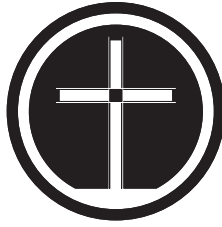


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Prelude Welcome

Toccata on "O Worship the King" by Craig A. Penfield

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 90:1–2

Leader: Lord, you have been our dwelling place
in all generations.
Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

Let us worship our God together!

Hymn of Praise O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above
And gratefully sing his wonderful love
Our Shield and Defender
The Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of his might and sing of his grace
Whose robe is the light whose canopy space
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunderclouds form
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In thee do we trust nor find thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker Defender Redeemer and Friend

All hail to the King in splendor enthroned
Glad praises we bring
Thy wonders make known
Returning victorious great conqueror of sin
King Jesus all glorious our vict'ry will win

Words: Robert Grant, 1826

Music: Joseph Martin Kraus, ca. 1784; harm. William Gardiner, 1815

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. Greathouse, 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

Redeemed,
Restored, Forgiven

Once on a dreary mountain
We wandered far and wide
Far from the cleansing fountain
Far from the pierced side
But Jesus sought and found us
And washed our guilt away
With cords of love he bound us
To be his own today

Chorus
Redeemed restored forgiven
Through Jesus' precious blood
Heirs of his home in heaven
Oh praise our pardoning God

Dear Lord receive the glory
Of each recovered soul
Oh who can tell the story
Of love that made us whole
Not ours not ours the merit
Be yours alone the praise
And ours a thankful spirit
To serve you all our days

Chorus

Now keep us holy Savior
In your true love and fear
And grant us by your favor
The grace to persevere
Till in your new creation
When Earth meets heaven's shore
We find our full salvation
And praise you evermore

Redeemed restored forgiven
Through Jesus' precious blood
Heirs of his home in heaven
Oh praise our God
Redeemed restored forgiven
Through Jesus' precious blood
Heirs of his home in heaven
Oh praise our pardoning God
Praise our God

Words & Music: Matthew S. Smith, Jeff Pardo, 2010
Based on a hymn text by Henry W. Baker, 1876

Call to Confession

Matthew 22:37-40

Leader: And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

**Public
Confession**

Adapted from
John Calvin's
Form of Church
Prayers, 1542

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we acknowledge before your holiness that we are poor sinners, born into guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil and unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. Have compassion on us, Father of all mercies, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grow us daily in the grace of your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of a life that is pleasing in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**

Romans 5:8–9

Leader: God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

(8:30)

Pastoral Prayer

(11:00)

**Sacrament of
Baptism**

Arya Rae Borneo

Tithes & Offerings

**Musical
Offering**

I Need Thee
Every Hour

I need thee every hour
Most gracious Lord
No tender voice like thine
Can peace afford

Chorus
I need thee O I need thee
Every hour I need thee
O bless me now my Savior
I come to thee

I need thee every hour
Stay thou near by
Temptations lose their pow'r
When thou art nigh

Chorus

I need thee every hour
In joy or pain
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain

Chorus

I need thee every hour
Most Holy One
O make me thine indeed
Thou blessed Son

Chorus 2x

Words: Annie S. Hawks, 1872
Music: Robert Lowery, 1872

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 Loving Kindness of God"

Titus 2:15–3:7

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Hymn

Great Is Thy
Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not
Thy compassions they fail not
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be

Chorus

Great is thy faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed thy hand hath provided

Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today
And bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

Chorus

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

Music: William M. Runyan, 1923

Benediction

Postlude

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Postlude on "Duke Street" by John Hatton, arr. by David Lasky

Announcements

- Worship Choir** New voices are welcome in the Worship Choir this fall! We will kick off the year with a Choir Workshop this Saturday, August 29, at 9 am in the Sanctuary, followed by lunch. Choir rehearsals begin Wednesday, September 2, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. To RSVP to the workshop or 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: *Hesed*, 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.
- 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.
- Lessons & Laughter** Lessons & Laughter will not meet August 26 or September 2 & 9. We will resume meeting on September 16 at 12:00 pm in the SonRise Cafe.

Sermon Notes

August 23, 2026 | "The Loving Kindness of God"

Titus 2:15-3:7 | Rev. Richard Harris

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