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Prelude

We Gather Together- Dutch melody by Edward Kremser, arr. By David Lasky

Welcome

To all who are weary and need rest;
To all who mourn and long for comfort;
To all who feel worthless and wonder if God cares;
To all who fail and desire strength;
To all who sin and need a Savior;
To all who hunger and thirst for righteousness;
And to whoever will come–
This church opens wide her doors and offers her welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Worship
Psalm 100

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
For the LORD is good;
his steadfast love endures forever,
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise
We Gather Together

We gather together
To ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known
The wicked oppressing
Now cease from distressing
Sing praises to his name
He forgets not his own

Beside us to guide us
Our God with us joining
Ordaining maintaining
His kingdom divine
So from the beginning
The fight we were winning
Thou Lord wast at our side
All glory be thine

We all do extol thee
Thou leader triumphant
And pray that thou still
Our defender wilt be
Let thy congregation
Endure thro' tribulation
Thy name be ever praised
O Lord make us free

Words: Adrianus Valerius, 1626; tr. Theodore Baker, 1894
Music: Neder-landtsch Gedenck-Clank, 1626; harm. Eduard Kremser, 1877

Invocation

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Call to Confession
Jeremiah 2:9, 11, 13

Leader: Therefore I still contend with you, declares the LORD, and with your children's children I will contend. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I praise you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lusts of the mind bring my spirit into subjection. No trial is so hard to bear as a sense of sin. If you should give me a choice to live in pleasure and keep my sins, or to have them burnt away with trial, give me sanctified affliction. Deliver me from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Then I shall bless you, God of my righteousness, for helping me to be upright. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
1 Peter 2:24

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Hear and receive the good news of the gospel: in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering
Christ The True And Better

Christ the true and better Adam
Son of God and Son of man
Who when tempted in the garden
Never yielded never sinned
He who makes the many righteous
Brings us back to life again
Dying he reversed the curse then
Rising crushed the serpent's head

Christ the true and better Isaac
Humble Son of sacrifice
Who would climb the fearful mountain
There to offer up his life
Laid with faith upon the altar
Father's joy and only Son
There salvation was provided
Oh what full and boundless love

Chorus
Amen amen
From beginning to end
Christ the story his the glory
Alleluia amen

Christ the true and better Moses
Called to lead a people home
Standing bold to earthly powers
God's great glory to be known
With his arms stretched wide to heaven
See the waters part in two
See the veil is torn forever
Cleansed with blood we pass now through

Chorus
Amen amen
From beginning to end
Christ the story his the glory
Alleluia amen

Christ the true and better David
Lowly Shepherd mighty King
He the Champion in the battle
Where O death is now thy sting
In our place he bled and conquered
Crown him Lord of majesty
His shall be the throne forever
We shall e'er his people be

Chorus 2x

Words & Music: Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Matt Papa, 2020

The Doxology

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

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709
Music: Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551

Sermon

"An Essential Character for the Pastor"
Matthew 20:20–28
Rev. David Wakeland

Ordination and Installation

Statement about the Ordination and Installation of an Assistant Pastor

Questions to the Assistant Pastor

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice? Do you?

2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Presbytery the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow? Do you?

3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity? Do you?

4. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord? Do you?

5. Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to seek the office of the holy ministry from love to God and a sincere desire to promote his glory in the Gospel of his Son? Have you?

6. Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in maintaining the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace and unity of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise unto you on that account? Do you?

7. Do you engage to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as a Christian and a minister of the Gospel, whether personal or relational, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before the flock of which God shall make you overseer? Do you?

Questions to the Session

1. Do you, the members of the Session of Christ Presbyterian Church, continue to profess your readiness to receive Darren Smith, whom you have called to be the Assistant Pastor of Congregational Care? Do you?

2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love? Do you?

3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification? Do you?

4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is one of your assistant pastors that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you? Do you?

Prayer of Installation

Right Hand of Fellowship from the Presbytery

Pronouncement of Ordination and Installation

Charge to the Assistant Pastor

Charge to the Session and Congregation

The Service of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, "Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest."

Words of Institution

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Communion Hymn

Come Unto Jesus

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary
Come to the mercy seat fervently kneel
Here bring your wounded hearts
Broken and needy
Come unto Jesus mighty to heal

Joy of the comfortless Light for the straying
Hope of the penitent peace in our strife
Here speaks the Comforter tenderly saying
My yoke is easy my burden is light

Chorus
Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens he is enough
Come unto Jesus rest in his love

Come taste the Bread of Life
Broken for sinners
Drink from the cup of his promise made sure
Feast at his table as sons and as daughters
Grace overflowing is yours evermore

Chorus

Come now and follow him this life forsaking
All that was gain count as nothing but loss
Trade all this world for his kingdom unfading
Come unto Jesus take up your cross
Come unto Jesus take up your cross
Life everlasting he offers to us

Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens he is enough
Come unto Jesus
Come unto Jesus
Lay down your burdens he is enough
Come unto Jesus rest in his love

Chorus

Come unto Jesus rest in his love

Words: Thomas Moore, 1824; rev. Thomas Hastings, 1831
Music and adaptation: Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Laura Story, 2023

Benediction

Postlude

Come, Ye Thankful People, Come by George J. Elvey, arr. By David Lasky

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Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

Because CPC is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.

Prayer for Those Searching for Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.



Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.



Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living Bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.



Prayer of Commitment

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

Sermon Notes

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