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Prelude

Mozart: Andante

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

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 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

Yet Not I But
Through Christ In
Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love
My deep and boundless peace
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine
I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Savior he will stay
I labor on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won
And I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave
To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released
I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete
Still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me
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**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.

People: 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

"Christ the Power and Wisdom of God"
1 Corinthians 1:17-31
Rev. Curt Mire

Closing Song

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

Benediction

Postlude

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Improvisation on Alas, and Did My Savior Bleed

Announcements

Congregational Meeting June 8

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 A. 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.

CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp

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 cpchouston.org/camp.

Snacks for Summer Camp

Please consider donating snacks to help make our CPC Grand Prix Summer Camp a success! A list of needed snacks is available through the link at cpchouston.org/camp. Thank you!

Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat

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 cpchouston.org/mo-ranch.

Join a City Group

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.

Sunday School

Join an adult Sunday School class Sundays at 10 am! Class descriptions: cpchouston.org/Sunday-School

Volunteers Needed

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

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ON CALL MAY 18

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Dan Alexander

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