



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God. They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green, to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him. (Psalm 92:12-15).

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

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. (Romans 5:8-10).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Malachi 1:1-6

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—Malachi 1:1-14: The oracle of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. “I have loved you,” says the LORD. But you say, “How have you loved us?” “Is not Esau Jacob's brother?” declares the LORD. “Yet I have loved Jacob but Esau I have hated. I have laid waste his hill country and left his heritage to jackals of the desert.” If Edom says, “We are shattered but we will rebuild the ruins,” the LORD of hosts says, “They may build, but I will tear down, and they will be called ‘the wicked country,’ and ‘the people with whom the LORD is angry forever.’” Your own eyes shall see this, and you shall say, “Great is the LORD beyond the border of Israel!”

“A son honors his father, and a servant his master. If then I am a father, where is my honor? And if I am a master, where is my fear? says the LORD of hosts to you, O priests, who despise my name. But you say, ‘How have we despised your name?’ By offering polluted food upon my altar. But you say, ‘How have we polluted you?’ By saying that the LORD’s table may be despised. When you offer blind animals in sacrifice, is that not evil? And when you offer those that are lame or sick, is that not evil? Present that to your governor; will he accept you or show you favor? says the LORD of hosts. And now entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious to us. With such a gift from your hand, will he show favor to any of you? says the LORD of hosts. Oh that there were one among you who would shut the doors, that you might not kindle fire on my altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, says the LORD of hosts, and I will not accept an offering from your hand. For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts. But you profane it when you say that the Lord's table is polluted, and its fruit, that is, its food may be despised. But you say, ‘What a weariness this is,’ and you snort at it, says the LORD of hosts. You bring what has been taken by violence or is lame or sick, and this you bring as your offering! Shall I accept that from your hand? says the LORD. Cursed be the cheat who has a male in his flock, and vows it, and yet sacrifices to the Lord what is blemished. For I am a great King, says the LORD of hosts, and my name will be feared among the nations.

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

- ➔ **Apr 14th** — **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
- ➔ **Apr 17th** — 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.
- ➔ **Apr 17th** — Come join us for the Sidewalk Breakfast (10am) & Sidewalk Church Service (10:15) at 122 Carlisle Street, New Haven. Come and welcome the folks who come to the breakfast and sidewalk church service and get to know them (share the love of Christ with them).
- ➔ **Apr 18th** — *Come join us again for next Sunday’s service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*
- ➔ **Apr 20th** — Bonfire, Bible Study, & Chili, 7pm-8pm, back of our apartment @ 122 Carlisle Street: Digging a Little Deeper About Jesus.