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Prelude

William Russell: Voluntary in D, Parts I and II

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

Leviticus 10:3

Leader: This is what the LORD has said: "Among those who are near me I will be sanctified, and before all the people I will be glorified."

People of God, draw near to the Lord, bless him, and glorify his name!

Hymn of Praise

Crown Him With
Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns
The Lamb upon his throne
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns
All music but its own
Awake my soul and sing
Of him who died for thee
And hail him as thy matchless King
Thro' all eternity

Crown him the Lord of love
Behold his hands and side
Rich wounds yet visible above
In beauty glorified
All hail Redeemer hail
For thou hast died for me
Thy praise and glory shall not fail
Thro'out eternity

Crown him the Lord of life
Who triumphed o'er the grave
Who rose victorious in the strife
For those he came to save
His glories now we sing
Who died and rose on high
Who died eternal life to bring
And lives that death may die

Crown him the Lord of heav'n
One with the Father known
One with the Spirit thro' him giv'n
From yonder glorious throne
To thee be endless praise
For thou for us hast died
Be thou O Lord thro' endless days
Adored and magnified

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

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 17:9–10

Leader: The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I, the Lord, search the heart and test the mind.

Let us confess our sins together:

**Litany of
Confession**

All: **Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.**

Leader: We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.

People: **O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: We confess to you the evil of our hearts; we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, revenge, racism, ambition, selfishness, and pride. We have loved worldly goods and comforts too much. These things give rise to the discord, distance, and bitterness experienced by us.

People: **O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Leader: We confess to you that we have entered your presence with countless prayers, but our hearts have been closed to grace. We have lifted our hands in praise, but our feet have remained turned away. Our ears have been open, but our hearts have not listened.

People: **O Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Silent Confession

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**

Colossians 1:13–14

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering

It Is Well With My Soul

When peace like a river attendeth my way
When sorrows like sea billows roll
Whatever my lot thou hast taught me to say
It is well it is well with my soul

Chorus

It is well with my soul

It is well it is well with my soul

Tho' Satan should buffet
Tho' trials should come
Let this blest assurance control
That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate
And hath shed his own blood for my soul

Chorus

My sin O the bliss of this glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord O my soul

Chorus

And Lord haste the day
When the faith shall be sight
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll
The trump shall resound
And the Lord shall descend
Even so it is well with my soul

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

"The Savior Who Searches for the Lost"

Luke 15:1-10

Rev. Axel Sotelo

**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**
Christ Is All

I've found a treasure that can't be taken
Found a well that won't run dry
O worldly pleasure be now forsaken
Behold what love what life is mine

Could endless striving
Now make me righteous
Could all my works now grant me hope
Oh hallelujah the blood of Jesus
My only plea my only boast

Chorus
Christ is all Christ is all
And my song will ever be Christ is all
All in all and my song will ever be
Christ is all

And in the trial when storms are raging
Though tears may fall my soul will rise
For there's a peace that is mine unchanging
There is a joy that never dies

Chorus
Christ is all Christ is all
And my song will ever be Christ is all
All in all and my song will ever be
Christ is all

When life is passing and strength is fading
I'll see the One that I adore
Let this world vanish oh give me Jesus
My great desire my true reward

Chorus 2x

Benediction

Postlude

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William Russell: Voluntary in D, Part III

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.

Operating Fund Contributions

AS OF 05/29/2025	YEAR TO DATE	THIS MONTH
ACTUAL	\$1,126,716	\$194,408
BUDGET	\$1,204,477	\$219,847
(DEFICIT)/SURPLUS	(\$77,761)	(\$25,439)

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”
Philippians 4:19 ESV

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Announcements

Congregational Meeting June 8	A Congregational Meeting to elect our new elders and deacons will be held June 8 at 9:45 am (immediately following the conclusion of our 8:30 worship service). The following candidates will be presented to the congregation for election: Craig Brown (elder), Eric Hambly (elder), Clif Kageler (elder), Keith Pendergrass (elder), David A. Jackson (deacon), Greg Mayer (deacon), and Seth Owens (deacon). Celeste Garbarino has been appointed by the Session to serve on the Diaconal Ministry Team alongside our ordained deacons.
CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp	Register today 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 or sign up to volunteer at cpchouston.org/camp .
Snacks for Summer Camp	Please consider donating snacks to help make our CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp a success! A list of needed snacks is available through the link at cpchouston.org/camp . Thank you!
Summer Wacky Wednesday	Children are invited for dinner, water slides, games, and fellowship with friends this summer! Join us Wednesdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm, June 4 through July 30 (not meeting on June 11 or July 23). Contact Angela Ikard for more information.
Choir Concert at Christ Church Katy	At their worship service this evening, Christ Church in Katy will host the Student Choir of the Independent Presbyterian Church in Memphis, TN. The choir is composed of students in grades 6-12 and college interns. The choir will give a concert during the evening worship service at 6:00 pm. All are welcome to come and support these PCA students.
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 through next Sunday, June 8, at cpchouston.org/mo-ranch .
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 am! Summer classes begin today. 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 .

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ON CALL JUNE 1

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