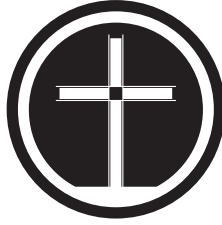


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Prelude

Vivaldi/Bach: Largo

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 29:1-2

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

Come, Thou
Almighty King

Come thou Almighty King
Help us thy name to sing
Help us to praise
Father all glorious o'er all victorious
Come and reign over us Ancient of Days

Come thou Incarnate Word
Gird on thy mighty sword
Our prayer attend
Come and thy people bless
And give thy Word success
Spirit of holiness on us descend

Come Holy Comforter
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour
Thou who almighty art now rule in ev'ry heart
And ne'er from us depart Spirit of pow'r

To thee great One in Three
Eternal praises be
Hence evermore
Thy sov'reign majesty may we in glory see
And to eternity love and adore

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.

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father
And to the Son and to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning
Is now and ever shall be
World without end Amen Amen

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A #27 & 28

Leader: What do you understand by the providence of God?

People: Providence is the almighty and ever present power of God by which he upholds, as with his hand, heaven and earth and all creatures, and so rules them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and lean years, food and drink, health and sickness, prosperity and poverty—all things, in fact, come to us not by chance but from his fatherly hand.

Leader: How does the knowledge of God's creation and providence help us?

People: We can be patient when things go against us, thankful when things go well, and for the future we can have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that nothing will separate us from his love. All creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they can neither move nor be moved.

Hymn

His Mercy Is More

Chorus
Praise the Lord his mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What love could remember
No wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing
He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

Chorus
Praise the Lord his mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

What patience would wait
As we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

Chorus

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment
His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many his mercy is more

Chorus 2x

Our sins they are many his mercy is more

**Call to
Confession**
Titus 2:11-14

Leader: For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

**Public
Confession**
Prayer of
Confession from
the 31st General
Assembly of the
PCA

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, how can we stand before you with our numberless and aggravated offenses? We have taken your grace for granted; it has failed to stun us today. We have arrogantly believed that we deserved your grace and thus have mocked your gospel. We have run after vain idols and thus forsaken your sufficiency. We have not loved your church that you bought with your own blood. Forgive us, Lord. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not interceded for the world around us. We have failed to be your priests and we

have broken your covenant. Lord, it is only because of your compassions through Jesus Christ that we are not consumed. Lead us to repentance and save us from despair. Lord, we have no excuse, but we do have Jesus who has become sin for us so that, in him, we might become the righteousness of God. Help us to believe the gospel for your glory!

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

1 John 1:5, 9

Leader: This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering

(8:30) The Lord
Almighty Reigns
(11:00) Jesus, I
Come

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

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"The Prayer Request of Jesus"
John 17:20-26
Roger Wernette

Closing Song
How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed

Chorus

*Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art how great thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art how great thou art*

And when I think that God his Son not sparing
Sent him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

Chorus

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great thou art

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude

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Improvisation on How Great Thou Art

Announcements

- Join a City Group** City Groups are a great opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other believers from a variety of ages and stages, to discuss the Bible and other Christian books, and to pray for one another. Most groups meet on weeknights, either every week or several times per month. For information, visit the table on Main Street on Sundays or contact Jack Smith.
- City Group Lunch** Join us for a City Group lunch on January 26 at 12:30 pm. If you are a current City Group leader, are interested in becoming a City Group leader, or would like to join a City Group, this lunch is for you! Visit cpchouston.org/lunch to sign up.
- Women's Bible Study** Our Women's Bible Study resumes January 15! We meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 am (lunch at 11). An online-only small group meets Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register at cpchouston.org/BibleStudy.
- CPC Officer Nominations** The Officer Nominating Committee is hard at work. If you have recommendations for elder, deacon, or diaconal ministry team members, please email Chairman Travis Graham by January 15.
- Men's Steak Night** Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food Friday, January 24! Details & registration: cpchouston.org/steak
- Journeys** Ladies, please join us for Journeys January 30 at 6:30 pm. We will share dinner, singing, and prayer before we hear from our speakers, Stephanie Greene and Celeste Garbarino. Learn more & register at cpchouston.org/journeys.
- Men's Retreat** Our 2025 Men's Retreat is February 7–8. Learn more and register online: cpchouston.org/mens-retreat.
- Women's Retreat** Ladies, join us for our Women's Retreat March 28–30 at Camp Allen with guest speaker Sarah Morris! Learn more and register online at cpchouston.org/retreat.
- Worship Choir** Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary beginning January 15. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.
- Volunteers Needed** The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.
- Sunday School** Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: cpchouston.org/Sunday-School

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- Weekend to Remember** Start the new year by revitalizing your marriage at a FamilyLife Weekend to Remember. Visit FamilyLife.com/Weekend-to-Remember to learn more and register using our group code, CEPC. All getaways are 50% off through January 20. Questions? Contact Cindy Meeh.
- Mo-Ranch** Mark your calendar for our All-Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch July 24–27, 2025.
- Give Online** Visit cpchouston.org/give to give online.

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