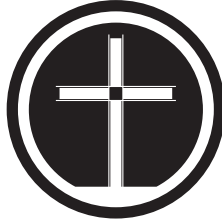


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## Prelude

### 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

Hebrews 4:15–16

Leader: 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 our God together.

### Hymn of Praise

Immortal, Invisible  
God Only Wise

Immortal invisible God only wise  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes  
Most blessed most glorious  
The Ancient of Days  
Almighty victorious thy great name we praise

Unresting unhasting and silent as light  
Nor wanting nor wasting thou rulest in might  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains  
Of goodness and love

To all life thou givest to both great and small  
In all life thou livest the true life of all  
Thy wisdom so boundless thy mercy so free  
Eternal thy goodness for  
Naught changeth thee

Great Father of glory pure Father of light  
Thine angels adore thee all veiling their sight  
All praise we would render O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

## 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

Westminster  
Shorter Catechism  
Q/A #1-3

**Leader:** What is the chief end of man?

**People:** Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

**Leader:** What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

**People:** The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

**Leader:** What do the Scriptures principally teach?

**People:** The Scriptures principally teach, what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

### Hymn

Alas And Did My  
Savior Bleed

Alas and did my Savior bleed  
And did my Sov'reign die  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I

Was it for crimes that I had done  
He groaned upon the tree  
Amazing pity grace unknown  
And love beyond degree

Well might the sun in darkness hide  
And shut his glories in  
When Christ the mighty Maker died  
For man the creature's sin

Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While his dear cross appears  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness  
And melt mine eyes in tears

But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe  
Here Lord I give myself away  
'Tis all that I can do

**Call to  
Confession**  
Luke 15:17-19

Leader: But when [the younger son] came to himself, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have more than enough bread, but I perish here with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and I will say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'"

Let us confess our sins together.

**All: Loving God, You have bestowed upon us rich and abundant blessings, the greatest of which is the full forgiveness of sins and the indwelling Holy Spirit. Yet, rather than rejoice in the Giver, we often spend your gifts selfishly. Our lives have become thin, without worship, without joy, without courage and without love. We have sought to build our identity on the things and people of this world—on approval, acceptance, talent, charisma, performance, intelligence, manipulation, wealth, and power. This is grasping at the wind. At the same time, God, we have too much believed the voices of criticism and thought the setbacks encountered render us without hope and without your favor. Forgive us Lord. Help us stop seeking to be for ourselves what only you can be for us. Renew us in the grace that abounds to the brokenhearted. Turn us away from all self-salvation strategies. Return us to your loving embrace. Remind us of the full salvation purchased by our sacrificing elder brother, the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant unto us the joy our salvation!**

**Silent  
Confession**

**Assurance of  
Pardon and  
Comfort**

Colossians 1:13-14

Leader: He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes and  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**

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*

## 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 Fragrance of Forgiveness”

*Luke 7:36–50*

Trae Vacek

### Closing Song

O Love That Will  
Not Let Me Go

O Love that will not let me go  
I rest my weary soul in thee  
I give thee back the life I owe  
That in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer fuller be

O Light that follow'st all my way  
I yield my flickering torch to thee  
My heart restores its borrowed ray  
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter fairer be

O Joy that seekest me through pain  
I cannot close my heart to thee  
I trace the rainbow through the rain  
And feel the promise is not vain  
That morn shall tearless be

O Cross that liftest up my head  
I dare not ask to fly from thee  
I lay in dust life's glory dead  
And from the ground there blossoms red  
Life that shall endless be

## Benediction

### Postlude

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## Announcements

- Lunch with Aidar & Aliya Today** The Missions Committee is hosting two missionaries that we financially support and that many of you already know, Aidar and Aliya. They will be speaking at a \$5 boxed lunch after the second service in the chapel today.
- Mo-Ranch** Mo-Ranch All-Church Retreat August 8–11  
Registration is now closed. Contact the church office for information.
- One Worship Service August 11** On Sunday, August 11, we will have one combined worship service at 10 am in the Sanctuary. Sunday school classes will not meet; Children’s Church available for kindergarten and younger.
- Cookbook Supporting Tumaini** We’re creating a cookbook with favorite recipes from our CPC family. Money raised will support the Tumaini Orphanage. Learn how to reserve your cookbook for purchase and how to submit your recipes at [cpchouston.org/women](http://cpchouston.org/women)
- ESL Teacher Training** Teacher training August 23 & 24. Teachers needed for our ESL ministry. No experience necessary! Details & registration: [cpchouston.org/ESL](http://cpchouston.org/ESL) or contact Axel Sotelo.
- Women’s Retreat** October 11–13 at Camp Allen with speaker Kristie Harrick.  
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- Give Online** Visit [cpchouston.org/give](http://cpchouston.org/give) to give online.
- Lessons & Laughter** Wednesdays at 12 pm in the SonRise Café.  
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Sign up at [cpchouston.org/deacons](http://cpchouston.org/deacons)
- Adult Sunday School** Join a class Sundays at 10 am! Details: [cpchouston.org/Sunday-School](http://cpchouston.org/Sunday-School)
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Jonathan Marshall

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