



May 23, 2021

Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine— The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid (Psalm 27:1)?

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship— Psalm 28:6-9 (adapted)

Blessed be the Lord!

For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The Lord is my strength and my shield;

in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults,
and with my song I give thanks to him.

The Lord is our strength; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage!

Lord, be our shepherd and carry us forever.

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in the way. He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way. All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies. For your name's sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great (Psalm 25:7-11).

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon (Isaiah 55:7).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Deuteronomy 30:11-20

NT Reading — Romans 10:5-13

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

Sermon: *Terms of the Agreement: Believing and Confessing Together*
(even when it is dangerous to do so)

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together

Church, what do we confess and believe?

If we confess with our mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in our heart that God raised him from the dead, we will be saved . . . For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him; for “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved” [Romans 10:9-13].

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of Benediction

Therefore God has highly exalted [Jesus Christ] and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:9-11).

And all God's people said: Amen!

OT Reading—Deuteronomy 30:11-20: “For this commandment that I command you today is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, ‘Who will ascend to heaven for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, ‘Who will go over the sea for us and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?’ But the word is very near you. It is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it.

“See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I command you today, by loving the LORD your God, by walking in his ways, and by keeping his commandments and his statutes and his rules, then you shall live and multiply, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to take possession of it. But if your heart turns away, and you will not hear, but are drawn away to worship other gods and serve them, I declare to you today, that you shall surely perish. You shall not live long in the land that you are going over the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and curse. Therefore choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him, for he is your life and length of days, that you may dwell in the land that the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.”

NT Reading—Romans 10:5-13: For Moses writes about the righteousness that is based on the law, that the person who does the commandments shall live by them. ⁶But the righteousness based on faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) ⁷“or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). ⁸But what does it say? “The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); ⁹because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. ¹⁰For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. ¹¹For the Scripture says, “Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame.” ¹²For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. ¹³For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

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

Announcements

- ➔ **May 26th** — **In-person** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer at 158 Davenport Ave @ 6:00pm. If you cannot make it you can still join us on Zoom with the meeting ID **843 6693 1861** and the passcode is **661614**
- ➔ **May 29th** — 14 Stevens Street Children’s Read Aloud, 1:00pm–3:00pm @ Maxine’s home. A time for neighborhood children to read a chapter book together and gain some reading comprehension skills.
- ➔ **May 29th** — Come join us for our Carlisle Street Sidewalk Breakfast (10am) & the Sidewalk Church Service (10:15). Come and welcome those who come to the breakfast and join them at the church service; let’s get to know them (share the love of Christ with them).
- ➔ **May 30st** — *Please come join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*