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Prelude

Let Praise Ring Forth by Edward Broughton

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 95:1–2

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!
Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise
All Creatures Of
Our God And King

All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam
Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise him O praise him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise him alleluia
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice
Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise him O praise him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

And all ye men of tender heart
Forgiving others take your part
O sing ye alleluia
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear
Praise God and on him cast your care
O praise him O praise him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless
And worship him in humbleness
O praise him alleluia
Praise praise the Father praise the Son
And praise the Spirit Three in One
O praise him O praise him
Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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
Romans 8:31–39

Leader: What do we know about God's love for us?

All: **What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written,**

"For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered."

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hymn
Nothing But The Blood

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus
O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus

Call to Confession
Exodus 20:4–6; Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 49–52

Leader: What is the second commandment?

People: The second commandment is: You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Leader: What is required in the second commandment?

People: **The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire, all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.**

Leader: What is forbidden in the second commandment?

People: **The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images – or any other way not appointed in his Word.**

Leader: What are the reasons for the second commandment?

People: **The reasons for the second commandment are that God totally rules over us, that we belong to him, and that he is eager to be worshipped correctly.**

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **Almighty Father, you are the source of every good and perfect gift. We praise your name for the greatest and most perfect gift: Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. But in lifting him up, we humble ourselves before you. We confess to you, not only our sins of omission in failing to do what we know is right, but also our sins of commission in doing what you forbid. O Lord, we are weak and feeble, slow to confess our sins, and prone to wander from the path of righteousness. Do not deal with us as our sins deserve but wash us clean in the blood of the Lamb and empower us by your Spirit to live to honor and serve our Savior King. We praise you that he was born like us that we might become like him. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
Romans 5:6–8

Leader: 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.

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 Lord Is My Shepherd

The LORD is my Shepherd
Therefore can I lack nothing
He shall feed me in a green pasture
And lead me forth beside
The waters of comfort

He shall convert my soul
And bring me forth
In the paths of righteousness
For his name's sake

Yea though I walk through
The valley of the shadow of death
I will fear no evil
For thou art with me
Thy rod and thy staff comfort me

Thou shalt prepare a table for me
Against them that trouble me
Thou hast anointed my head with oil
And my cup shall be full

But thy loving-kindness and mercy
Shall follow me all the days of my life
And I will dwell
In the house of the LORD forever

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

"Jacob Grows and Prospers"
Genesis 30:24–31:16
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song
Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom and thou my true Word
I ever with thee and thou with me Lord
Thou my great Father I thy true son
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance now and always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven my treasure thou art

High King of heaven my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys
O bright heaven's Sun
Heart of my own heart whatever befall
Still be my vision O Ruler of all

Benediction

Postlude
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Praise Him With Trumpets by Richard Blake

Announcements

Deacons' Fund Special Offering Next Sunday

The CPC Deacons' Fund helps meet immediate and acute financial needs of members of our church as well as those in our greater community. We will have a special Deacons' Fund offering during worship services on October 5. Please prayerfully consider donating to this fund in addition to your regular General Fund giving. You can also donate to the Deacons' Fund online at cpchouston.org/give. Enter the amount you'd like to give, then choose "Deacons Fund" from the drop-down menu. Questions? Please contact Claudio Cordeiro in the church office.

Youth & Children's Lunches

Youth and children are invited to stay after the second worship service on October 5 for Cane's chicken tenders, fellowship, and fun! Please sign up online at cpchouston.org/lunch.

Fall Journeys

Ladies, please join us for Fall Journeys, one of our most loved women's ministry events at CPC! Join us Saturday, October 11, at 10 am. We will begin our morning together with fellowship and a brunch. Following brunch, we will have a time of singing and prayer before we hear from our speakers about their journeys. RSVP at cpchouston.org/journeys.

Men's Steak Night

Men, come for a time of fellowship and great food Friday, November 14, at 6:30 pm! Bring your favorite cut of meat, and we will supply the rest. You can grill it yourself or leave it to one of our highly trained grill masters. Please register by November 9. RSVP at cpchouston.org/steak.

Messiah Rehearsals

Rehearsals for Handel's Messiah are Wednesdays at 7:30 pm in the Sanctuary, beginning October 1. Performances are December 11, 12 & 13. If you are interested in joining the concert choir, please contact BJ McDougal in the church office.

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 in the church office.

Men's Bible Study

Men, please join us for the Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am in the Chapel. Breakfast tacos will be served, and ministry staff along with seminarians will be teaching through the Psalms. Sign up online at cpchouston.org/men.

Women's Bible Study

Join Mikie Bellis and the women of CPC for our Bible study "Judges & Romans: Ruined to Righteous" this fall. We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in the Sanctuary, and online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/BibleStudy.

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Sunday School — Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Find full class descriptions online at cpchouston.org/Sunday-School.

Join a City Group — City Groups at CPC 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. Questions? Contact Steve Bellis in the church office.

Volunteers Needed — The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.

Wednesday Night Dinner — For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on October 1 is cheese quesadillas/chicken taquitos, guacamole, rice, beans, salad, and dessert. Bring $5 per person, max $20 per family, or you may pay online at https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday.

Operating Fund Contributions

ANNUAL BUDGET	**$3,300,000**
YTD GIVING AS OF 09/25/25	**$1,942,809**
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	**$1,357,191**

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." *Matthew 6:19-21*

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Sermon Notes

September 28, 2025 | "Jacob Grows and Prospers"
Genesis 30:24–31:16 | Rev. Richard Harris

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