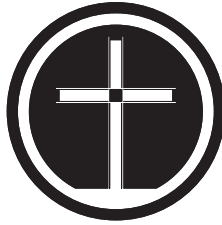


# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Prelude

*Praeludium No. 6 BWV 558 by J.S. Bach*

### 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 46  
(selected verses)

Leader: God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
“Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”  
The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.  
  
Let us worship our God together!

### Hymn of Praise

A Mighty Fortress  
Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God  
A bulwark never failing  
Our helper he amid the flood  
Of mortal ills prevailing  
For still our ancient foe  
Doth seek to work us woe  
His craft and pow'r are great  
And armed with cruel hate  
On earth is not his equal  
  
Did we in our own strength confide  
Our striving would be losing  
Were not the right man on our side  
The man of God's own choosing  
Dost ask who that may be  
Christ Jesus it is he  
Lord Sabaoth his name  
From age to age the same  
And he must win the battle

And tho' this world with devils filled  
Should threaten to undo us  
We will not fear for God hath willed  
His truth to triumph through us  
The prince of darkness grim  
We tremble not for him  
His rage we can endure  
For lo his doom is sure  
One little word shall fell him

That Word above all earthly pow'rs  
No thanks to them abideth  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours  
Thro' him who with us sideth  
Let goods and kindred go  
This mortal life also  
The body they may kill  
God's truth abideth still  
His kingdom is forever

*Words: Martin Luther, 1529; tr. Frederick Hedge, 1853*  
*Music: Martin Luther, 1529*

## **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 #1

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**All: That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

**Hymn**

Come Unto Jesus

Come unto Jesus all you who are weary  
Come to the mercy seat fervently kneel  
Here bring your wounded hearts  
Broken and needy  
Come unto Jesus mighty to heal

Joy of the comfortless Light for the straying  
Hope of the penitent peace in our strife  
Here speaks the Comforter tenderly saying  
My yoke is easy my burden is light

*Chorus*

*Come unto Jesus*

*Come unto Jesus*

*Lay down your burdens he is enough*

*Come unto Jesus rest in his love*

Come taste the Bread of Life  
Broken for sinners  
Drink from the cup of his promise made sure  
Feast at his table as sons and as daughters  
Grace overflowing is yours evermore

*Chorus*

Come now and follow him this life forsaking  
All that was gain count as nothing but loss  
Trade all this world for his kingdom unfading  
Come unto Jesus take up your cross  
Come unto Jesus take up your cross  
Life everlasting he offers to us

Come unto Jesus  
Come unto Jesus  
Lay down your burdens he is enough  
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*Chorus*  
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*Words: Thomas Moore, 1824; rev. Thomas Hastings, 1831*

*Music and adaptation: Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker, Laura Story, 2023*

## **Call to Confession**

Romans 3:22–23

**Leader:** For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

## **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!**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Tithes &  
Offerings**

**Musical  
Offering**

(8:30)

He Will Hold Me  
Fast

(11:00)

Arise, My Soul, Arise

*Introduction: Jean Sibelius, 1899*

*Words: Ada Habershon, 1906 and Matt Merker, 2013*

*Music: Matt Merker, 2013*

*Arr. Dan Forrest, The Worship Choir*

**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**

**"Enslaved in Egypt"**

*Genesis 47:13-31*

Rev. Richard Harris

## Closing Hymn

The Power  
Of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

### *Chorus*

*This the pow'r of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning your bloodstained brow

### *Chorus*

Now the daylight flees  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows his head  
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life  
Finished the vict'ry cry

### *Chorus*

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live  
Won through your selfless love

This the pow'r of the cross  
Son of God slain for us  
What a love what a cost  
We stand forgiven at the cross

*Words & Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, 2005*

## Benediction

### Postlude

*All music used by permission:  
CCLI#33408*

*To God Be the Glory by Garrett Parker*

## Announcements

### **Congregational Meeting Next Sunday, May 17**

A Congregational Meeting to elect our new elders and deacons will be held Sunday, May 17, immediately following the conclusion of our 8:30 worship service. A Town Hall meeting and financial presentation will follow. Adult Sunday school classes will meet after the meeting. The following candidates will be presented to the congregation for election: Matt Baker (elder), Chip Mealy (elder), Dan Olson (elder), Brian Rose (elder), Scott Brown (deacon), and Larry Dawson (deacon). Lee Shuchart will be appointed by the Session to serve on the Diaconal Ministry Team alongside our ordained deacons.

### **Lunch & Learn with Freedom Church Alliance May 17**

The Missions Committee invites you to a Lunch & Learn in the Chapel on Sunday, May 17, following the 11:00 worship service. Come learn how you can be involved in Freedom Church Alliance's efforts to combat human trafficking in Houston, especially as our city prepares to host the FIFA World Cup this summer. Please register for lunch at [cpchouston.org/lunch](http://cpchouston.org/lunch).

### **Women's Ministry Game Night May 22**

Ladies, join us for a Women's Game Night filled with board games, card games, and great company. We'll enjoy a little friendly competition on Friday, May 22, from 7:00 to 8:30 pm in the Chapel. Whether you love classics or have a favorite game to introduce, bring it along and join the fun! RSVP (and maybe sign up to bring a snack to share) at [cpchouston.org/game](http://cpchouston.org/game).

### **Meet Church Planters Tim & Lucy Dalton**

Church planters in Gloucester, England, Tim & Lucy Dalton will be with us Sunday, May 24. The women of CPC are invited to hear Lucy speak about her faith journey as a British physician and wife of a CPC-supported church planter in the Women's Discussion Sunday School class in SonRise 201 at 10 am. All members of our church family are invited to hear Tim tell why he labors for the city of Gloucester to be restored as a center for Christian mission and education at a Lunch & Learn after the second worship service in the Chapel. RSVP for lunch at [cpchouston.org/england](http://cpchouston.org/england).

### **Children's Summer Activities**

Children, rising 5th grade and younger, are invited for summer fun at CPC! Come enjoy Wacky Wednesday on the evenings of June 3, July 1, and August 5. Join us Friday mornings, May 29 and June 26, for Pizza, Popsicles & Play. Learn more & register at [cpchouston.org/children](http://cpchouston.org/children).

### **Vacation Bible School June 9-12**

Sign up today 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 or sign up to bring snacks online at [cpchouston.org/VBS](http://cpchouston.org/VBS).

## Announcements

### **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](http://cpchouston.org/mo-ranch).

### **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](http://cpchouston.org/city-groups).

### **Give Online**

To give online, please visit [cpchouston.org/give](http://cpchouston.org/give). “You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day.” *Deuteronomy 8:18 ESV*

### **Wednesday Night Dinner**

For groups meeting at church on Wednesday nights, our last dinner for the spring on May 13 is spaghetti & meatballs, salad, and dessert. Please bring \$5 per person, max \$20 per family, or pay online at <https://givebutter.com/cepcwednesday>.



# Church Ministry Staff & Ruling Elders

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Director of Student Ministry

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## ON CALL MAY 10

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**Elder on Call**

Cor Van Dyke

**Diaconal Member on Call**

Gayle Scott

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**Craig Brown, Chairman, Worship Committee**

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