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Prelude

Voluntary by Charles Zeuner

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
selected verses from Psalm 33

Leader: Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous!
Give thanks to the LORD with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.
By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
and by the breath of his mouth all their host.
He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap;
he puts the deeps in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
For he spoke, and it came to be;
he commanded, and it stood firm.

Let us worship our Creator God together!

Hymn of Praise
And Can It Be

And can it be that I should gain
An int'rest in the Savior's blood
Died he for me who caused his pain
For me who him to death pursued
Amazing love how can it be
That thou my God shouldst die for me

Chorus
Amazing love how can it be
That thou my God shouldst die for me

He left his Father's throne above
So free so infinite his grace
Emptied himself of all but love
And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all immense and free
For O my God it found out me

Chorus
Amazing love how can it be
That thou my God shouldst die for me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray
I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off my heart was free
I rose went forth and followed thee

Chorus

No condemnation now I dread
Jesus and all in him is mine
Alive in him my living Head
And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach th'eternal throne
And claim the crown thro' Christ my own

Chorus

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

The Apostles' Creed

**Jesus "descended into hell" as he suffered the pain and torment of divine wrath.*
***The term catholic refers to the church universal, knowing no racial, economic, geographical, or language barriers.*

Leader: Christian, what do you believe?

All: **I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell.* The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Hymn

King Of Love

The King of Love my Shepherd is
Whose goodness faileth never
I nothing lack if I am his
And he is mine forever
And he is mine forever

Where streams of living water flow
My ransomed soul he leadeth
And where the fertile pastures grow
With food celestial feedeth

Chorus
Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Lost and foolish off I strayed
But yet in love he sought me
And on his shoulder gently laid
And home rejoicing brought me

In death's dark veil I fear no ill
With thee dear Lord beside me
Thy rod and staff my comfort still
Thy cross before to guide me

Chorus

Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah
Oh Hallelujah Hallelujah

Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is

Chorus
Never failing Ruler of my heart
Everlasting Lover of my soul
On the mountain high or in the valley low
The King of Love my Shepherd is
The King of Love my Shepherd is

And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never
Good Shepherd may I sing your praise
Within your house forever
Within your house forever

Call to Confession
Jeremiah 2:9, 11, 13

Leader: Therefore I still contend with you, declares the LORD, and with your children's children I will contend. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for that which does not profit, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **Holy Lord, I have sinned times without number. I have been guilty of pride and unbelief, of failure to find your mind in your Word, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My transgressions and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I praise you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Subdue my corruptions and grant me grace to live above them. Let not the passions of the flesh nor lusts of the mind bring my spirit into subjection. No trial is so hard to bear as a sense of sin. If you should give me a choice to live in pleasure and keep my sins, or to have them burnt away with trial, give me sanctified affliction. Deliver me from every evil habit, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Then I shall bless you, God of my righteousness, for helping me to be upright. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
1 Peter 2:24

Leader: Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

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
How Great Thou Art
Worship Choir

O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made
I see the stars I hear the rolling thunder
Thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed

Chorus
Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art how great thou art
Then sings my soul my Savior God to thee
How great thou art how great thou art

And when I think that God his Son not sparing
Sent him to die I scarce can take it in
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing
He bled and died to take away my sin

When Christ shall come
With shout of acclamation
And take me home what joy shall fill my heart
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim my God how great thou art

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

"Sold Into Slavery"
Genesis 37:12–36
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song
How Great Is The Greatness Of God

Chorus
How faithful the Father above
How wondrous the work of the Son
How sweet is the Spirit given to us
How great is the greatness of God

Morning by morning with every dawn
My soul with a new song awaits
Even in evening my praise goes on
Forever my God is the same

Chorus

When my heart gazes on Calvary
At all of your mercies arrayed
Oh that my Savior would die for me
I sing out with infinite thanks

Chorus

Oh what a comfort in every trial
His presence is all that I need
Power that brought resurrection life
That power is living in me
That power is living in me

Chorus

How faithful the Father above
How wondrous the work of the Son
How sweet is the Spirit given to us
How great is the greatness of God
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Benediction

Postlude
Alleluia Postlude by Esther Megargel

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Announcements

Marriage Conference January 23 & 24

We encourage you to be part of our Marriage Conference scheduled for the evening of Friday, January 23, and the morning of Saturday, January 24. Guest speakers Chad and Emily Van Dixhoorn will help us think through biblical truths about marriage to help singles and couples be more thoughtful and prayerful. Cost is $50/couple or $35/individual. Contact the church office to inquire about scholarships. Childcare is available for children fifth grade and younger. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/marriage

Dr. Brad Voyles at CPC February 1

We are pleased to welcome Dr. Brad Voyles, president of Covenant College, to CPC on Sunday, February 1. Dr. Voyles will preach in both worship services. He will also teach on "Why Christian Higher Education" during the Sunday School hour for parents and middle and high school students. Dr. Voyles combines his God-given love for discipleship with decades of experience working with students, first at Southern Illinois University and Belhaven College, then at Covenant College, to bring a valuable perspective to the topic of Christian higher education. We encourage parents and students to be part of this important class in the Chapel!

Men's Retreat February 6 & 7

Men, plan to join us for our 2026 Men's Retreat February 6-7 at Camp Blessing. Our speaker will be Ligon Duncan, Chancellor/CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary. The cost is $145. Scholarships are available. Learn more and register online at cpchouston.org/men.

Winter Journeys February 14

Ladies, save the date for Winter Journeys, one of our most loved women's ministry events at CPC! Join us Saturday, February 14, 10 am to 12 pm. We will begin our morning with fellowship and a brunch before hearing from our speakers, Anne Henderson and Kara Rose, about their journeys. Sign up today at cpchouston.org/journeys.

Women's Bible Study

Join the women of CPC for our Bible study, "Judges & Romans: Ruined to Righteous." We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Room 214, and online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/BibleStudy

Men's Bible Study Resumes February 10

Men, join us for the Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am in the Chapel. We will resume meeting on February 10. Breakfast tacos will be served, and ministry staff along with seminarians will be teaching through the Psalms. Sign up online at cpchouston.org/men.

Worship Choir Rehearsal Wednesday

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

Every Person Prayer

If you signed up for Every Person Prayer, please pick up your prayer card on Main Street today. Even if you didn't sign up, you may still pick up a card and begin praying for members of our church family!

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.

Volunteers Needed

The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.

Give Online

To give online, please visit cpchouston.org/give. "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."
Matthew 6:31-33 ESV

Wednesday Night Dinner

For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on January 21 is pizza, chicken tenders, salad, and dessert. Bring $5 per person, max $20 per family, or pay online at https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday.

Sermon Notes

January 18, 2026 | "Sold Into Slavery"
Genesis 37:12–36 | Rev. Richard Harris

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