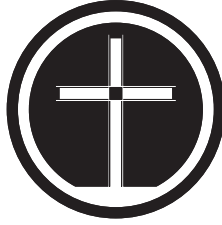


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Prelude

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing by Mark Hayes, arr. by Marvis Gaspard

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

Exodus 15:1-2

Leader: Sing to the LORD, for he has triumphed gloriously.

All: The LORD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation; this is my God, and I will praise him.

Leader: Let us praise the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

*O for a Thousand
Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of his grace

Jesus the name that charms our fears
That bids our sorrows cease
'Tis music in the sinner's ears
'Tis life and health and peace

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin
He sets the pris'ner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

Hear him ye deaf his praise ye dumb
Your loosened tongues employ
Ye blind behold your Savior come
And leap ye lame for joy

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread thro' all the earth abroad
The honors of thy name

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Lowell Mason, 1839, rev. 1850; adapt. From Carl Gläser

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

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

Approach My Soul

Approach my soul the mercy seat
Where Jesus answers prayer
There humbly fall before his feet
For none can perish there
Thy promise is my only plea
With this I venture nigh
Thou calls our burdened souls to thee
And such O Lord am I

Chorus
Oh wondrous love
Oh boundless grace
Rejoice my soul forever
Christ has made a way

Bowed down beneath a load of sin
By Satan sorely pressed
By wars without and fears within
I come to thee for rest
Be thou my shield and hiding place
That sheltered near thy side
I may my fierce accuser face
And tell him thou hast died

Chorus

O wondrous love to bleed and die
To bear the cross and shame
That guilty sinners such as I
Might plead thy gracious name
The tempted soul he tells be still
My promised grace receive
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will
I can I do believe
'Tis Jesus speaks I must I will
I can I do believe

Chorus 3x

Words: John Newton, 1779; alt., ref. Jordan Kauflin, Laura Story, 2024
Music: Jordan Kauflin, Laura Story, 2024

**Call to
Confession**
Psalm 51:1-4

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy
blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!
For I know my transgressions,
and my sin is ever before me.
Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.

**Public
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sin together.

All: O Lord, we openly admit that you know us thoroughly. Our deepest secrets are open before you. You know our thoughts before they are conceived in our minds. We cannot hide from you. Therefore, we ask that you reveal our sins to us, so that we may humble ourselves again in your presence and seek your forgiveness and grace. We admit we have tolerated sinful thoughts about power, lust, greed, jealousy, partiality, malice, and other things that grieve your heart. We have committed sins of omission and commission. But we seek your mercy and cleansing from our sins by the blood of Christ. And we thank you for your Spirit who enables us to walk in holiness and obedience. Give us the grace to please you this day and forever. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**
Ephesians 1:7

Leader: In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

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**
(based on
Psalm 46:1-7)
Refuge And
Strength
The Worship Choir

Chorus
God is our refuge and strength
A very present help in trouble
Therefore we will not fear

Though the earth should change
Though the earth should crumble into the sea
Let the oceans roar and foam
Let the mountains tremble as the waters surge

Chorus

There is a river
Whose streams make glad the city of God
The holy dwelling of the Most High

God is in the midst of the city
It shall not be moved
God will help when the morning dawns

The nations are in an uproar
The kingdoms of men have tottered
God thunders the earth melts
The God of Jacob is with us
The God of Jacob is our fortress

Chorus
God is our refuge and strength
A very present help in trouble
Therefore we will not fear

Arr. Mark Hayes

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

"The Sons of Joseph"

Genesis 48

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Hymn

Alas, And Did
My Savior Bleed

Alas and did my Savior bleed
And did my Sov'reign die
Would he devote that sacred head
For such a worm as I

Was it for crimes that I had done
He groaned upon the tree
Amazing pity grace unknown
And love beyond degree

Well might the sun in darkness hide
And shut his glories in
When Christ the mighty Maker died
For man the creature's sin

Thus might I hide my blushing face
While his dear cross appears
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness
And melt mine eyes in tears

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe
Here Lord I give myself away
'Tis all that I can do

Words: Isaac Watts, 1707

Music: Hugh Wilson, 1825; harm. William H. Doane, 1870, alt.

Benediction

Postlude

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Let the Trumpet Sound by Lani Smith

Announcements

Congregational Meeting Today

A Congregational Meeting to elect our new elders and deacons will be held today immediately following the conclusion of our 8:30 worship service. A Town Hall meeting and financial presentation will follow. Adult Sunday school classes will meet after the meeting. The following candidates will be presented to the congregation for election: Matt Baker (elder), Chip Mealy (elder), Dan Olson (elder), Brian Rose (elder), Scott Brown (deacon), and Larry Dawson (deacon). Lee Shuchart will be appointed by the Session to serve on the Diaconal Ministry Team alongside our ordained deacons.

Lunch & Learn with Freedom Church Alliance Today

The Missions Committee invites you to a Lunch & Learn in Room 211 (Main Building) today following the 11:00 worship service. Come learn how you can be involved in Freedom Church Alliance's efforts to combat human trafficking in Houston, especially as our city prepares to host the FIFA World Cup this summer.

Women's Ministry Game Night May 22

Ladies, join us for a Women's Game Night filled with board games, card games, and great company. We'll enjoy a little friendly competition on Friday, May 22, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Chapel. Whether you love classics or have a favorite game to introduce, bring it along and join the fun! RSVP (and maybe sign up to bring a snack to share) at cpchouston.org/game.

Meet Church Planters Tim & Lucy Dalton May 24

Church planters in Gloucester, England, Tim & Lucy Dalton will be with us Sunday, May 24. The women of CPC are invited to hear Lucy speak about her faith journey as a British physician and wife of a CPC-supported church planter in the Women's Discussion Sunday School class in SonRise 201 at 10 am. All members of our church family are invited to hear Tim tell why he labors for the city of Gloucester to be restored as a center for Christian mission and education at a Lunch & Learn after the second worship service in the Chapel. RSVP for lunch at cpchouston.org/england.

Women's Summer Book Study

A Heart Set Free, by Christina Fox, explores more deeply what Kerry Anderson spoke about at this year's Women's Retreat. We will meet on Wednesday evenings June 3–July 15. Come and go each week as you are able for this great opportunity for fellowship and discussion. Feel free to invite a friend! Register online at cpchouston.org/book.

Children's Summer Activities

Children, rising 5th grade and younger, are invited for summer fun at CPC! Come enjoy Wacky Wednesday on the evenings of June 3, July 1, and August 5. Join us Friday mornings, May 29 and June 26, for Pizza, Popsicles & Play. Learn more & register at cpchouston.org/children.

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Vacation Bible School June 9-12

Sign up today for VBS June 9-12, 9 am to 12 pm! We invite rising kindergarteners through fifth graders to join us for an exciting week filled with Bible lessons, games, crafts, and fellowship with old and new friends! Register campers and volunteers or sign up to bring snacks online at cpchouston.org/VBS.

Mo-Ranch All- Church Retreat July 23-26 Registration Deadline: June 7

We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 23-26! Please prayerfully consider joining us for a great time of refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. There are a limited number of rooms still available. The registration deadline is Sunday, June 7. Register online today at cpchouston.org/mo-ranch.

Lessons & Laughter

Lessons & Laughter will be taking a break beginning this week and will resume meeting on Wednesday, June 17.

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.

Give Online

To give online, please visit cpchouston.org/give. "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."
Matthew 6:31-33 ESV

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