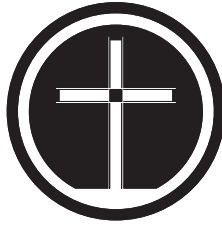


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Prelude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing by Carl G. Glaser/Mark Hayes, arr. Marvin Gaspard

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

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Lowell Mason, 1839, rev. 1850; adapt. From Carl Gläser

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

The Heidelberg
Catechism, Q/A #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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

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

Words & Music Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Matt Papa, 2020

Call to Confession

Exodus 20:7
Westminster
Shorter Catechism
Q/A 53-54;
Heidelberg
Catechism Q/A 99

Leader: What is the third commandment?

All: 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?

**Public
Confession**

All: 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?

All: 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.

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**

The Lord Is
My Shepherd
Worship Choir

The LORD is my Shepherd
Therefore can I lack nothing
He shall feed me in a green pasture
And lead me forth beside
The waters of comfort

He shall convert my soul
And bring me forth
In the paths of righteousness
For his Name's sake

Yea though I walk through
The valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
For thou art with me
Thy rod and thy staff comfort me

Thou shalt prepare a table for me
Against them that trouble me
Thou hast anointed my head with oil
And my cup shall be full

But thy loving-kindness and mercy
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell
In the house of the LORD forever

Arr. John Rutter

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

"If I Perish, I Perish"

Esther 4

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**

**Communion
Hymns**

My Jesus
I Love Thee

My Jesus I love thee I know thou art mine
For thee all the follies of sin I resign
My gracious Redeemer my Savior art thou
If ever I loved thee my Jesus 'tis now

I love thee because thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree
I love thee for wearing
The thorns on thy brow
If ever I loved thee my Jesus 'tis now

I'll love thee in life I will love thee in death
And praise thee as long as thou
Lendest me breath
And say when the death dew lies
Cold on my brow
If ever I loved thee my Jesus 'tis now

Words: James H Duffell, 1862 | Music: Adoniram Judson Gordon, 1872

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
'Til 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
I set my hope on Jesus
I set my hope on Jesus

Words & Music: Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, 2023

Benediction

Postlude

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Fugue in C by Alessandro Scarlatti, ed. Charles Callahan

Announcements

Condolences	We extend our sympathy to Molly Williams in the loss of her husband, O'Banion, on Wednesday, September 30. May the comfort of Christ be with Molly and the whole Williams family during this difficult time.
Family Ministry Social Today	Children and youth, enjoy fellowship, fun, and lunch at the church after the second service today while parents join us at Kirby Ice House to watch the Texans vs Cowboys. Food will be available for purchase at nearby food trucks; each person is responsible for their own food and beverages. Details and registration are online at tinyurl.com/FamMin10-26 .
JOY (Just Older Youth) Group Field Trip October 9	The JOY Group is going to Peek a Ranch in Burton, TX, (peekaranch.com) on Friday, October 9. We'll meet their alpacas, stroll the rolling hills, and browse their store. The cost for visiting the ranch is \$7. We will leave CPC at 9:15 am, enjoy the alpacas, then stop for lunch at Mariachi's Mexican Restaurant in Brenham on the way home. Contact Cindy Meeh if you have questions. Learn more and sign up online at cpchouston.org/JOY .
Fall Journeys October 10	Ladies, register today for Fall Journeys, one of our most loved women's ministry events at CPC! Join us Saturday, October 10, 10 am to 12 pm. We will begin our morning with fellowship and a brunch before hearing from our speakers, Ellen Brown and Jackie McDougal, about their journeys. Sign up today at cpchouston.org/journeys .
Men's Steak Night November 6	Come for fellowship and great food Friday, November 6, 6:30-10 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 2 at cpchouston.org/steak .
Women's Hymn Sing	Ladies, join us for an evening of singing hymns & joining together in fellowship. We will meet at the Moore home at 7:00 pm on Thursday, November 12. Sign up online at cpchouston.org/hymn .
Women's Bible Study	Join Mikie Bellis and the women of CPC for our Bible study this fall, "Hosea and The Epistles of John: <i>Hesed</i> , God's Covenant Love." We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary. Online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register at cpchouston.org/BibleStudy .
Wednesday Night Dinner	For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on October 7 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 .

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.

Operating Fund Contributions

ANNUAL BUDGET	\$3,400,000
YTD GIVING AS OF 09/30/2026	\$2,238,266
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	\$1,161,734

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." *2 Corinthians 9:6*

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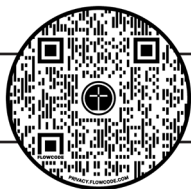
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