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Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being (Psalm 146:1-2).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship—Psalm 150:1-6

Praise the Lord!

Praise God in his sanctuary;

praise him in his mighty heavens!

Praise him for his mighty deeds;

praise him according to his excellent greatness!

Praise him with trumpet sound;

praise him with lute and harp!

Praise him with tambourine and dance;

praise him with strings and pipe!

Praise him with sounding cymbals;

praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord!

Let's take some time to offer up praise to our Ascended King

II. Rediscover God's Grace

O, Lord, my maker and redeemer, I come to your throne only through your grace and mercy granted me in Christ Jesus. Your love only magnifies my sin and the darkness of my heart; yet, it is the same love that draws me back to the cross, my only place of rescue and forgiveness. You alone can cleanse me and, by your Spirit, make me new; and, help me walk in newness of life. Through the Lord Jesus, my maker and redeemer I come.

Bow your heads, take the time to confess your sins

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

“And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross” (Colossians 2:13-14).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading—Genesis 2:1-25

NT Reading—Romans 1:24-32

The Word of the Lord

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Romans 1:24-32: “This Text isn’t for Thumping on Our Cultural Enemies: Deconstructing Starts with Church”

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Share prayer requests and then take some time to pray for them

Affirming Christ's Presence at the Table of the Lord

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Words of benediction (someone read the following text)

For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all. 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. Amen. (Romans 11:32-36).

And all God's people shout out: Amen!

OT Reading—Genesis 2:1-25: Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. And on the seventh day God finished his work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and made it holy, because on it God rested from all his work that he had done in creation.

These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Lord God made the earth and the heavens.

When no bush of the field was yet in the land and no small plant of the field had yet sprung up—for the Lord God had not caused it to rain on the land, and there was no man to work the ground, and a mist was going up from the land and was watering the whole face of the ground— then the Lord God formed the man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living creature. And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. And out of the ground the Lord God made to spring up every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food. The tree of life was in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

A river flowed out of Eden to water the garden, and there it divided and became four rivers. The name of the first is the Pishon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold. And the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. The name of the second river is the Gihon. It is the one that flowed around the whole land of Cush. And the name of the third river is the Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates.

The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

Then the Lord God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” Now out of the ground the Lord God had formed every beast of the field and every bird of the heavens and brought them to the man to see what he would call them. And whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all livestock and to the birds of the heavens and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper fit for him. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.”

Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh. And the man and his wife were both naked and were not ashamed.

NT Reading—Romans 1:24-32: Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves, because they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen.

For this reason God gave them up to dishonorable passions. For their women exchanged natural relations for those that are contrary to nature; and the men likewise gave up natural relations with women and were consumed with passion for one another, men committing shameless acts with men and receiving in themselves the due penalty for their error.

And since they did not see fit to acknowledge God, God gave them up to a debased mind to do what ought not to be done. They were filled with all manner of unrighteousness, evil, covetousness, malice. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, maliciousness. They are gossips, slanderers, haters of God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, disobedient to parents, foolish, faithless, heartless, ruthless. Though they know God's righteous decree that those who practice such things deserve to die, they not only do them but give approval to those who practice them.

Announcements

- ➡ Ladies Group—Wednesday on Zoom at 7pm. If you need the Zoom number contact me (Maxine) or Lisa
- ➡ Keep a Watch for Friday evening (outdoor) Movie Nights on Stevens Street, coming soon, starting June 26th.
- ➡ Saturday Sidewalk Breakfasts & Sidewalk Church Service: you are invited to join us or maybe come and serve
- ➡ Summer “In His Midst” Ministry: Be a part of the discussion how we can still serve our neighbors this summer.