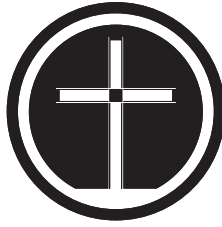


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Prelude *Meditation on "Showalter by J. Henry Showalter, arr. by David Lasky*

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 84:1–2

Leader: How lovely is your dwelling place,
 O LORD of hosts!
My soul longs, yes, faints
 for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
 to the living God.

Let us worship the living God together!

Hymn of Praise
All Hail the Power
Of Jesus' Name

All hail the pow'r of Jesus' name
Let angels prostrate fall
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all
Bring forth the royal diadem
And crown him Lord of all

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race
Ye ransomed from the fall
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all
Hail him who saves you by his grace
And crown him Lord of all

Let every kindred every tribe
On this terrestrial ball
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all
To him all majesty ascribe
And crown him Lord of all

O that with yonder sacred throng
We at his feet may fall
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all
We'll join the everlasting song
And crown him Lord of all

Words: Edward Perronet, 1779; rev. John Rippon, 1787

Music: Oliver Holden, 1793; harm. Lowell Mason, 1832, alt.

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

Words: Traditional 2nd Century

Music: Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

Affirmation of Faith

Romans 5:6–8;
John 3:16

Leader: How does God show his love for us?

All: For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Hymn
Across the Lands

You're the Word of God the Father
From before the world began
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet
Has been fashioned by your hand
All creation holds together
By the power of your voice
Let the skies declare your glory
Let the land and seas rejoice

Chorus

*You're the Author of creation
You're the Lord of ev'ry man
And your cry of love rings out
Across the lands*

Yet you left the gaze of angels
Came to seek and save the lost
And exchanged the joy of heaven
For the anguish of a cross
With a prayer you fed the hungry
With a word you calmed the sea
Yet how silently you suffered
That the guilty may go free

Chorus

With a shout you rose victorious
Wresting victory from the grave
And ascended into heaven
Leading captives in your wake
Now you stand before the Father
Interceding for your own
From each tribe and tongue and nation
You are leading sinners home

Chorus 2x

Words & Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, 2002

**Call to
Confession**

Westminster
Shorter Catechism
Q/A 42–44;
Exodus 20:2

Leader: What is the essence of the Ten Commandments?

All: The essence of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and to love everyone else as we love ourselves.

Leader: What introduces the Ten Commandments?

All: These words introduce the Ten Commandments: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery.

Leader: What does the introduction to the Ten Commandments teach us?

All: The introduction to the Ten Commandments teaches us that, because God is Lord and is our God and Redeemer, we must keep all his commandments.

**Public
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent. We come to Christ, who has promised rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from him. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**

Isaiah 1:18

Leader: Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

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

The Majesty and
Glory of Your Name
based on Psalm 8

When I gaze into the night skies
And see the work of your fingers
The moon and stars suspended in space
Oh what is man that you are mindful of him
You have given man a
Crown of glory and honor
And have made him a little
Lower than the angels
You have put him in charge of all creation
The beasts of the field the birds of the air
The fish of the sea but what is man
Oh what is man that you are mindful of him

O Lord our God
The majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens
O Lord our God
Little children praise you perfectly
And so would we and so would we

Chorus
Alleluia alleluia
The majesty and glory of your name
Alleluia alleluia
The majesty and glory of your name
Alleluia

Words: based on Psalm 8; Linda Lee Johnson, 1979
Music: Tom Fettke, 1979

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

Words: Thomas Ken, 1709
Music: Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551

Prayer of Dedication

Sermon

“Beauty and the Beast”

Esther 2:1–18

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Hymn

How Great Thou Art

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

Chorus

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

Words: Stuart K. Hine, 1949

Music: Swedish folk melody; arr. Stuart K. Hine, 1949

Benediction

Postlude

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Alleluia Postlude by Esther Megargel

Announcements

Worship Choir	New voices are welcome in the Worship Choir this fall! Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact BJ McDougal.
Women's Bible Study	Join Mikie Bellis and the women of CPC for our Bible study this fall, "Hosea and The Epistles of John: <i>Hesed</i> , God's Covenant Love." We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary beginning September 16, and online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register at cpchouston.org/BibleStudy .
Youth & Children's Lunches	Youth and children are invited to stay after the second worship service next Sunday, September 20, 12:30–2:30 pm, for pizza, fellowship, and fun! Please sign up online at cpchouston.org/lunches .
JOY Group	Calling all 55+ members! Save the date for a trip to Peek a Ranch in Burton to hang out with the alpacas on Friday, October 9. Stay tuned for details!
March 2027 CPC Trip to Israel	Richard Harris will lead a trip to Israel for a small group of CPC members March 6–16, 2027. The trip will include visits to Joppa, Caesarea Philippi, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee, the Mount of Beatitudes, Capernaum, the Jordan River, the Dead Sea, the Mount of Olives, the Garden of Gethsemane, the Temple Mount, the City of David, Bethlehem, and more. There is also an optional Jordan extension that can be added to see Petra and spend a night in Wadi Rum. If you are interested in joining our group, please contact Richard Harris.
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 .
Ushers Needed	Ushers are needed for each worship service Sunday mornings to extend hospitality to guests and church members so that everyone has a positive worship experience. Will you volunteer your time to serve in this important part of CPC's worship services? Learn more and sign up by visiting cpchouston.org/deacons .
Wednesday Night Dinner	For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on September 16 is pizza, grilled chicken, salad, and dessert. Bring \$5 per person, max \$20 per family, or pay online at https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday .

Sermon Notes

September 13, 2026 | "Beauty and the Beast"

Esther 2:1-18 | Rev. Richard Harris

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