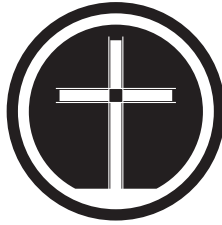


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## Prelude

*Bach: Adorn Yourself, Oh Soul*

## 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

1 Timothy 1:17

Leader: To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Let us worship the King of the ages together!

## Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible  
God Only Wise

Immortal invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed most glorious  
The Ancient of Days  
Almighty victorious thy great name we praise

Unresting unhasting and silent as light  
Nor wanting nor wasting thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love

To all life thou givest to both great and small  
In all life thou livest the true life of all  
Thy wisdom so boundless thy mercy so free  
Eternal thy goodness for  
Naught changeth thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

## 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**

1 Corinthians  
15:14-22

Leader: What do we believe about Jesus Christ's resurrection?

**All: And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.**

**But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.**

**Hymn**

All Praise To God  
Who Reigns Above

All praise to God who reigns above  
The God of all creation  
The God of wonders power and love  
The God of our salvation  
With healing balm my soul he fills  
The God who every sorrow stills  
To God all praise and glory

What God's almighty power hath made  
His gracious mercy keepeth  
By morning dawn or evening shade  
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth  
Within the kingdom of his might  
Lo all is just and all is right  
To God all praise and glory

I cried to him in time of need  
Lord God O hear my calling  
For death he gave me life indeed  
And kept my feet from falling  
For this my thanks shall endless be  
Oh thank him thank our God with me  
To God all praise and glory

The Lord forsaketh not his flock  
His chosen generation  
He is their refuge and their rock  
Their peace and their salvation  
As with a mother's tender hand  
He leads his own his chosen band  
To God all praise and glory

**Call to  
Confession**  
1 John 1:8-10

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

**Public  
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

**All:** **Almighty God, you sent Jesus to this world, raised him from the grave and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him the glory. Forgive us and free us from our love of sin, that we may live as the people of God. May your Spirit work in our hearts such that we would delight in your commandments unto obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is sole King and Head of the Church, his body. Amen.**

**Silent  
Confession**

**Assurance of  
Pardon and  
Comfort**  
1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

## Pastoral Prayer

### Tithes & Offerings

#### Musical Offering

Search Me O God  
based on Psalm 139

*Chorus*

*Search me O God and know my heart  
As you have searched and known before  
Who I am where I go  
What I say and what I know  
Search my heart that I may love you more*

You know where I've been and  
Where I'm going  
When I'm asleep and when I rise  
You know my thoughts before I think them  
Nothing is hidden from your eyes

*Chorus*

You know my steps before I take them  
You've ordered each and every one  
The darkness will not hide me from you  
For night to you shines as the sun  
From heavens high to valleys low  
There is nowhere I can go  
Where your Spirit will not find me  
For you formed me in your hands  
By your pure and holy plan  
I will now and ever sing this glad refrain

*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

### “Contending for the Faith”

*Jude 3*

Rev. Dr. John Crimmins

## Closing Song

Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father

From before the world began

Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet

Has been fashioned by your hand

All creation holds together

By the power of your voice

Let the skies declare your glory

Let the land and seas rejoice

*Chorus*

*You're the author of creation*

*You're the Lord of ev'ry man*

*And your cry of love rings out*

*Across the lands*

Yet you left the gaze of angels

Came to seek and save the lost

And exchanged the joy of heaven

For the anguish of a cross

With a prayer you fed the hungry

With a word you calmed the sea

Yet how silently you suffered

That the guilty may go free

*Chorus*

With a shout you rose victorious

Wresting victory from the grave

And ascended into heaven

Leading captives in your wake

Now you stand before the Father

Interceding for your own

From each tribe and tongue and nation

You are leading sinners home

*Chorus 2x*

## Benediction

## Postlude

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*Handel: The Rejoicing*

## Announcements

### **Missions Weekend**

Please mark your calendar for Missions Weekend Friday evening, February 28, through Sunday evening, March 2. We will share meals and fellowship; hear messages from our guest speaker, Rev. Matthew Eusey; and more! Please plan to join us for this special time together. Registration: [cpchouston.org/missions2025](http://cpchouston.org/missions2025)

### **Women's Retreat**

Ladies, join us for our Women's Retreat March 28–30 at Camp Allen with guest speaker Sarah Morris! Learn more and register online at [cpchouston.org/retreat](http://cpchouston.org/retreat).

### **Palm Sunday Picnic**

Bring your family and friends and join us for a church picnic on Palm Sunday, April 13, at the conclusion of the 11 am worship service! We will enjoy delicious food and fellowship. Children will enjoy an egg hunt and fun family games. Please sign up online at [cpchouston.org/picnic](http://cpchouston.org/picnic).

### **Men's Steak Night**

Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food Friday, April 25! Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/steak](http://cpchouston.org/steak)

### **CPC Summer Camp**

Save the date for our CPC Grand Prix summer camp June 10-13! We invite rising kindergarten students through fifth graders to be part of this fun-filled camp. Registration begins March 3.

### **Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat**

We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 24–27! Please prayerfully consider joining us for a great time of refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/mo-ranch](http://cpchouston.org/mo-ranch)

### **Worship Choir**

Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.

### **Men's Bible Study**

Join us for our Men's Bible Study on 1 Kings this spring! Pastor Richard Harris leads this time of teaching and small group discussion Tuesday mornings, 6:45-7:45 am, in the Chapel. Sign up at [cpchouston.org/men](http://cpchouston.org/men).

### **Women's Bible Study**

Our Women's Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at 9:30 am (lunch at 11). An online-only small group meets Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register at [cpchouston.org/BibleStudy](http://cpchouston.org/BibleStudy).

### **Join a City Group**

City Groups are a great opportunity to develop meaningful relationships with other believers, to discuss the Bible and other Christian books, and to pray for one another. For information contact Jack Smith.

### **Sunday School**

Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: [cpchouston.org/Sunday-School](http://cpchouston.org/Sunday-School)

## Announcements

**Volunteers  
Needed**

The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at [cpchouston.org/deacons](http://cpchouston.org/deacons).

**Give Online**

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**Diaconal Member on Call**

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