



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — Let your steadfast love comfort me according to your promise to your servant. Let your mercy come to me, that I may live; for your law is my delight. (Psalm 119:77-78).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship—selected verses from Psalm 145

*Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.
The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.*

**All The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

*They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom
and tell of your power,
to make known to the children of man your mighty deeds,
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.*

**Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations.**

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

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Father and Judge of all the earth, we have entered your court-room. You are gracious to receive us and to count us adopted into Your family as sons and daughters. You have paid our debt through the blood of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. Still we fall. We sin. Our hearts do not always seek Your light; we are still prone to walk in darkness. And our deeds too often are to cast us in a better light than for Your name sake, glory, and honor. We come again to Your mercy-seat, to ask Your forgiveness so that we might know Your face and walk in Your Light for the sake 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

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God (Romans 5:8-9)

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Exodus 25:10-22

NT Reading — Romans 3:21-26

The Word of the Lord

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Romans 3:21-26: Christ Saves God's Face, Part 3

God, apart from the Law, brings about redemption for all who believe in Christ, whether Jew or Gentile, as a free and gracious gift; Jesus Christ is the place where God is present to redeem all those who, by faith, believe in Christ.

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

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

Our Confession together

Church, what is justification? (WSC #2)

Justification is an act of God's free grace in which he pardons all our sins and accepts us as righteous in his sight for the sake of the righteousness of Christ alone, which is credited to us and received by faith alone.

Affirming Christ's Presence as we share in the Lord's Table

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

A Prayer and Words of benediction

To those who are called, beloved in God the Father and kept for Jesus Christ: May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you. (Jude 1b-2).

And all God's people shout out: Amen!

OT Reading—Exodus 25:10-22

“They shall construct an ark of acacia wood two and a half cubits long, and one and a half cubits wide, and one and a half cubits high. You shall overlay it with pure gold, inside and out you shall overlay it, and you shall make a gold molding around it. You shall cast four gold rings for it and fasten them on its four feet, and two rings shall be on one side of it and two rings on the other side of it. You shall make poles of acacia wood and overlay them with gold. You shall put the poles into the rings on the sides of the ark, to carry the ark with them. The poles shall remain in the rings of the ark; they shall not be removed from it. You shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

“You shall make a mercy seat of pure gold, two and a half cubits long and one and a half cubits wide. You shall make two cherubim of gold, make them of hammered work at the two ends of the mercy seat. Make one cherub at one end and one cherub at the other end; you shall make the cherubim *of one piece* with the mercy seat at its two ends. The cherubim shall have *their* wings spread upward, covering the mercy seat with their wings and facing one another; the faces of the cherubim are to be *turned* toward the mercy seat. You shall put the mercy seat on top of the ark, and in the ark you shall put the testimony which I will give to you. There I will meet with you; and from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, I will speak to you about all that I will give you in commandment for the sons of Israel.

NT Reading—Romans 3:21-26:

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Announcements

- ➔ **July 22nd**—Our 4th “In His Midst” at Trowbridge Square Park; set up is at 5:00pm; our goal is to serve at 5:45pm as a Grab & Go. COVID-19 social distancing and health protocols need to be in place. Your help will be greatly appreciated on these Wednesday evenings. Rain or shine, this is happening!
- ➔ **July 24th**—Free Movie Night on Stevens Street. Starts an hour before Sunset; movie starts at a little after sunset.
- ➔ **July 25th**—Saturday Children’s Read Out-loud at Maxine’s on Steven’s Street at 1:00pm. This is for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together. A great summer-time learning event.
- ➔ Saturday Sidewalk Breakfasts & Sidewalk Church Service: you are invited to join us or maybe come and serve. Breakfast starts at 10am; church service starts at 10:20. We follow social distancing and health protocols at this Breakfast Grab & Go.