



April 18, 2021

## 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**— Lamentations 3:22-24 & Psalm 36:5-7

*The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

**“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”**

*Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.*

**How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.**

*Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.*

### II. Rediscover God's Grace

“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 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” (Hebrews 4:14-16).

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

**The Word assures us of God's forgiveness**

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water (Hebrews 10:19-22).

### III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

**OT Reading — Exodus 33:12-23**

**NT Reading — Romans 9:14-18**

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

**Sermon: Hard Hearts and God's Sovereign Mercy**

### VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

**Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father**

**Our profession of our faith together**

*Church, is there any way to escape judgement and be brought back into God's favor?*

**Yes, to satisfy his justice, God himself, out of mere mercy, reconciles us to himself and delivers us from sin and from the punishment for sin, by a Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ [New City Catechism #19].**

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

### V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

**Prayer and the Words of Benediction**

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that *the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy*. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” And again it is said, Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope* (Romans 15:8-13).

**And God's people who have received mercy said: Amen!**

**OT Reading—Exodus 33:12-23:** Moses said to the LORD, “See, you say to me, ‘Bring up this people,’ but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.’ Now therefore, if I have found favor in your sight, please show me now your ways, that I may know you in order to find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people.” And he said, “My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest.” And he said to him, “If your presence will not go with me, do not bring us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth?”

And the LORD said to Moses, “This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name.” Moses said, “Please show me your glory.” And he said, “I will make all my goodness pass before you and will proclaim before you my name ‘The LORD.’ And I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But,” he said, “you cannot see my face, for man shall not see me and live.” And the LORD said, “Behold, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock, and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by. Then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back, but my face shall not be seen.”

### **NT Reading—Romans 9:14-18**

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, “I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion.” So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh, “For this very purpose I have raised you up, that I might show my power in you, and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.” So then he has mercy on whomever he wills, and he hardens whomever he wills.

**Reader: The Word of the Lord**

**The people: *Thanks be to God***

### **Announcements**

- ➡ **Apr 20<sup>th</sup>** — Bonfire, Bible Study, & Chili, 7pm-8pm, back of our apartment @ 122 Carlisle Street: Digging a Little Deeper About Jesus.
- ➡ **Apr 21<sup>st</sup>** — **Online Zoom** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm at 158 Davenport Ave. For those that cannot be there in-person: Zoom Meeting ID: 843 6693 1861; Passcode: 661614
- ➡ **Apr 24<sup>th</sup>** — 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 24<sup>th</sup>** — 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 25<sup>th</sup>** — *Please come join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*