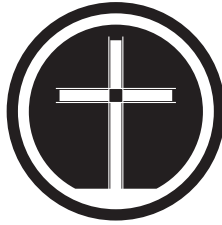


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Prelude

James Pethel | Prelude on I Sing the Mighty Power of God

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 104:31–34

Leader: May the glory of the LORD endure forever;
may the LORD rejoice in his works,
who looks on the earth and it trembles,
who touches the mountains and they smoke!
I will sing to the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.
May my meditation be pleasing to him,
for I rejoice in the LORD.
Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

I Sing The Mighty
Power Of God

I sing the mighty power of God
That made the mountains rise
That spread the flowing seas abroad
And built the lofty skies
I sing the wisdom that ordained
The sun to rule the day
The moon shines full at his command
And all the stars obey

I sing the goodness of the Lord
That filled the earth with food
He formed the creatures with his word
And then pronounced them good
Lord how thy wonders are displayed
Where'er I turn my eye
If I survey the ground I tread
Or gaze upon the sky

There's not a plant or flower below
But makes thy glories known
And clouds arise and tempests blow
By order from thy throne
While all that borrows life from thee
Is ever in thy care
And everywhere that man can be
Thou God art present there

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

Hebrews 4:14-16;
10:19-25

Leader: What is true of our Great High Priest, Jesus Christ?

People: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

Leader: For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

People: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Leader: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.

Hymn
Jesus Paid It All

All: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

Chorus
Jesus paid it all
All to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

And when before the throne
I stand in him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow
He washed it white as snow

Oh praise the One who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead

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Call to Confession

Exodus 20:17
Westminster Larger
Catechism Q/A
146–147;
Westminster
Shorter Catechism
Q/A 81–82;
Adapted from
Heidelberg
Catechism Q/A 115

Leader: What is the tenth commandment?

People: **The tenth commandment is: “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”**

Leader: What does the tenth commandment require?

People: **The tenth commandment requires that we be so completely satisfied with our own status in life and have such a proper, loving attitude toward others that we are naturally inclined to wish the best for them and all their possessions.**

Leader: What does the tenth commandment forbid?

People: **The tenth commandment forbids any dissatisfaction with what belongs to us, envy or grief at the success of others, and all improper desire for anything that belongs to someone else.**

Leader: Can anyone perfectly keep the commandments of God?

All: **Since the fall no ordinary man can perfectly keep the commandments of God in this life but breaks them every day in thought, word, and action.**

Leader: No one in this life can obey the Ten Commandments perfectly: Why then does God want them preached so pointedly?

All: **First, so that the longer we live the more we may come to know our sinfulness and the more eagerly look to Christ for forgiveness of sins and righteousness. Second, so that, while praying to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, we may never stop striving to be renewed more and more after God’s image.**

**Public
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**
Romans 6:23

Leader: For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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) Prayer To
Jehovah

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 Greatest Teacher Ever”

Luke 15:11-32
Peter Williams

Closing Song

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

Benediction

Postlude

J. S. Bach | Fugue in E-Flat Major

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Announcements

- Men's Steak Night** Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food November 22! Details & registration: cpchouston.org/steak
- Congregational Meeting** A Congregational Meeting for the purpose of electing the 2025 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) will be held Sunday, November 24, immediately following the 8:30 worship service. Elders Travis Graham and Tommy Ikard have been appointed to serve on the ONC by the Session. Deacons Wes Wolffe and Dan Alexander have been appointed to serve on the ONC by the Deacons. The appointed officers are proposing the congregation elect Lee Shuchart, Marlene Van Dyk, Elizabeth Anderson, and Sarah Pfannenschmidt to serve as the four at-large members on the ONC. A Town Hall meeting and financial presentation will follow. Adult Sunday school classes will meet after the meeting.
- Thanksgiving Worship** Join us Sunday, November 24, at 5:30 pm for our Thanksgiving worship service. During this special service we will ordain and install Jack Smith as our Assistant Pastor of Family Ministries. Following the worship service we will share a delicious holiday meal. Please register for dinner online at cpchouston.org/Thanksgiving. Volunteers are needed to help serve dinner. Please visit cpchouston.org/Thanksgiving to sign up to help.
- Angel Tree Christmas** Stop by the Angel Tree table to pick up one or more gift ideas for the children of prisoners and children from Cedar Brook Elementary and Lion Lane Schools. Contact Larry or Susan Dawson for more information.
- Family Ministry Christmas Party** Save the date for Friday, December 6, 6:30-9:00 pm at the Harris home. Childcare will be provided at CPC. RSVP: cpchouston.org/Family
- Children's Christmas Party** Join us Sunday, December 8, 12:30-2:00 pm for snow, sledding, and hot chocolate! Sign-up online at cpchouston.org/Party.
- Handel's Messiah** Our 2024 Handel's Messiah performance dates are December 12, 13 & 14.
- Men's Retreat** Our 2025 Men's Retreat is February 7-8. Learn more and register online: cpchouston.org/mens-retreat.
- Women's Retreat** Save the date for our Womens' Retreat March 28-30, 2025 at Camp Allen!
- Worship Choir** Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal at bmcdougal@cpchouston.org.

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- Men's Bible Study** The Men's Bible Study is led by Pastor Harris on Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am, in the Chapel. We will not meet November 19 & 26. Our final 2024 study will be December 3. Sign up at cpchouston.org/men.
- Volunteers Needed** The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.
- Sunday School** Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am!
Class descriptions: cpchouston.org/Sunday-School
- City Groups** Sign up online at cpchouston.org/city-groups or contact Steve Bellis in the church office.
- Mo-Ranch** Mark your calendar for our All-Church Retreat at Mo-Ranch July 24–27, 2025.
- Year-End Stock Donations** Tax advantages may be realized by donating appreciated stock you have owned for more than one year. CPC will sell and use the proceeds for its programs. Please contact Claudio Cordeiro in the church office for information or to notify us of your stock transfer. For contribution credit this calendar year, we must receive the gift on or before December 31. If mailing a check, it must be postmarked on or before December 31.

Year-to-Date Giving

GIVING TARGETED FOR 2024	\$3,138,300
GIVING RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE	\$2,245,927
DIFFERENCE AS OF 11/12/24	(\$892,373)

“As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.” *1 Timothy 6:17-19 ESV*

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