



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — “The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he”
(Deuteronomy 32:4).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship— Psalm 100

*Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
Serve the LORD with gladness!
Come into his presence with singing!*

And know that the LORD, he is God!

*It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter his gates with thanksgiving,
and his courts with praise!
Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

O, Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, we have been welcomed into Your presence by the work of Your Son on the cross, yet we still stumble and fall. Forgive us. The inclination of our hearts lead us too often to sin against You and others; please forgive us and continue to conform us to the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we might be pleasing in Your sight and all the more fulfill the purpose of why You created us.

Bow your heads, take the time to offer your own confession of sins

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

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 (Colossians 1:13-14).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Genesis 18:1-15

NT Reading — Romans 9:6-13

*The Word of the Lord . . . **Everyone:** Thanks be to God.*

Sermon: The Benefits are Giving to God's People of Promise

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together

Church, what benefits in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

The benefits in this life which accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, progress in holiness, and perseverance in it to this life's end [WSC #36].

Affirming Christ's Presence as we share the Lord's Supper

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of Benediction

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

“For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever (Romans 11:33-36).

And God's people of promise said: **Amen!**

OT Reading—Genesis 18:1-15

And the LORD appeared to him by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the door of his tent in the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, three men were standing in front of him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent door to meet them and bowed himself to the earth and said, “O Lord, if I have found favor in your sight, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree, while I bring a morsel of bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant.” So they said, “Do as you have said.” And Abraham went quickly into the tent to Sarah and said, “Quick! Three seahs of fine flour! Knead it, and make cakes.” And Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to a young man, who prepared it quickly. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them. And he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, “Where is Sarah your wife?” And he said, “She is in the tent.” The LORD said, “I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife shall have a son.” And Sarah was listening at the tent door behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in years. The way of women had ceased to be with Sarah. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, “After I am worn out, and my lord is old, shall I have pleasure?” The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’ Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.” But Sarah denied it, saying, “I did not laugh,” for she was afraid. He said, “No, but you did laugh.”

NT Reading—Romans 9:6-13

But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return, and Sarah shall have a son.” And not only so, but also when Rebekah had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God's purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of him who calls— she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord // The people: Thanks be to God

Announcements

- ➔ **Mar 24th** — **In-Person** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 6:00pm at 158 Davenport Ave. For those that cannot be there in-person: Zoom Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 843 6693 1861; Passcode: 661614
- ➔ **Mar 27th** — Children's Read Aloud at 14 Steven's Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm @ Maxine's home. A time for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together.
- ➔ **Mar 27th** — Come join us for the Sidewalk Breakfast (10am) & Sidewalk Church Service (10:15) at 122 Carlisle Street, New Haven, CT.
- ➔ **Mar 28th** — *Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*