



April 25, 2021

Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.” (Jeremiah 31:34).

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

Lord Jesus, like Israel we can tend to abandoned You; like Judas, we too often have betrayed You; like Peter we can deny You; and, like the other disciples we, too readily, forsake You. Yet, You remain faithful to us unto death, even death on a cross. Though You bound yourself to us, we too easily unbound ourselves to you. God, have mercy on us weak and sinful people. Lead us once again to Your Word and to Your forgiveness, which we so desperately need. Forgive us. Cleanse us. And, make us whole once again through Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

The Word assures us of God’s forgiveness

Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy (1 Peter 2:10).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King’s Word

OT Reading — Hosea 2:14-23

NT Reading — Romans 9:14-18

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *The Undeserving Mercy of God Continues: Hearing from Hosea & Isaiah*

VI. Renewal of Christ’s Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together

Church, who is the Redeemer of God’s elect?

The only Redeemer of God’s elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God became man, and so was and continues to be God and man, in two distinct natures and one person forever [WSC #21].

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

V. Restored in Christ’s Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of Benediction

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 all God’s people said: Amen!

OT Reading—Hosea 2:14-23

The LORD'S Mercy on Israel

“Therefore, behold, I will allure her,
and bring her into the wilderness,
and speak tenderly to her.

And there I will give her her vineyards
and make the Valley of Achor a door of hope.

And there she shall answer as in the days of her youth,
as at the time when she came out of the land of Egypt.

“And in that day, declares the LORD, you will call me ‘My Husband,’ and no longer will you call me ‘My Baal.’ For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in steadfast love and in mercy. I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the LORD.

“And in that day I will answer, declares the LORD,

I will answer the heavens,
and they shall answer the earth,
and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,
and they shall answer Jezreel,
and I will sow her for myself in the land.
And I will have mercy on No Mercy,
and I will say to Not My People, You are my people’;
and he shall say, ‘You are my God.’”

NT Reading—Romans 9:19-29: You will say to me then, “Why does he still find fault? For who can resist his will?” But who are you, O man, to answer back to God? Will what is molded say to its molder, “Why have you made me like this?” Has the potter no right over the clay, to make out of the same lump one vessel for honorable use and another for dishonorable use? What if God, desiring to show his wrath and to make known his power, has endured with much patience vessels of wrath prepared for destruction, in order to make known the riches of his glory for vessels of mercy, which he has prepared beforehand for glory— even us whom he has called, not from the Jews only but also from the Gentiles? As indeed he says in Hosea, “Those who were not my people I will call ‘my people,’ and her who was not beloved I will call ‘beloved.’” “And in the very place where it was said to them, ‘You are not my people,’ there they will be called sons of the living God.”

And Isaiah cries out concerning Israel: “Though the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant of them will be saved, for the Lord will carry out his sentence upon the earth fully and without delay.” And as Isaiah predicted, “If the Lord of hosts had not left us offspring, we would have been like Sodom and become like Gomorrah.”

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

Announcements

- ➡ **Apr 28th** — **In-Person** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 6:00pm at 158 Davenport Ave. For those that cannot be there in-person: You can join on Zoom. The meeting ID is 843 6693 1861 and the passcode is 661614
- ➡ **May 1st** — Children’s Read Aloud at 14 Steven’s Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm @ Maxine’s home. A time for our neighborhood children to read a chapter book together and gain some reading comprehension skills.
- ➡ **May 1st** — 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).
- ➡ **May 2nd** — **Congregational Planning meeting after service, about 11:30.**
- ➡ **May 2nd** — *Please come join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*