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Prelude

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
Adapted from Deuteronomy 4:36–39

Leader: Out of heaven the LORD let you hear his voice, and because he loved your fathers and chose their offspring after them to give you an inheritance, know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath; there is no other.

Let us worship today the Lord of heaven and earth.

Hymn of Praise
All Hail The Power Of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all

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
Redeemed,
Restored, Forgiven

Once on a dreary mountain
We wandered far and wide
Far from the cleansing fountain
Far from the pierced side
But Jesus sought and found us
And washed our guilt away
With cords of love he bound us
To be his own today

Chorus
Redeemed restored forgiven
Through Jesus' precious blood
Heirs of his home in heaven
Oh praise our pardoning God

Dear Lord receive the glory
Of each recovered soul
Oh who can tell the story
Of love that made us whole
Not ours not ours the merit
Be yours alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit
To serve you all our days

Chorus

Now keep us holy Savior
In your true love and fear
And grant us by your favor
The grace to persevere
Till in your new creation when
Earth meets heaven's shore
We find our full salvation
And praise you evermore

Redeemed restored forgiven
Through Jesus' precious blood
Heirs of his home in heaven
Oh praise our God
Redeemed restored forgiven
Through Jesus' precious blood
Heirs of his home in heaven
Oh praise our pardoning God
Praise our God

Call to Confession
Romans 13:8–10

Leader: Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **O God of heaven, we confess that we have not lived our lives in the light of eternity. We have not held fast to the truth that "the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed to us." We have not set our affections on the unseen eternal things, but set them time and time again on transient things; things we hope will save us; things we hope will give us joy; things to keep us from becoming bored. But Lord, we also confess that we have not sufficiently thanked you for the provision you make for our lives now. We seldom thank you for the men and women who serve and protect our nation. We are not in the habit of praying for the various leaders which you have set over us. We are ungrateful for the liberties we enjoy every day, always craving more than we deserve. Lord, save us from our sin, and guide us in your ways.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
Hebrews 9:15

Leader: Therefore Jesus Christ is the Mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering
Psalm 121, I Lift My Eyes

I lift my eyes up to the hills
From where does my help come
My help comes from the Maker of
The heavens and the earth
He will not let my foot be moved
He keeps my journey safe

Chorus
O my soul praise the LORD Most High
Strong to save he upholds my life
Forevermore he will be my light
I lift my eyes up to the LORD Most High

He is the shade at my right hand
My shelter in the storm
No sun by day nor moon by night
Shall ever bring me harm
He will not slumber will not sleep
He watches all my ways

Chorus

I lift my eyes up to the hills
From where does my help come
My help comes from the Maker of
The heavens and the earth
The God of Israel is my guide
Wherever I may go
And in his strength I will abide
Until he leads me home

O my soul praise the LORD Most High
Strong to save he upholds my life
Forevermore he will be my light
I lift my eyes up to the LORD

Chorus

I lift my eyes up to the LORD Most High

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

"Unexpected Champion"
1 Samuel 17:31–40
Rev. Axel Sotelo

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
The Power Of The Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus
This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning your bloodstained brow

Chorus

Now the daylight flees
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows his head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry

Chorus
This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through your suff'ring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

Benediction

Postlude

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Announcements

Summer Wacky Wednesday — Children are invited for dinner, water slides, games, and fellowship with friends this summer! Join us Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, through July 30 (not meeting on July 23). For more information contact Angela Ikard in the church office.

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

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

Operating Fund Contributions

AS OF 06/30/2025	YEAR TO DATE	THIS MONTH
ACTUAL	$1,359,431	$227,400
BUDGET	$1,401,913	$197,435
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	($42,482)	$29,965

"Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine." *Proverbs 3:9-10 ESV*

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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

July 6, 2025 | "Unexpected Champion"
1 Samuel 17:31–40 | Rev. Axel Sotelo

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