



May 9, 2021

Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Let the house of Aaron say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” Let those who fear the LORD say, “His steadfast love endures forever.” (Psalm 118:1-4).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship— various verses from Psalm 118

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

*You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God;
I will extol you.*

**Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Lord Jesus, it is amazing and wonderful that we are the objects of your grace and mercy, although we do not deserve to be granted this. Still, we do not always walk in grace nor do we consistently extend the mercy we have so freely received toward others. We come humbly with repentance to the cross of Christ, please forgive us, not on the basis of anything in us or anything we do, but solely on the merits of 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

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared (Psalm 130:3-4).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Isaiah 65:1-7

NT Reading — Romans 9:30-33

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

Sermon: *Pursuing a Righteousness by Faith: This is what Makes for Stumbling by the World (and this is a good thing)*

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together

Church, What is the church?

God chooses and preserves for himself a community elected for eternal life and united by faith, who love, follow, learn from, and worship God together. God sends out this community to proclaim the gospel and prefigure Christ's kingdom by the quality of their life together and their love for one another. [New City Catechism #48].

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of Benediction

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us (Romans 5:1-5).

And all God's people said: Amen!

OT Reading—Isaiah 65:1-7:

I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for me;

I was ready to be found by those who did not seek me.

I said, “Here I am, here I am,”

to a nation that was not called by my name.

I spread out my hands all the day

to a rebellious people,

who walk in a way that is not good,

following their own devices;

a people who provoke me

to my face continually,

sacrificing in gardens

and making offerings on bricks;

who sit in tombs,

and spend the night in secret places;

who eat pig's flesh,

and broth of tainted meat is in their vessels;

who say, “Keep to yourself,

do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”

These are a smoke in my nostrils,

a fire that burns all the day.

Behold, it is written before me:

“I will not keep silent, but I will repay;

I will indeed repay into their lap

both your iniquities and your fathers' iniquities together,

says the LORD;

because they made offerings on the mountains

and insulted me on the hills,

I will measure into their lap

payment for their former deeds.”

NT Reading—Romans 9:30-33: What shall we say, then? That Gentiles who did not pursue righteousness have attained it, that is, a righteousness that is by faith; but that Israel who pursued a law that would lead to righteousness did not succeed in reaching that law. Why? Because they did not pursue it by faith, but as if it were based on works. They have stumbled over the stumbling stone, as it is written, “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.”

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

Announcements

➡ **May 12th** — **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 15th** — 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 15th** — 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 16th** — *Please come join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*

➡ **May 16th** — After service there will be a meeting of the Hill Spiritual Leadership Advisory Board to discuss Summer activities and plans. *HSLAB is composed of those who have completed the TOTAL CHRIST course.