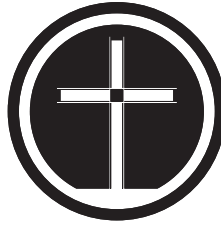


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Prelude

It is Well With My Soul by Philip P. Bliss, arr. by Marianne Kim

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 100:1-4

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!
Know that the LORD, he is God!
It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

My Hope
Is in the Lord

My hope is in the Lord
Who gave himself for me
And paid the price
Of all my sin at Calvary

Chorus
For me he died
For me he lives
And everlasting life
And light he freely gives

No merit of my own
His anger to suppress
My only hope is found
In Jesus' righteousness

Chorus

And now for me he stands
Before the Father's throne
He shows his wounded hands
And names me as his own

Chorus
For me he died
For me he lives
And everlasting life
And light he freely gives

His grace has planned it all
'Tis mine but to believe
And recognize his work of love
And Christ receive

Chorus

Words & Music: Norman J. Clayton, 1945

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

Words: Traditional 2nd Century
Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

**Affirmation of
Faith**
Psalm 23

Leader: The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.

All: He makes me lie down in green pastures.

Leader: He leads me beside still waters.

All: He restores my soul.

Leader: He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**All: Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;**

Leader: Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**All: You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil;**

Leader: My cup overflows.

**All: Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.**

Hymn
I Heard the
Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest
Lay down thou weary one
Lay down thy head upon my breast
I came to Jesus as I was
Weary and worn and sad
I found in him a resting place
And he has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Behold I freely give
The living water thirsty one
Stoop down and drink and live
I came to Jesus and I drank
Of that life giving stream
My thirst was quenched my soul revived
And now I live in him

I heard the voice of Jesus say
I am this dark world's Light
Look unto me thy morn shall rise
And all thy day be bright
I looked to Jesus and I found
In him my Star my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till trav'ling days are done

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest
Lay down thou weary one
Lay down thy head upon my breast
I came to Jesus as I was
Weary and worn and sad
I found in him a resting place
And he has made me glad

Words: Horatius Bonar, 1850

Music: English melody; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:36-40

Leader: "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Public Confession

Richard Baxter
[1615 - 1691]

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O most great, most just and gracious God; you are of purer eyes than to behold iniquity; but you have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all who repent and believe in him. Therefore, we confess that we are sinful by nature and that we have all sinned and come short of the glory of God. We have neglected and abused your holy worship and your holy name. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your kingdom and righteousness. We have not been content with our daily bread.

You have revealed your wonderful love to us in Christ and offered us pardon and salvation in him; but we have turned away. We have run into temptation; and the sin that we should have hated, we have committed. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father! We confess you alone are our hope. Make us your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, our only Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**

Romans 6:5-7

Leader: If we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin.

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**

It Is Well
With My Soul
Arr. Tom Trenney

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul

It is well
All shall be well
It is well it is well with my soul

He lives O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord O my soul

It is well
All shall be well
It is well it is well all shall be well

Lord hasten the day
When our faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trumpet shall sound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

Arr. Tom Trenney, The Worship Choir

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

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709

Music: Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

"Blessed Are the Peacemakers"

Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. Dr. Ben Kappers

Closing Hymn Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
In the dawning of the King
He the theme of heaven's praises
Robed in frail humanity
In our longing in our darkness
Now the Light of Life has come
Look to Christ who condescended
Took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
He the perfect Son of Man
In his living in his suff'ring
Never trace nor stain of sin
See the true and better Adam
Come to save the hellbound man
Christ the great and sure fulfillment
Of the law in him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Christ the Lord upon the tree
In the stead of ruined sinners
Hangs the Lamb in victory
See the price of our redemption
See the Father's plan unfold
Bringing many sons to glory
Grace unmeasured love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry
Slain by death the God of life
But no grave could e'er restrain him
Praise the Lord he is alive
What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

What a foretaste of deliv'rance
How unwavering our hope
Christ in power resurrected
As we will be when he comes

Words & Music: Michael Bleecker, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, 2012

Benediction

Postlude

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The Lord Reigns, Alleluia! by Gerald Peterson

Announcements

Women's Ministry Game Night May 1

Ladies, join us for a Women's Game Night filled with board games, card games, and great company. We'll enjoy a little friendly competition on Friday, May 1, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Chapel. Whether you love classics or have a favorite game to introduce, bring it along and join the fun! RSVP (and maybe sign up to bring a snack to share) at cpchouston.org/game.

Family Ministry Crawfish Boil May 3

Families, you are invited to CPC's Family Ministry Crawfish Boil on Sunday, May 3, 12:30-2 pm! Enjoy crawfish, sides, and fellowship with friends at the home of Richard and Alicia Harris. Students and children are invited to stay at CPC for a fellowship lunch and activities while the adults head over to the Harris's' home! RSVP online at cpchouston.org/crawfish.

Congregational Meeting May 17

A Congregational Meeting to elect our new elders and deacons will be held Sunday, May 17, immediately following the conclusion of our 8:30 worship service. A Town Hall meeting and financial presentation will follow. Adult Sunday school classes will meet after the meeting. The following candidates will be presented to the congregation for election: Matt Baker (elder), Chip Mealy (elder), Dan Olson (elder), Brian Rose (elder), Scott Brown (deacon), and Larry Dawson (deacon). Lee Shuchart will be appointed by the Session to serve on the Diaconal Ministry Team alongside our ordained deacons.

Lunch & Learn with Freedom Church Alliance May 17

The Missions Committee invites you to a lunch and learn in the Chapel on Sunday, May 17, following the 11:00 worship service. Come learn how you can be involved in Freedom Church Alliance's efforts to combat human trafficking in Houston, especially as our city prepares to host the FIFA World Cup this summer. Please register for lunch at cpchouston.org/lunch.

Vacation Bible School June 9-12

Sign up today for VBS June 9-12, 9 am to 12 pm! We invite rising kindergarteners through fifth graders to join us for an exciting week filled with Bible lessons, games, crafts, and fellowship with old and new friends! Register campers and volunteers online at cpchouston.org/VBS.

Mo-Ranch All- Church Retreat July 23-26

We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 23-26! Please prayerfully consider joining us for a great time of refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. Register online through Sunday, June 7, at cpchouston.org/mo-ranch.

Worship Choir Rehearsals

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

Announcements

Join a City Group

City Groups at Christ Presbyterian Church 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.

Give Online

To give online, please visit cpchouston.org/give. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” *Matthew 6:19-21*

Wednesday Night Dinner

For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on April 29 is cheese quesadillas/chicken taquitos, guacamole, rice, beans, salad, and dessert. Bring \$5 per person, max \$20 per family, or pay online at <https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday>.

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