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Prelude

I Know Whom I Have Believed, arr. Anna Laura Page

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 95:3–5

Leader: For the LORD is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.
In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.
The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

Let us worship the Lord, the great King above all!

Hymn of Praise
O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Hear him ye deaf his praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap ye lame for joy

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name

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.

Hymn
Christ Our Hope In Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death
Christ alone Christ alone
What is our only confidence
That our souls to him belong
Who holds our days within his hand
What comes apart from his command
And what will keep us to the end
The love of Christ in which we stand

Chorus
O sing hallelujah
Our hope springs eternal
O sing hallelujah
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death

What truth can calm the troubled soul
God is good God is good
Where is his grace and goodness known
In our great Redeemer's blood
Who holds our faith when fears arise
Who stands above the stormy trial
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

Chorus

Unto the grave what shall we sing
Christ he lives Christ he lives
And what reward will heaven bring
Everlasting life with him
There we will rise to meet the Lord
Then sin and death will be destroyed
And we will feast in endless joy
When Christ is ours forevermore

Chorus

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Our hope springs eternal
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Call to Confession
Exodus 20:7; Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 53–54; Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 99

Leader: What is the third commandment?

People: The third commandment is: You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Leader: What is required in the third commandment?

People: The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God's name, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

Leader: What is God's will for us in the third commandment?

People: That we neither blaspheme nor misuse the name of God by cursing, perjury, or unnecessary oaths, nor share in such horrible sins by being silent bystanders. In a word, it requires that we use the holy name of God only with reverence and awe, so that we may properly confess him, pray to him, and praise him in everything we do and say.

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty and everlasting God, who orders all things in heaven and on earth, and who made all ages a preparation for the coming of your Son, we confess before you that we have sinned. We have not loved you as we ought. We have exercised false priorities; maintained false concepts of God; taken vows we have not kept; failed to honor your Lord's Day. Furthermore, we have not loved one another as we ought. We have failed to give honor to whom it is due; failed to preserve life; failed in maintaining purity of heart; taken what is not ours; borne false witness to make ourselves look better; and we have entertained covetous thoughts. O God, forgive our sins! We are sorry for them. We look to the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, to wash our sins away. Grant that we may grow in true faith and obedience to the honor of your great name. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
Titus 3:5–7

Leader: He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering
I Set My Hope

When this life of trials tests my faith
I set my hope on Jesus
When the questions come and doubts remain
I set my hope on Jesus
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal
There's a joy that runs still deeper
There's a truth that's more than all I feel
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus
I set my hope on Jesus
My Rock my only trust
Who set his heart upon me first
I set my hope on Jesus

Though I falter in this war with sin
I set my hope on Jesus
When I fail the fight and sink within
I set my hope on Jesus
Though the shame would drown me in its sea
And I dread the waves of justice
I will cast my life on Calvary
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus

Though the world call me to leave my Lord
I set my hope on Jesus
Though it offer all its vain rewards
I set my hope on Jesus
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray
Give me grace enough to finish
'Till I worship on that final day
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus
I set my hope on Jesus
My Rock my only trust
Who set his heart upon me first
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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

"Heading Home"
Genesis 31:17–55
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 and Special Deacons' Fund Offering

Here Is Love Vast As The Ocean

Here is love vast as the ocean
Lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us his precious blood
Who his love will not remember
Who can cease to sing his praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

On the morn of resurrection
Mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death burst open
Springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure
Joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing
In the risen reigning Son

Oh this love vast love of Jesus
Bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing
What more could our Savior give
Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion
Everlasting praise to him

Now to Christ who fully loved us
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Benediction

Postlude
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Go Out with Joy!, by Mary McDonald

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

Deacons' Fund Special Offering Today

The CPC Deacons' Fund helps meet immediate and acute financial needs of members of our church as well as those in our greater community. We will have a special Deacons' Fund offering during both worship services today. Please prayerfully consider donating to this fund in addition to your regular General Fund giving. You can also donate to the Deacons' Fund online at cpchouston.org/give. Enter the amount you'd like to give, then choose "Deacons Fund" from the drop-down menu. Questions? Please contact Claudio Cordeiro in the church office.

Youth & Children's Lunches

Youth and children are invited to stay after the second worship service today for Cane's chicken tenders, fellowship, and fun! Please sign up online at cpchouston.org/lunch.

Fall Journeys

Ladies, please join us for Fall Journeys, one of our most loved women's ministry events at CPC! Join us Saturday, October 11, at 10 am. We will begin our morning together with fellowship and a brunch before we hear from our speakers, Katy Boatman and Mary Hambly, about their journeys. RSVP at cpchouston.org/journeys.

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.

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.

Men's Bible Study

Men, please 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.

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.

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 8 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 10/02/25	**$1,995,853**
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	**$1,304,147**

"You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day." *Deuteronomy 8:18 ESV*

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Sermon Notes

October 5, 2025 | "Heading Home"
Genesis 31:17–55 | Rev. Richard Harris

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ON CALL OCTOBER 5

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