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Prelude

Improvisation on Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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 95:1-2

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Let us worship God together!

Hymn of Praise

Love Divine, All
Loves Excelling

Love divine all loves excelling
Joy of heaven to earth come down
Fix in us thy humble dwelling
All thy faithful mercies crown
Jesus thou art all compassion
Pure unbounded love thou art
Visit us with thy salvation
Enter every trembling heart

Breathe o breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast
Let us all in thee inherit
Let us find the promised rest
Take away our bent to sinning
Alpha and Omega be
End of faith as its beginning
Set our hearts at liberty

Come Almighty to deliver
Let us all thy life receive
Suddenly return and never
Never more thy temples leave
Thee we would be always blessing
Serve thee as thy hosts above
Pray and praise thee without ceasing
Glory in thy perfect love

Finish then thy new creation
Pure and spotless let us be
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee
Changed from glory into glory
Till in heaven we take our place
Till we cast our crowns before thee
Lost in wonder love and praise

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

Colossians 1:15-20

Leader: Who is Jesus, the Christ?

People: We believe Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him. And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Hymn

I Stand Amazed In
The Presence

I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how he could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

Chorus

*Singing how marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me*

He took my sin and my sorrows
He made them his very own
And he bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

Chorus 2x

When with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
'Twill be my joy through the ages
To sing of his love for me

Chorus 2x

Call to Confession

Isaiah 53:6

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one
– to his own way;

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, who is rich in mercy to all who call upon you, hear us as we humbly confess our sins and seek your forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude; our pride and willfulness; and all our other failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our fellowmen. Have mercy upon us, Father, and by your great goodness grant that we may possess the fullness of the Spirit of adoption, freeing us from guilt, and causing us to pursue holiness. By your gospel, encourage us and save sinners today. We ask expectantly through the mediation of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**

Hebrews 10:11-14

Leader: And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**Tithes &
Offerings**

**Musical
Offering**

(8:30) He Will Hold
Me Fast
(11:00) All Must Be
Well

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

“The Birth of Isaac”
Genesis 21:1-21
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

There Is A Fountain

There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
Lose all their guilty stains
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
Wash all my sins away
And there may I though vile as he
Wash all my sins away

Dear dying Lamb thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Be saved to sin no more
Till all the ransomed Church of God
Be saved to sin no more

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
And shall be till I die
Redeeming love has been my theme
And shall be till I die

Benediction

Postlude

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Bach: Have Mercy, Holy Spirit

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

- 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 11:00 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.
- Men's Steak Night** Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food Friday, April 25! Details & registration: cpchouston.org/steak
- Senior Sunday** On Sunday, April 27, we will honor all of our graduating high school seniors during the 11:00 worship service. If you would like to have your senior recognized, please contact David Newland for more information.
- CPC Grand Prix 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. Register today at cpchouston.org/camp.
- 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. Register online at 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. Please note that we will not meet on April 15.
- 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 more information please contact Jack Smith.
- Sunday School** Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10:00 am! Class descriptions: cpchouston.org/Sunday-School
- Volunteers Needed** The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.
- Give Online** Visit cpchouston.org/give to give online.

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