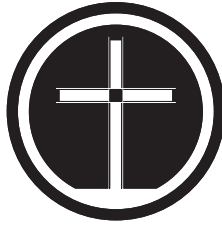


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Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus arr. by Tim Doran

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

Hebrews 4:14–16

Leader: Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn of Praise

Come Christians
Join to Sing

Come Christians join to sing
Alleluia amen
Loud praise to Christ our King
Alleluia amen
Let all with heart and voice
Before his throne rejoice
Praise is his gracious choice
Alleluia amen

Come lift your hearts on high
Alleluia amen
Let praises fill the sky
Alleluia amen
He is our Guide and Friend
To us he'll condescend
His love shall never end
Alleluia amen

Praise yet our Christ again

Alleluia amen
Life shall not end the strain
Alleluia amen
On heaven's blissful shore
His goodness we'll adore
Singing forevermore
Alleluia amen

Words: Christian H. Bateman, 1843

Music: Traditional Spanish melody

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

1 Corinthians
15:14-22

Leader: What do we believe about Jesus Christ's resurrection?

All: And if Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain and your faith is in vain. We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified about God that he raised Christ, whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If in Christ we have hope in this life only, we are of all people most to be pitied.

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive.

Hymn
The God We Love

We believe in one God the Father
The Almighty the Maker of all
The One who rules the seen and unseen
We believe and we adore
Jesus Christ one Lord of creation
From the Father begotten not made
He is the Light from Light eternal
And the God of every age

Chorus
All glory to the Father now
All honour to the Son
And praise the Spirit now and always
This is the God we love

For this world and for our salvation
He came down from the heavens above
Born of a virgin and the Spirit
Truly man and truly God
He was crucified under Pilate
Suffered death and was laid in the grave
And in accordance with the scriptures
On the third he rose again

Chorus

And he has made his ascent
Into the heavens above
Where he sits at the Father's right hand now
But he will come back again
And he will judge in truth
The Holy Spirit has come
Voice of the prophets of God
Sent to us he has given us new life
Forgiven now and baptised
One holy church we rise
We rise

Chorus

All glory to the Father now
All honour to the Son
And praise the Spirit now and always
This is the God we love
This is the God we love

Now we wait to be resurrected
And we look for the world without end
This is our creed our faith our anthem
This is the God we love
This is the God we love

Words & Music: Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Laura Story, 2024

Call to Confession

Mark 7:14–16,
21–23

Leader: And he called the people to him again and said to them, “Hear me, all of you, and understand: There is nothing outside a person that by going into him can defile him, but the things that come out of a person are what defile him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

Public Confession

Adapted from
Luke 11:37–52

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: O Lord, forgive us for our failure to keep your commandments. We confess that we often cleanse the outside of our lives, yet do nothing about the inside of our hearts. Outside we look righteous, moral, and upright, yet inside we are filled with anger, lust, greed, lies, and idolatry. Outwardly we go to church, give money, and read the Bible, yet inwardly we neglect justice, purity, love, encouraging speech, and mercy. Lord, we should have done the latter without neglecting the others. We have thrust ourselves into the best positions, because we thought we deserved them, yet the truth is we are unworthy of any blessing. Have mercy on us for being like the Pharisees. May you cleanse us—all of us and all of who we are—from the inside out.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort

2 Corinthians
5:17, 21

Leader: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus Ruler of all nature
O thou of God and man the Son
Thee will I cherish thee will I honor
Thou my soul's glory joy and crown

Fair are the meadows
Fairer still the woodlands
Robed in the blooming garb of spring
Jesus is fairer Jesus is purer
Who makes the woeful heart to sing

Fair is the sunshine
Fairer still the moonlight
And all the twinkling starry host
Jesus shines brighter Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heav'n can boast

Beautiful Savior Lord of the nations
Son of God and Son of man
Glory and honor praise adoration
Now and forevermore be thine

Words: Münsterisch Gesangbuch, 1766; tr. 1850, 1873

Music: Silesian folk melody, Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

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

“Devoted to Good Works”

Titus 3:8–15

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Hymn

There Is a Redeemer

There is a Redeemer
Jesus God’s own Son
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
Holy One

Chorus

*Thank You O my Father
For giving us your Son
And leaving your Spirit till
The work on earth is done*

Jesus my Redeemer
Name above all names
Precious Lamb of God Messiah
Hope for sinners slain

Chorus

When I stand in glory
I will see his face
There I’ll serve my King forever
In that holy place

Chorus

Words & Music: Melody Green, 1982

Benediction

Postlude

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Fugue in C by George Frideric Handel, ed. by Charles Callahan

Announcements

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| Worship Choir | New voices are welcome in the Worship Choir this fall! Choir rehearsals begin this Wednesday, September 2, at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. 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: <i>Hesed</i> , 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. |
| 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 September 2 & 9. We will resume meeting on September 16 at 12:00 pm in the SonRise Cafe. |

Sermon Notes

August 30, 2026 | "Devoted to Good Works"

Titus 3:8-15 | Rev. Richard Harris

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