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Prelude

Prelude in F BWV 556 by J.S. Bach

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

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise
Praise To The Lord
The Almighty

Praise to the Lord the Almighty
The King of creation
O my soul praise him
For he is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to his temple draw near
Join me in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord who o'er all things
So wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under his wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen
How thy desires all have been
Granted in what he ordaineth

Praise to the Lord who doth
Prosper thy work and defend thee
Surely his goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with his love he befriend thee

Praise to the Lord O let
All that is in me adore him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before him
Let the amen sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him

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
Romans 8:28–35; 37–39

Leader: Let us affirm what God's Word declares about the love of God in Christ Jesus for us.

All: And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

Leader: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn?

All: Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

All: **No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.**

Hymn
My Worth Is Not In What I Own

My worth is not in what I own
Not in the strength of flesh and bone
But in the costly wounds of love at the cross

My worth is not in skill or name
In win or lose in pride or shame
But in the blood of Christ that flowed
At the cross

Chorus
I rejoice in my Redeemer
Greatest treasure Wellspring of my soul
I will trust in him no other
My soul is satisfied in him alone

As summer flowers we fade and die
Fame youth and beauty hurry by
But life eternal calls to us at the cross

I will not boast in wealth or might
Or human wisdom fleeting light
But I will boast in knowing Christ at the cross

Chorus

Two wonders here that I confess
My worth and my unworthiness
My value fixed my ransom paid at the cross

Chorus 2x

Call to Confession
Exodus 20:16; Adapted from Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 76; Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 112

Leader: What is the ninth commandment?

All: The ninth commandment is: You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Leader: What is God's will for you in the ninth commandment?

All: God's will is that I never give false testimony against anyone, twist no one's words, not gossip or slander, nor join in condemning anyone without a hearing or without a just cause. Rather, in court and everywhere else, I should avoid lying and deceit of every kind. I should love the truth, speak it candidly, and openly acknowledge it. And I should do what I can to guard and advance my neighbor's good name.

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, who art rich in mercy to all those who call upon you: Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions and imploring your mercy and 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 failures and shortcomings toward you and toward our neighbors. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and of your great goodness grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
Isaiah 53:6, 12

Leader: All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned – every one – to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

(11:00)
Reception of New Members

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering
How Great Is The Greatness Of God

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
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

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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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

"Back to Bethel and Beyond"
Genesis 35
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song
My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Chorus
On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

When darkness veils his lovely face
I rest on his unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Chorus

His oath his covenant his blood
Support me in the whelming flood
When all around my soul gives way
He then is all my hope and stay

Chorus

When he shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

Chorus

Benediction

Postlude
Lobe den Herren by Charles Callahan

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Announcements

Thanksgiving Worship & Dinner November 23

Mark your calendars for our annual, all-church Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 23, at 5:30 pm, followed by a delicious holiday meal afterwards with ham and turkey catered by The Honey Baked Ham Co. This will be an evening of giving thanks to God for his abundant love and faithfulness. RSVP: cpchouston.org/thanksgiving

Angel Tree Christmas

We invite you to select Christmas gift suggestions to bless the children of prisoners and children attending Cedar Brook and Lion Lane schools. This year you can sign up online for the age and gender of the child and the type of gift you want to purchase. Visit the Angel Tree table, contact Larry Dawson or Long Tran, or visit cpchouston.org/angel-tree for details.

Family Ministry Christmas Party

Families, join us for the Family Ministry Christmas Party on Friday, December 5, 6:30-9 pm! Enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with friends at the Williams home. Childcare will be provided for children in 5th grade and younger at CPC. RSVP: cpchouston.org/family

Children's Ministry Christmas Party

Let it snow! Children 5th grade and under are invited to the Children's Ministry Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7, from 12:30-2:30 pm. We will enjoy REAL snow, cookies, and hot chocolate. Lunch will be provided. Friends are welcome! RSVP: cpchouston.org/party

Handel's Messiah

Our 2025 Handel's *Messiah* performances are December 11, 12 & 13 at 8 pm. Reserve will-call tickets online at cpchouston.org/MessiahTickets.

Volunteers Needed

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

Marriage Conference January 23 & 24

Mark your calendar for 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. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/marriage

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.

Wednesday Night Dinner

For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on November 19 is *smoked pulled pork, salad, and dessert*. Bring $5 per person, max $20 per family, or you may pay online at https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday.

Operating Fund Contributions

ANNUAL BUDGET	**$3,300,000**
YTD GIVING AS OF 11/12/25	**$2,475,837**
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	**$824,163**

"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

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Sermon Notes

November 16, 2025 | “Back to Bethel and Beyond”
Genesis 35 | Rev. Richard Harris

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