallow confession, tepid conviction,
And only mild repentance.
Have mercy upon us. In Jesus' name. Amen.**

Please reflect and silently confess your sins.

ASSURANCE OF GRACE **

Leader: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

– 2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

All: **Thanks be to God!**

THY MERCY, MY GOD

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
The joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue;
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

Without thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
But, through thy free goodness, my spirits revive,
And he that first made me still keeps me alive.

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart,
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
Dissolved by thy goodness, I fall to the ground,
And weep to the praise of the mercy I've found.

Great Father of mercies, thy goodness I own,
And the covenant love of thy crucified Son;
All praise to the Spirit, whose whisper divine
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

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Leader: 1 Chronicles 29:6-16
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.**

building what matters reflection

JIM PAX

** 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.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to 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 | Joyful Generosity: How the Gospel Makes us Generous

Sermon | “Generous Church”

September 26, 2021

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 ^{ESV} | 1 We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints – 5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. 6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. 7 But as you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you – see that you excel in this act of grace also.

8 I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. 9 For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich. 10 And in this matter I give my judgment: this benefits you, who a year ago started not only to do this work but also to desire to do it. 11 So now finish doing it as well, so that your readiness in desiring it may be matched by your completing it out of what you have. 12 For if the readiness is there, it is acceptable according to what a person has, not according to what he does not have. 13 For I do not mean that others should be eased and you burdened, but that as a matter of fairness 14 your abundance at the present time should supply their need, so that their abundance may supply your need, that there may be fairness. 15 As it is written, “Whoever gathered much had nothing left over, and whoever gathered little had no lack.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

– 2 Corinthians 9:7,10_{ESV}

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Leader: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, 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.

Leader: Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all.

All: In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name.

Leader: But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly?

All: For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own.

– From 1 Chronicles 29:10-14, 16_{ESV}

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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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

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.

IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL

When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, "It is well, it is well with my soul." *

* *Chorus:*

It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control:
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate and has shed his own blood for my soul. *

My sin – oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! – my sin, not in part but the whole,
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! *

O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend! Even so, it is well with my soul. *

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The offering is a vital part of our response to God's grace provided for us in the preaching of his word and administration of the Lord's Supper. Our tithes and offerings represent the entirety of our lives being consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ and the coming of his kingdom to this world. As God's grace is freely given to us, so our gifts are freely returned, and in no way add to but are only a response to the supremely adequate work of Christ's atonement.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: Let us with gladness present the tithes and offerings of our life and labor to the Lord.

All: (singing **Gloria Patri**)

Glo-ry be to the Fa-ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the be-
gin-ning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A - men, a - men.

**** benediction**

**** doxology**

LORD, DISMISS US WITH YOUR BLESSING

Lord, dis-miss us— with your bless-ing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Thanks we give and— ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound;

Let us each, your love pos - sess - ing, tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace.
May the fruits of— your sal - va - tion in our hearts and— lives a - bound.

O— re - fresh us, O— re - fresh us, trav - el - ing through this wil - der - ness.
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful, to— your— truth— may we be found.

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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.

CELEBRATION LUNCH

Please join us in the gym for a BBQ lunch from Pok-E-Jo's to celebrate our Building What Matters generosity initiative immediately following the service! There will be music, a photo booth, and more - you don't want to miss it!

AN EVENING OF HOPE | OCTOBER 12

Don't miss The Pregnancy Help Center of Williamson County's annual benefit dinner, An Evening of Hope, on **Tuesday, October 12, 7p** at **Lone Oak Barn** (1810 N County Road 122, Round Rock). There will be a delicious meal, silent auction, and a keynote speaker. Kailee Perrin will share her powerful story of teen pregnancy. Sonya DeWitt is sponsoring a table at the event. If you are interested in joining her for the dinner, **please email Sonya** (sonya.j.dewitt@gmail.com). If you would also like to sponsor a table or provide underwriting for this event, **please call (512) 868.0153 or visit www.phcwc.com/events**. Do not wait! **The last day to purchase tickets is September 27.**

men's retreat at m&m ranch | october 2

Calling ALL men. We will be gathering at David Moore's property in Lometa, **Saturday, October 2** for a day of fellowship. We'll share a meal together, make sure our guns still work, and just hang out. Agenda: free for all. No age restriction on this gathering, the boys are welcome too! We will be enlisting the help of a few guys that think they can cook some meat - we will put your skills to the test. **Respond to the Evite or contact James Schell** (wjamesshell@gmail.com).

sunday school

CPC Sunday School for fall 2021 is in full swing at Pickett Elementary, **Sundays, 915a**. Please join us for the following classes:

- **3 years - Kindergarten:** God, Our Faithful Creator
- **Grades 1-5:** Worshiping God: The Joys and Duty of Worship
- **Grades 6-12:** Sanctification: Becoming Who We Were Made to Be
- **Adults:** John

need to make an announcement?

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