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Prelude

The Call to Victory by Daniel Paxton

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
Ephesians 1:3–6

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

Let us praise his glorious grace together!

Hymn of Praise
Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns
The Lamb upon his throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King
Thro' all eternity

Crown him the Lord of love
Behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer hail
For thou hast died for me
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Thro'out eternity

Crown him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown him the Lord of heav'n
One with the Father known
One with the Spirit thro' him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne
To thee be endless praise
For thou for us hast died
Be thou O Lord thro' endless days
Adored and magnified

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 #26

Leader: Who is God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

All: **[God is] the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.**

I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.

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

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
Exodus 20:8–11; Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 57–59, 62;

Leader: What is the fourth commandment?

People: The fourth commandment is: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Leader: What is required in the fourth commandment?

People: **The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.**

Leader: Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

People: **From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.**

Leader: What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

People: **The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are – God's allowing us six days of the week for our own employments; his challenging a special propriety in the seventh; his own example; and his blessing the Sabbath day.**

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sin together.

All: **Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent. We come to Christ, who has promised rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from him. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
Ephesians 1:7

Leader: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Pastoral Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering

Do Not Be Afraid
Based on Isaiah 43:1–4

Do not be afraid
For I have redeemed you
I have called you by your name
You are mine

When you walk through the waters
I'll be with you
You will never sink beneath the waves
When the fire is burning all around you
You will never be consumed by the flames

Chorus
Do not be afraid
For I have redeemed you
I have called you by your name
You are mine

When the fear of loneliness is looming
Then remember I am at your side
When you dwell in the exile of a stranger
Remember you are precious in my eyes

Chorus

You are mine O my child I am your Father
And I love you with a perfect love

Chorus

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

"Worry and Wrestling"
Genesis 32
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song
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 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

Benediction

Postlude
Nun freut euch, lieben Christen (Now Rejoice, Dear Christians) by J.S. Bach

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Announcements

Women's Hymn Sing

Join the women of Christ Presbyterian for an evening of singing hymns & joining together in fellowship. We will meet at the home of Mikie and Steve Bellis at 7 pm on Friday, November 7. Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share, but if you are in a pinch just bring yourself (and your friends)! RSVP online at cpchouston.org/hymn.

Men's Steak Night

Men, come for a time of fellowship and great food Friday, November 14, at 6:30 pm! Bring your favorite cut of meat, and we will supply the rest. You can grill it yourself or leave it to one of our highly trained grill masters. Please register by November 9. RSVP at cpchouston.org/steak.

Marriage Conference January 23 & 24

Mark your calendar for our Marriage Conference scheduled for the evening of Friday, January 23, and the morning of Saturday, January 24. Guest speakers Chad and Emily Van Dixhoorn will help us think through biblical truths about marriage to help singles and couples be more thoughtful and prayerful. Learn more: cpchouston.org/marriage

Men's Retreat February 6 & 7

Men, plan to join us for our 2026 Men's Retreat February 6-7 at Camp Blessing. Our speaker will be Ligon Duncan, Chancellor/CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary and the John E. Richards Professor of Systematic and Historical Theology. The cost is $145. Scholarships are available. Learn more and register online at cpchouston.org/men.

Messiah Rehearsals

Handel's Messiah rehearsals are Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary. Performances are December 11, 12 & 13. If you are interested in joining the concert choir, please contact BJ McDougal in the church office.

Worship Choir

New voices are welcome in the Worship Choir this fall! Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact BJ McDougal in the church office.

Women's Bible Study

Join Mikie Bellis and the women of CPC for our Bible study "Judges & Romans: Ruined to Righteous" this fall. We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary, and online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/BibleStudy.

Men's Bible Study

Men, join us for the Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am in the Chapel. Breakfast tacos will be served, and ministry staff along with seminarians will be teaching through the Psalms. Sign up online at cpchouston.org/men.

Announcements

Sunday School — Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Find full class descriptions online at cpchouston.org/Sunday-School.

Join a City Group — City Groups at CPC provide a great way for people to enjoy fellowship, build strong friendships, and encourage one another through prayer and Bible study. Learn more and join a City Group at cpchouston.org/city-groups. Questions? Contact Steve Bellis in the church office.

Volunteers Needed — The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.

Wednesday Night Dinner — For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on October 15 is smoked pulled pork, salad, and dessert. Bring $5 per person, max $20 per family, or you may pay online at https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday.

Operating Fund Contributions

ANNUAL BUDGET	**$3,300,000**
YTD GIVING AS OF 10/09/25	**$2,077,709**
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	**$1,222,291**

"Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." *Matthew 6:31-33 ESV*

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Sermon Notes

October 12, 2025 | "Worry and Wrestling"
Genesis 32 | Rev. Richard Harris

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