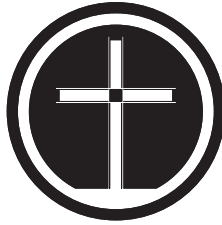


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Prelude

Prelude on 'Aus de Tiefe' by C.S. Lang

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 67:1-3

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,
that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

Let us worship our God together!

Hymn of Praise

Ye Servants Of God

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

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

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

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

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**

Psalm 139:1-6,
13-18

Leader: What does God's Word reveal about his knowledge and tender care for his people?

**All: O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.**

Leader: Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.
You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.

**All: Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.
For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

Leader: I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.
My frame was not hidden from you,
when I was being made in secret,
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

**All: Your eyes saw my unformed substance;
in your book were written, every one of them,
the days that were formed for me,
when as yet there was none of them.
How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!
How vast is the sum of them!
If I would count them, they are more than the sand.
I awake, and I am still with you.**

Hymn

I Set My Hope On
Jesus

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
I set my hope on Jesus*

**Call to
Confession**

Psalm 139:23–24

Leader: Search me, O God, and know my heart. Try me, and know my thoughts. And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

**Public
Confession**

Adapted from the
Book of Common
Worship, 1946

Leader: Let us confess our sins together.

All: Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the pattern of this world and the desires of our hearts. We have broken your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done, and we have done those things that we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills and rest to our souls, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Silent
Confession**

**Assurance of
Pardon and
Comfort**

Titus 3:3–5

Leader: For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another. But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

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**

Psalm 27, The Lord
Is My Light And My
Salvation

The Lord is my light and my salvation
Whom shall I fear whom shall I fear
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
Of whom shall I be afraid

Chorus

*Lord you are my shelter
God of my salvation I am not forsaken
Lord my shield and protector
Waiting on your promise
I will see your goodness O Lord*

When troubles arise no foe can harm me
You are my peace you are my peace
You lift me above the raging storm
You conquer my enemies

Chorus

One thing I have asked to see your beauty
This I will seek this I will seek
To dwell in your house to walk in your ways
Your presence is all I need

Chorus

I wait wait for the Lord
In faith trusting your word
I wait wait for the Lord
In faith trusting your word

I wait wait for the Lord
In faith trusting your word
I wait wait for the Lord
In faith trusting your word

Chorus

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

“Out of Prison and into Power”

Genesis 41

Rev. Richard Harris

Closing Song

Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness watch and pray
Find in me thine all in all

Lord now indeed I find
Thy pow'r and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone

Chorus

Jesus paid it all

All to him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain

He washed it white as snow

And when before the throne
I stand in him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat

Jesus paid it all all to him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Benediction

Postlude

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Variations on “Deo Gracias” by David Lasky

Announcements

Spring Break Cancellations

Some of our ministries are taking a break the week of March 9-13. Women's Bible Study, Lessons & Laughter, and our ESL program will not meet this week. They will resume the week of March 16.

Palm Sunday Picnic March 29

Bring your family and friends and join us for a church picnic on Palm Sunday, March 29, at the conclusion of the 11 am worship service! We will enjoy delicious food and great fellowship on the back lawn. Expect an Easter egg hunt for the children and fun family games. Please sign up online at cphouston.org/picnic.

Easter Lilies

You are invited to donate Easter lilies to enhance our Sanctuary. Our lily purchases contribute to The Brookwood Community, whose citizens plant, care for, and help with delivery. Donors' names and messages will appear in a special Easter bulletin insert. Lilies will be yours to take home after the 11 am Easter worship service. Sign up: cphouston.org/easter.

Women's Retreat April 17-19

Ladies, plan to be part of our Women's Retreat at Camp Allen April 17-19! Join us as we study and discuss the Word of God, deepen friendships, and enjoy some rest and relaxation. Our guest speaker, Kerry Anderson, will speak on "Equipped for CALM: Self-Control through Biblical Discernment and Grace in Action," from our theme verse: 2 Tim 1:7. Sign up online at cphouston.org/retreat.

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 Harris's home! RSVP online at cphouston.org/crawfish.

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 cphouston.org/mo-ranch.

JOY Group (Just Older Youth)

Calling all 55+ members! Remember the JOY (Just Older Youth) group from several years ago? How about we do it again, being as there are 200+ of us? There is no agenda other than to be purposeful about fellowship, encouragement, and fun. We're starting with lunch! Please join us in the Chapel on Tuesday, March 31, at 11 am. Then save the date for our April 21 day trip to Schulenburg to see the painted churches. Details and registration to follow. If you would like to help us get organized, please contact Cindy Meeh.

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- Men's Bible Study** Men, join us for the Men's Bible Study on Tuesdays, 6:45–7:45 am in the Chapel. Breakfast tacos will be served, and ministry staff along with seminarians will be teaching through the Psalms. Sign up online at cpchouston.org/men.
- Women's Bible Study** Join the women of CPC for our Bible study, "Judges & Romans: Ruined to Righteous." We meet Wednesdays at 9:30 am in Room 214, and online-only small groups meet Tuesdays at 7 pm and Wednesdays at 1:30 pm. Learn more & register: cpchouston.org/BibleStudy
- 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.
- Volunteers Needed** The Ushers, Greeters, Safety, and Meals & Care teams need your help! Sign up at cpchouston.org/deacons.
- Give Online** To give online, please visit cpchouston.org/give. "Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you."
Matthew 6:31–33 ESV

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