

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Prelude

*Fantasy on When In Our Music God Is Glorified, arr. Albert Travis*

### 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 105:1–3

Leader: Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;  
make known his deeds among the peoples!  
Sing to him, sing praises to him;  
tell of all his wondrous works!  
Glory in his holy name;  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!  
  
Let us worship the Lord together!

### Hymn of Praise

Give To Our God  
Immortal Praise

Give to our God immortal praise  
Mercy and truth are all his ways  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Wonders of grace to God belong  
Repeat his mercies in your song

*Chorus*

*Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Hallelujah*

Give to the Lord of lords renown  
The King of kings with glory crown  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
His mercies ever shall endure  
When lords and kings are known no more

*Chorus*

He built the earth he spread the sky  
And fixed the starry lights on high  
Hallelujah Hallelujah  
Wonders of grace to God belong  
Repeat his mercies in your song

*Chorus*  
*Hallelujah Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah Hallelujah*  
*Hallelujah*

## 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 Nicene Creed

*\*The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

Leader: Christians, what do we believe?

**All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.**

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the  
Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who  
spoke by the prophets; and we believe in one holy catholic\*  
and apostolic church; we acknowledge one baptism for the  
remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Hymn

All My Boast Is In  
Jesus

What wonder of wonders what love is this  
That Christ would die for me  
His goodness his merit his righteousness  
This sinner's only plea  
O foolish pride be crucified  
The work is finished

### *Chorus*

*All my boast is in Jesus  
All my hope is his love  
And I will glory forever  
In what the cross has done*

Now fully forgiven my life is filled  
With graces undeserved  
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill  
Let praises now return  
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord  
Who else is worthy

### *Chorus*

O praise the One forever blessed  
Him alone my heart adores  
And I will boast in nothing less  
Than the love of Christ my Lord

O praise the One forever blessed  
Him alone my heart adores  
And I will boast in nothing less  
Than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches in strength or might  
But in the grace of God  
I glory in weakness to live is Christ  
In plenty or in want  
That I may know that all may see  
His pow'r within me

### *Chorus*

Now I stand in this freedom  
Ransomed clean in his sight  
Oh and I cannot be ashamed for  
My boast is Jesus Christ  
My boast is Jesus Christ  
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

**Call to  
Confession**  
James 2:10

Leader: For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.

**Public  
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sin together.

**All:** O holy Father, because we are fallen sinful creatures, it is so easy for us to think only of ourselves and ignore the needs of others. Our sinful natures lead us to selfishness and indifference. Thereby, do we murder our brother and sister in our hearts and sin against you, our Father. O Lord, we do humbly confess our selfish nature and plead your forgiveness. Give us, we pray, the mind and heart of our Savior who loved the unlovely and redeemed us from destruction. Burden us with the souls of those who are perishing that we may be bold to testify of the saving grace of Jesus Christ. Use us, your people, to gather your elect from the four corners of this world so that your glory may cover the earth as the waters cover the sea. In the mighty name of Jesus Christ, we pray.  
**Amen**

**Silent  
Confession**

**Assurance of  
Pardon and  
Comfort**  
Colossians 1:13 -14

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Tithes &  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**  
The First Hymn

Let all be silent  
The shining stars not sound  
Rushing rivers still  
Let the mountains bow down  
In awe and wonder  
In reverence we come  
Who is worthy of all worship  
Who is seated on the throne

*Chorus*  
*All powers cry out in answer*  
*All glory and praise forever*  
*To our God*  
*The Father Son and Holy Spirit*  
*Amen we sing amen*

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Who is worthy of all worship  
Who is seated on the throne

*Chorus*

To the only Giver of all good gifts  
Amen  
To the only One who forgives our sins  
Amen  
To the only God to the Risen King  
To the One who died and rose again  
Amen  
We sing amen

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Amen we sing  
Amen amen amen  
We sing amen amen  
We sing our hymn amen

### **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**

**"Searching for a Bride"**  
*Genesis 24:1-27*  
Rev. Richard Harris

### **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**

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night  
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word  
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord  
Thou my great Father I thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance now and always  
Thou and thou only first in my heart  
High King of heaven my treasure thou art

High King of heaven my victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's Sun  
Heart of my own heart whatever befall  
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

We Will Feast In The  
House Of Zion

*Chorus*

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the Lord our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld protected gathered up

*Chorus*

In the dark of night before the dawn  
My soul be not afraid  
For the promised morning oh how long  
Oh God of Jacob be my strength

*Chorus*

Every vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the faithful one  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together bring shalom



Chorus  
We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
He has done great things we will say together  
We will feast and weep no more

Chorus

## Benediction

## Postlude

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Schumann: Etude No. 6 in B Major

## 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.

## Announcements

### **City Group Lunch Today**

Please join us for a City Group lunch today at 12:30 pm. If you are not currently in a City Group and would like to learn more about City Groups and how to join one, this lunch is for you!

### **CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp**

Save the date for our CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp June 10-13! We invite rising kindergarten students through fifth graders to be part of this fun-filled camp. Register or sign up to volunteer at [cpchouston.org/camp](http://cpchouston.org/camp).

### **Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat**

We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 24-27! Please prayerfully consider joining us for a great time of refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. Register online through Sunday, June 8, at [cpchouston.org/mo-ranch](http://cpchouston.org/mo-ranch).

### **Worship Choir**

Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.

### **Join a City Group**

City Groups are a great opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other believers, to discuss the Bible and other Christian books, and to pray for one another. For more information please contact Jack Smith.

### **Sunday School**

Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: [cpchouston.org/Sunday-School](http://cpchouston.org/Sunday-School)

### **Volunteers Needed**

The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at [cpchouston.org/deacons](http://cpchouston.org/deacons).

### **Give Online**

Visit [cpchouston.org/give](http://cpchouston.org/give) to give online.

**Sermon Notes**  
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