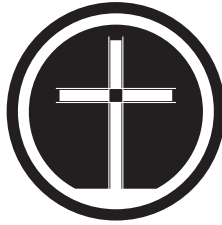


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### Prelude

*Robert Schumann: Etude No. 3 in E Major*

### 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 46 (selected  
verses)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
  
Let us worship our God together!

### Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress Is  
Our God

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing  
Our helper he amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow’r are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal

Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right man on our side  
The man of God’s own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be  
Christ Jesus it is he  
Lord Sabaoth his name  
From age to age the same  
And he must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thro' him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

### **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 Heidelberg  
Catechism, Q/A #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All:** That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## Hymn

Christ Our Hope In  
Life And Death

What is our hope in life and death  
Christ alone Christ alone  
What is our only confidence  
That our souls to him belong  
Who holds our days within his hand  
What comes apart from his command  
And what will keep us to the end  
The love of Christ in which we stand

*Chorus*  
*O sing hallelujah*  
*Our hope springs eternal*  
*O sing hallelujah*  
*Now and ever we confess*  
*Christ our hope in life and death*

What truth can calm the troubled soul  
God is good God is good  
Where is his grace and goodness known  
In our great Redeemer's blood  
Who holds our faith when fears arise  
Who stands above the stormy trial  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh  
Unto the shore the rock of Christ

*Chorus*

Unto the grave what shall we sing  
Christ he lives Christ he lives  
And what reward will heaven bring  
Everlasting life with him  
There we will rise to meet the Lord  
Then sin and death will be destroyed  
And we will feast in endless joy  
When Christ is ours forevermore

*Chorus*

*O sing hallelujah*  
*Our hope springs eternal*  
*O sing hallelujah*  
*Now and ever we confess*  
*Christ our hope in life and death*  
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**Call to  
Confession**

Romans 3:22–23

Leader: For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

**Public  
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly acknowledge that we have not lived in a manner worthy of your redeeming grace. You have raised us up with Christ who is seated at your right hand. You have commanded us to set our mind on things above and not on the things of earth. Yet we have transgressed your laws by loving ourselves more than you, our God, or our neighbor. We are so easily caught up in the materialism of our day, worshipping the creature and the creation, rather than you, our Creator. When we do this, we forget your mighty victory over sin and death. Have mercy upon us, O God. Deliver us from immorality, impurity, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Do not leave us to ourselves but send your Spirit that we may live above this fallen world and show forth your resurrection power. In the exalted name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen

**Silent  
Confession**

**Assurance of  
Pardon and  
Comfort**

1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

**Reception of  
New Members**

**Tithes &  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**

Sing Praise To God  
Who Reigns Above

Sing praise to God who reigns above  
The God of all creation  
The God of power the God of love  
The God of our salvation  
With healing balm my soul he fills  
And ev'ry faithless murmur stills  
To God all praise and glory

The Lord is never far away  
But through all grief distressing  
An ever present help and stay  
Our peace and joy and blessing  
As with a mother's tender hand  
He leads his own his chosen band  
To God all praise and glory

Thus all my toilsome way along  
I sing aloud thy praises  
That all may hear the grateful song  
My voice unwearied raises  
Be joyful in the Lord my heart  
Both soul and body take your part  
To God all praise and glory

Let all who name Christ's Holy Name  
Give God all praise and glory  
Let all who know his power proclaim  
Aloud the wondrous story  
Cast each false idol from its throne  
For Christ is Lord and Christ alone  
To God all praise and glory

**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**

**"I Will Go"**  
*Genesis 24:28-67*  
Rev. Richard Harris

## **Closing Song**

O Love That Will  
Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in thee  
I give thee back the life I owe  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be

O Light that follow'st all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

## **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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*Great Is the Lord, arr. Lyndell Leathermann*

## Announcements

<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	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 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.
<b>CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp</b>	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 <a href="http://cpchouston.org/camp">cpchouston.org/camp</a> .
<b>Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat</b>	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 Sunday, June 8, at <a href="http://cpchouston.org/mo-ranch">cpchouston.org/mo-ranch</a> .
<b>Worship Choir</b>	Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.
<b>Join a City Group</b>	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.
<b>Sunday School</b>	Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: <a href="http://cpchouston.org/Sunday-School">cpchouston.org/Sunday-School</a>
<b>Volunteers Needed</b>	The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at <a href="http://cpchouston.org/deacons">cpchouston.org/deacons</a> .
<b>Give Online</b>	Visit <a href="http://cpchouston.org/give">cpchouston.org/give</a> to give online.





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## ON CALL MAY 11

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Cor Van Dyke

**Diaconal Member on Call**

Larry Dawson

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