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Prelude

Simple Gifts by Russell Schulz-Widmar

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 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
My help comes from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.
He will not let your foot be moved;
he who keeps you will not slumber.
Behold, he who keeps Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.
The LORD is your keeper;
the LORD is your shade on your right hand.
The sun shall not strike you by day,
nor the moon by night.
The LORD will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
The LORD will keep
your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.

Let us worship the Lord our helper and our keeper together!

Hymn of Praise
We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing
He chastens and hastens
His will to make known
The wicked oppressing
Now cease from distressing
Sing praises to his name
He forgets not his own

Beside us to guide us our God with us joining
Ordaining maintaining his kingdom divine
So from the beginning
The fight we were winning
Thou Lord wast at our side all glory be thine

We all do extol thee thou leader triumphant
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be
Let thy congregation endure thro' tribulation
Thy name be ever praised
O Lord make us free

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.

Hymn
I Set My Hope

When this life of trials tests my faith
I set my hope on Jesus
When the questions come and doubts remain
I set my hope on Jesus
For the deepest wounds that time won't heal
There's a joy that runs still deeper
There's a truth that's more than all I feel
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus
I set my hope on Jesus
My Rock my only trust
Who set his heart upon me first
I set my hope on Jesus

Though I falter in this war with sin
I set my hope on Jesus
When I fail the fight and sink within
I set my hope on Jesus
Though the shame would drown me in its sea
And I dread the waves of justice
I will cast my life on Calvary
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus

Though the world call me to leave my Lord
I set my hope on Jesus
Though it offer all its vain rewards
I set my hope on Jesus
Though this heart of mine is prone to stray
Give me grace enough to finish
'Till I worship on that final day
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus
I set my hope on Jesus
My Rock my only trust
Who set his heart upon me first
I set my hope on Jesus

Chorus

Call to Confession
Adapted from the Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 4, 5

Leader: What does God's law require of us?

All: **Christ teaches us this in summary in Matthew 22: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.**

Leader: Can you live up to all this perfectly?

All: **No. I have a natural tendency to hate God and my neighbor.**

Public Confession

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.
Merciful God, for the things we have done that we regret,

All: **please forgive us;**

Leader: for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

All: **please forgive us;**

Leader: for all the times we have acted without love,

All: **please forgive us;**

Leader: for all the times we have reacted without thought,

All: **please forgive us;**

Leader: for all the times we have withdrawn care,

All: **please forgive us;**

Leader: for all the times we have failed to forgive,

All: **please forgive us;**

Leader: For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid, for unfinished tasks and unfulfilled hopes,

All: **O God, forgive, correct, and heal us through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

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!**

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering

Here Is Love Vast As The Ocean

Here is love vast as the ocean
Lovingkindness as the flood
When the Prince of Life our ransom
Shed for us his precious blood
Who his love will not remember
Who can cease to sing his praise
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a guilty world in love

On the morn of resurrection
Mercy filled the thirsty grave
Where the stone of death burst open
Springs of life flowed unrestrained
Love no heart could ever measure

Joy no sorrows will outrun
Rush upon the soul believing
In the risen reigning Son

Oh this love vast love of Jesus
Bids us come and drink and live
To this weary world of longing
What more could our Savior give
Now to Christ who fully loved us
And who freed us from our sin
Be all glory and dominion
Everlasting praise to him

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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

"Grateful for Grace"
Romans 8:1–4
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

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That he should give his only Son
To make a wretch his treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns his face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon his shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from his reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom
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Benediction

Postlude

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Nun lasst uns Gott dem Herren [Dank sagen] by Johann Pachelbel

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.

Sermon Notes

November 23, 2025 | “Grateful for Grace”

Romans 8:1-4 | Rev. Richard Harris

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