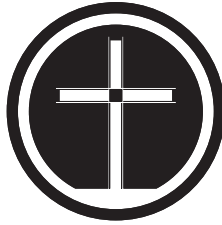


ORDER OF WORSHIP

April 5, 2026 | 9:00 am & 11:00 am

Easter Sunday



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Prelude

Crown Him With Many Crowns by Hark Hayes, arr. by Marvin Gaspard

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

Luke 24: 5–6;
Psalm 118:1, 15, 17,
24 with antiphon

Leader: Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; the Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Leader: Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!
The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Leader: Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous
The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Leader: I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the Lord.
The Lord has risen!

People: He has risen, indeed!

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Christ has risen!

All: Christ has risen, indeed!

Leader: Let us worship the Lord together!

Hymn of Praise

Christ the Lord
Is Risen Today

Christ the Lord is ris'n today alleluia
Sons of men and angels say alleluia
Raise your joys and triumphs high alleluia
Sing ye heav'ns and earth reply alleluia

Lives again our glorious King alleluia
Where O death is now thy sting alleluia
Dying once he all doth save alleluia
Where thy victory O grave alleluia

Love's redeeming work is done alleluia
Fought the fight the battle won alleluia
Death in vain forbids him rise alleluia
Christ has opened paradise alleluia

Soar we now where Christ has led alleluia
Foll'wing our exalted Head alleluia
Made like him like him we rise alleluia
Ours the cross the grave the skies alleluia

Words: Charles Wesley, 1739

Music: Lyra Davidica, 1708

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. Greatorex, 1851

Affirmation of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q/A #40-45

Leader: Why did Christ have to go all the way to death?

All: Because God's justice and truth demand it: only the death of God's Son could pay for our sin.

Leader: Why was he "buried"?

All: His burial testifies that he really died.

Leader: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

All: Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

Leader: What further advantage do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

All: Through Christ's death our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may dedicate ourselves as an offering of gratitude to him.

Leader: How does Christ's resurrection benefit us?

All: First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, so that he might make us share in the righteousness he won for us by his death. Second, by his power we too are already now resurrected to a new life. And third, Christ's resurrection is a guarantee of our glorious resurrection.

Hymn

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

*Words: Stanzas 1,2,4 Matthew Bridges, 1851; st.3, Godfrey Thring, 1871
Music: George Elvey, 1868*

**Call to
Confession**
1 John 1:8-9

Leader: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

**Public
Confession**

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. Yet, we confess that we often live as though we remain captive to doubt and fear, as though we remain bound by the ways that lead to death. We have often gone along with the way of the world and failed to give him glory. We confess that we overlook those Jesus sought—the poor, the hungry and those who mourn. Our ears are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace.

Forgive us, God of mercy! Lord, revive us! Bring new, resurrection life where we are worn and tired; new love where we have turned hard-hearted; forgiveness where we feel hurt and where we have wounded; and the joy and freedom that only comes from the Holy Spirit. Amen.

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**
John 3:16

Leader: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

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

All: Thanks be to God!

Hymn
Christus Victor

O Most High King of the ages
Great I AM God of wonders
By the blood you have redeemed us
Led us through mighty waters
Our strength our song our sure salvation

Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle you have won
Hallelujah Amen

O Most High dwelling among us
Son of man sent for sinners
By your blood you have redeemed us
Spotless Lamb mighty Savior
Who lived who died who rose victorious

Chorus
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle you have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

O Most High King of the nations
Robed in praise crowned with splendor
On that day who will not tremble
When you stand Christ the Victor
Who was and is and is forever

Chorus
Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen
Amen amen amen

Chorus
Now to the Lamb upon the throne
Be blessing honor glory power
For the battle you have won
Hallelujah
With every tribe and every tongue
We join the anthem of the angels
In the triumph of the Son
Hallelujah Amen

Sing the victory of the Lamb
Hallelujah Amen Amen

Words & Music: Matt Boswell, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristen Getty, Matt Papa, 2024

Tithes & Offerings

Musical Offering

To the Lamb
on the Throne,
arr. Dan Forrest
The Worship Choir

Ye servants of God your master proclaim
And publish abroad his wonderful name
The name all victorious of Jesus extol
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all

God rules in the height almighty to save
Though hid from our sight
His presence we have
The great congregation his triumph shall sing
Ascribing salvation to Jesus our king

Salvation to God who sits on the throne
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb

Then let us adore and give him his right
All glory and pow'r all wisdom and might
All honor and blessing with angels above
And thanks never ceasing and infinite love

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

“Heart Water”

Luke 7:36–50

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**

In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in all
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless Babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones he came to save
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory
Sin’s curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the pow'r of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand
No pow'r of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from his hand
'Til he returns or calls me home
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

Words & Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, 2001

Benediction Postlude

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today by Michael Thomas

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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.

Announcements

Missions Weekend April 24-26

Join us for Missions Weekend Friday evening, April 24, through Sunday morning, April 26. We will share food, fellowship, service, messages from our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Ben Kappers, and more! Register for Friday evening or the Saturday morning service project for students, parents, and young adults online at cpchouston.org/missions2026.

Family Ministry Crawfish Boil May 3

Families, you are invited to CPC's Family Ministry Crawfish Boil on Sunday, May 3, 12:30-2 pm! Enjoy crawfish, sides, and fellowship with friends at the home of Richard and Alicia Harris. Students and children are invited to stay at CPC for a fellowship lunch and activities while the adults head over to the Harrises' home! RSVP online at cpchouston.org/crawfish.

Vacation Bible School June 9-12

Mark your calendar for VBS June 9-12, 9 am to 12 pm! We invite rising kindergarteners through fifth graders to join us for an exciting week filled with Bible lessons, games, crafts, and fellowship with old and new friends! Register campers and volunteers online at cpchouston.org/VBS.

JOY Group (Just Older Youth)

Calling all 55+ members! Save the date for our JOY (Just Older Youth) group day trip to Schulenburg on April 21 to see the painted churches. Details and registration to follow. If you would like to help us get organized, please contact Cindy Meeh.

Mo-Ranch All- Church Retreat July 23-26

We are heading back to Mo-Ranch in the Texas Hill Country July 23-26! Please prayerfully consider joining us for a great time of refreshment, games, fellowship, worship, and rest. Register online through Sunday, June 7, at cpchouston.org/mo-ranch.

Worship Choir Rehearsals

New voices are welcome in the Worship Choir! We rehearse Wednesdays at 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. For more information, please contact BJ McDougal in the church office.

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.

Give Online

To give online, please visit cpchouston.org/give. "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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