

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Prelude

### 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

Ephesians 1:3-6

Leader: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in  
the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the  
foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless  
before him. In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as  
sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will,  
to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us  
in the Beloved.

Let us praise his glorious grace together!

### Hymn of Praise

Crown Him With  
Many Crowns

Crown him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon his throne  
Hark how the heav'nly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake my soul and sing  
Of him who died for thee  
And hail him as thy matchless King  
Thro' all eternity

Crown him the Lord of love  
Behold his hands and side  
Rich wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified  
All hail Redeemer hail  
For thou hast died for me  
Thy praise and glory shall not fail  
Thro'out eternity

Crown him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
Who rose victorious in the strife  
For those he came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

Crown him the Lord of heav'n  
One with the Father known  
One with the Spirit thro' him giv'n  
From yonder glorious throne  
To thee be endless praise  
For thou for us hast died  
Be thou O Lord thro' endless days  
Adored and magnified

### 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 #26

Leader: Who is God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

All: **[God is] the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son.**

**I trust him so much that I do not doubt he will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and he will turn to my good whatever adversity he sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because he is almighty God; he desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

**Hymn**  
Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in his hands  
Who has numbered every grain of sand  
Kings and nations tremble at his voice  
All creation rises to rejoice

*Chorus*  
*Behold our God seated on his throne*  
*Come let us adore him*  
*Behold our King nothing can compare*  
*Come let us adore him*

Who has given counsel to the Lord  
Who can question any of his words  
Who can teach the One who knows all things  
Who can fathom all his wondrous deeds

*Chorus*

Who has felt the nails upon his hands  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man  
God eternal humbled to the grave  
Jesus Savior risen now to reign

*Chorus*

You will reign forever  
(Let Your glory fill the earth)  
(REPEAT)

*Chorus 2x*

**Call to  
Confession**  
Exodus 20:8-11  
Westminster  
Shorter Catechism  
Q/A 57-59, 62

Leader: What is the fourth commandment?

**People: The fourth commandment is: Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. (Exodus 20:8-11)**

Leader: What is required in the fourth commandment?

**People:** The fourth commandment requires the keeping holy to God such set times as he has appointed in his Word; expressly one whole day in seven, to be a holy Sabbath to himself.

**Leader:** Which day of the seven has God appointed to be the weekly Sabbath?

**People:** From the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Christ, God appointed the seventh day of the week to be the weekly Sabbath; and the first day of the week ever since, to continue to the end of the world, which is the Christian Sabbath.

**Leader:** What are the reasons annexed to the fourth commandment?

**People:** The reasons annexed to the fourth commandment are – God’s allowing us six days of the week for our own employments; his challenging a special propriety in the seventh; his own example; and his blessing the Sabbath day.

### **Public Confession**

**Leader:** Let us confess our sin together.

**All:** Our God in heaven, if you should mark iniquities, who could stand? We know that if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. Not one of us does good, no, not one. We have stiffened our necks against your will, hardened our hearts to your Word, refused to hear your voice, pulled away from your loving embrace, despised correction, and forgotten you in our thoughts. Yes, we have sinned against you. Father, we repent. We come to Christ, who has promised rest for our souls. We take his yoke upon us. We desire to learn from him. Grant that we may bring forth the fruits of repentance from sincere hearts, which are precious in your sight. 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!

## Tithes & Offerings

### Musical Offering

(8:30) I Set My Hope  
(11:00) O Great God

### 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

#### **“The Tower of Babel”**

*Genesis 11*

Rev. Richard Harris

### The Service of Communion

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

**People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is fitting and right that we give you thanks and praise, O God, at all times and in all places. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify your name, saying, “Holy, holy, holy Lord God of hosts: heaven and earth are full of your glory. Glory to God in the highest.”**

### Words of Institution

### The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Behold The Lamb

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away  
Slain for us and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King

The body of our Savior Jesus Christ  
Torn for you eat and remember  
The wounds that heal  
The death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin  
Shed for you drink and remember  
He drained death's cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God  
So we share in this Bread of Life  
And we drink of his sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As his body here on earth  
As we share in his suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again  
And we'll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King  
Around the table of the King

## **Benediction**

### **Postlude**

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## Announcements

- Meet CPC Weekend** If you'd like to learn more about our church or are considering membership, please join us Friday, October 25 (6:30–8:30 pm) and Saturday, October 26 (9 am – 1 pm). Register online at [cpchouston.org/meet-cpc](http://cpchouston.org/meet-cpc).
- Peter Kamau October 9** This Wednesday Peter Kamau, Pastor of GracePoint Church in Nairobi, Kenya, will share about God's work there. Dinner at 6 pm, followed by our time together in the Chapel at 6:30. Cost is \$5. Sign up online at [cpchouston.org/events](http://cpchouston.org/events).
- Smart Giving Workshop** We encourage you to take part in the PCA Foundation's Smart Giving Workshop Saturday, October 19, 10 am to noon, in the Chapel. Learn more and register: [cpchouston.org/smart-giving](http://cpchouston.org/smart-giving)
- Memorial Service** A memorial service for Roberta LeMaster will be held Tuesday, October 15, at 11:00 am in the Chapel.
- CPC Cookbook** Our new cookbooks benefitting Tumaini Children's Village are on sale now! Cost is \$20. Visit [bit.ly/CPC-Cooks](http://bit.ly/CPC-Cooks) to reserve yours today!
- Women's Retreat** October 11–13 at Camp Allen with speaker Kristie Harrick. Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/retreat](http://cpchouston.org/retreat)
- ESL Teacher Training** Teacher training November 15 & 16. No experience necessary! Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/ESL](http://cpchouston.org/ESL) or contact Axel Sotelo.
- Men's Steak Night** Men, come for a great time of fellowship and great food November 22! Bring your favorite cut of meat and we supply the rest. Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/steak](http://cpchouston.org/steak)
- Worship Choir** Worship Choir rehearsals are Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. New voices are welcome! Contact BJ McDougal.
- Men's Bible Study** Men's Bible Study led by Pastor Harris meets Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am, in the Chapel. Join us for teaching, small group discussion, and breakfast! Sign up at [cpchouston.org/men](http://cpchouston.org/men)
- Women's Bible Study** Join Mikie Bellis and the women of CPC for our Bible study "Leviticus & Hebrews: The Necessity of the Cross." We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am. Learn more & register at [cpchouston.org/BibleStudy](http://cpchouston.org/BibleStudy)
- Men's Retreat** Save the date for our 2025 Men's Retreat February 7–8, 2025.
- Mo-Ranch** Mark your calendar for our All-Church Retreat to Mo-Ranch July 24–27, 2025.



## Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

*Because CPC is a church that is not only for convinced Christians, but also for people at different stages in their spiritual journey, we gladly extend room for you to process, think, and dialogue. Use the prayers provided below as guides to reflect upon and respond to what God is doing in your life.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

### **Prayer of Belief**

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through You I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.

### **Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin**

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the Pioneer and Perfecter of my faith. Amen.

### **Prayer of Commitment**

Lord Jesus, You have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

### **Year-to-Date Giving**

<b>GIVING TARGETED FOR 2024</b>	<b>\$3,138,300</b>
<b>GIVING TARGETED JAN-SEP 2024</b>	<b>\$1,914,363</b>
<b>GIVING RECEIVED YEAR-TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$1,912,310</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE AS OF 09/30/24</b>	<b>(\$2,053)</b>

“And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.”  
*Philippians 4:19 ESV*

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## ON CALL OCTOBER 6

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**Elder on Call**

Paul Oliphant

**Diaconal Member on Call**

Larry Dawson

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