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Prelude

Festival Voluntary on "Darwall's 148th" by David Lasky

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 92:1–2, 4

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning,
and your faithfulness by night,
For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise
Rejoice The Lord Is King

Rejoice the Lord is King
Your Lord and King adore
Rejoice give thanks and sing
And triumph evermore

Chorus
Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

Jesus the Savior reigns
The God of truth and love
When he had purged our stains
He took his seat above

Chorus

His kingdom cannot fail
He rules o'er earth and heav'n
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n

Chorus
Lift up your heart
Lift up your voice
Rejoice again I say rejoice

He sits at God's right hand
Till all his foes submit
And bow to his command
And fall beneath his feet

Chorus

Rejoice in glorious hope
Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take his servants up to
Their eternal home

Chorus

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
He Will Hold Me Fast

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus
He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His Promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Chorus

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last

Chorus 2x

Call to Confession
Exodus 20:15; Westminster Shorter Catechism Q/A 73; Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 110

Leader: What is the eighth commandment?

All: **The eighth commandment is: You shall not steal.**

Leader: What does God forbid in the eighth commandment?

All: **He forbids not only outright theft and robbery, punishable by law. But in God's sight theft also includes cheating and swindling our neighbor by schemes made to appear legitimate, such as: inaccurate measurements of weight, size, or volume; fraudulent merchandizing; counterfeit money; excessive interest; or any other means forbidden by God. In addition, he forbids all greed and pointless squandering of his gifts.**

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: **Almighty God, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, we humbly acknowledge that we have not lived in a manner worthy of your redeeming grace. You have raised us up with Christ who is seated at your right hand. You have commanded us to set our mind on things above and not on the things of earth. Yet we have transgressed your laws by loving ourselves more than you our God, or our neighbor. We are so easily caught up in the materialism of our day, worshipping the creature and the creation, rather than you, our Creator. When we do this, we forget your mighty victory over sin and death. Have mercy upon us, O God. Deliver us from immorality, impurity, evil desire, and greed, which is idolatry. Do not leave us to ourselves but send your Spirit that we may live above this fallen world and show forth your resurrection power. In the exalted name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.**

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon and Comfort
1 Timothy 1:15

Leader: The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost.

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

All: **Thanks be to God!**

(8:30)
Reception of New Members

(11:00)
Pastoral Prayer

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering
Out Of The Deep (Based on Psalm 130)

Out of the deep
Have I called unto thee O LORD
Lord hear my voice
O let thine ears consider well
The voice of my complaint
If thou LORD wilt be extreme to mark
What is done amiss
O Lord who may abide it
For there is mercy with thee
Therefore shalt thou be feared
I look for the LORD
My soul doth wait for him
And in his word is my trust
My soul fleeth unto the Lord
Before the morning watch I say
Before the morning watch
O Israel trust in the LORD
For with the LORD there is mercy
And with him is plenteous redemption
And he shall redeem Israel from all his sins
Out of the deep
Have I called unto thee O LORD
Lord hear my voice

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 Defiling of Dinah"
Genesis 34
Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song
All My Boast Is In Jesus

What wonder of wonders what love is this
That Christ would die for me
His goodness his merit his righteousness
This sinner's only plea
O foolish pride be crucified
The work is finished

Chorus
All my boast is in Jesus
All my hope is his love
And I will glory forever
In what the cross has done

Now fully forgiven my life is filled
With graces undeserved
For mercy that flowed down that sacred hill
Let praises now return
Rise up my soul and bless the Lord
Who else is worthy

Chorus

O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord

O praise the One forever blessed
Him alone my heart adores
And I will boast in nothing less
Than the love of Christ my Lord

I boast not in riches in strength or might
But in the grace of God
I glory in weakness to live is Christ
In plenty or in want
That I may know that all may see
His pow'r within me

Chorus

Now I stand in this freedom
Ransomed clean in his sight
Oh and I cannot be ashamed for
My boast is Jesus Christ
My boast is Jesus Christ
Forever my boast is Jesus Christ

Benediction

Postlude

Andante from Voluntary by Maurice Greene

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Announcements

Congregational Meeting Today

A Congregational Meeting to elect the 2026 Officer Nominating Committee (ONC) will be held today immediately following the 8:30 am worship service. The elders appointed to the ONC by the Session are Tommy Ikard and Shawn Shoop. The deacons/diaconal ministry team members appointed by the Diaconate are Long Tran and Gayle Scott. The Session recommends to the congregation Ashley Cowan, Dan Tidwell, Ellen Brown, and Ben Willis as our at-large members. A Town Hall meeting to hear a brief budget update from the Finance Committee will follow.

Youth & Children's Lunches Today

Youth and children are invited to stay after the second worship service today for Cane's chicken tenders, fellowship, and fun!

Men's Steak Night November 14

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.

Thanksgiving Worship & Dinner November 23

Mark your calendars for our annual, all-church Thanksgiving worship service on Sunday, November 23, at 5:30 pm, followed by a delicious holiday meal afterwards. This will be an evening of giving thanks to God for his abundant love and faithfulness. RSVP: cpchouston.org/thanksgiving

Angel Tree Christmas

We invite you to select Christmas gift suggestions to bless the children of prisoners and children attending Cedar Brook and Lion Lane schools. This year you can sign up online for the age and gender of the child and the type of gift you want to purchase. Visit the Angel Tree table, contact Larry Dawson or Long Tran, or visit cpchouston.org/angel-tree for details.

ESL Teacher Training November 21-22

If you're interested in volunteering as a teacher in our ESL program, please join our training November 21-22. For information, please contact Axel Sotelo at asotelo@cpchouston.org or 832-710-6193. Learn more and sign up online at cpchouston.org/training.

Family Ministry Christmas Party

Families, join us for the Family Ministry Christmas Party on Friday, December 5, 6:30-9 pm! Enjoy a delicious meal and fellowship with friends at the Williams home. Childcare will be provided for children in 5th grade and younger at CPC. RSVP: cpchouston.org/family

Children's Ministry Christmas Party

Let it snow! Children 5th grade and under are invited to the Children's Ministry Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7, from 12:30-2:30 pm. We will enjoy REAL snow, cookies, and hot chocolate. Lunch will be provided. Friends are welcome! RSVP: cpchouston.org/party

Announcements

Handel's Messiah

Our 2025 Handel's *Messiah* performances are December 11, 12 & 13 at 8 pm. Reserve will-call tickets online at cpchouston.org/MessiahTickets.

Volunteers Needed

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

Marriage Conference January 23 & 24

Mark your calendar for our Marriage Conference scheduled for the evening of Friday, January 23, and the morning of Saturday, January 24. Guest speakers Chad and Emily Van Dixhoorn will help us think through biblical truths about marriage to help singles and couples be more thoughtful and prayerful. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/marriage

Men's Retreat February 6 & 7

Men, plan to join us for our 2026 Men's Retreat February 6-7 at Camp Blessing. Our speaker will be Ligon Duncan, Chancellor/CEO of Reformed Theological Seminary. The cost is $145. Scholarships are available. Learn more and register online at cpchouston.org/men.

Wednesday Night Dinner

For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, dinner on November 12 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 11/06/25	**$2,382,646**
REMAINING TO REACH BUDGET	**$917,354**

"The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." *2 Corinthians 9:6*

Give online at cpchouston.org/Give.

Sermon Notes

November 9, 2025 | "The Defiling of Dinah"
Genesis 34 | Rev. Richard Harris

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