

# Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he (Deuteronomy 32:4).

## I. Rediscover God's Glory

#### Call to Worship — Psalm 33:1-5

Shout for joy in the Lord, O you righteous!
Praise befits the upright.
Give thanks to the Lord with the lyre;
make melody to him with the harp of ten strings!
Sing to him a new song;
play skillfully on the strings, with loud shouts.

For the word of the Lord is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

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

## II. Rediscover God's Grace

Our heavenly Father, who is just in your wrath against sin and the Justifier of those who place their faith in your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, grant us your mercy to see our sin, to confess it as sin, and to desire that our hard hearts be turned toward you so that we might not sin again. We confess that we make excuses for our sin and that we, too, often find false hope that somehow we are better, less sinful than others person; forgive us, O Lord, so that we may be clean before you once again, so that we might more perfectly conform to the image 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 we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

## III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Exodus 34:1-9

NT Reading — Romans 3:21-26

The Word of the Lord

**Everyone:** Thanks be to God.

Sermon: Romans 3:25-26: Christ Saves God's Face, Part 4

God is just and the Justifier of those who believe in Christ; the cross of Christ is the place where God meets us and the place where his righteousness is reveals so that his honor and glory might be restored.

## VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

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

Our profession of our faith together

Church, who is God? (WSC #4)

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth..

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

## V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

### A Prayer and Words of benediction

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 11:33-36).

And all God's people shout out: Amen!

#### OT Reading—Exodus 34:1-10

The Lord said to Moses, "Cut for yourself two tablets of stone like the first, and I will write on the tablets the words that were on the first tablets, which you broke. Be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning to Mount Sinai, and present yourself there to me on the top of the mountain. No one shall come up with you, and let no one be seen throughout all the mountain. Let no flocks or herds graze opposite that mountain." So Moses cut two tablets of stone like the first. And he rose early in the morning and went up on Mount Sinai, as the Lord had commanded him, and took in his hand two tablets of stone. The Lord descended in the cloud and stood with him there, and proclaimed the name of the Lord. The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children and the children's children, to the third and the fourth generation." And Moses quickly bowed his head toward the earth and worshiped. And he said, "If now I have found favor in your sight, O Lord, please let the Lord go in the midst of us, for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance."

And he said, "Behold, I am making a covenant. Before all your people I will do marvels, such as have not been created in all the earth or in any nation. And all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the Lord, for it is an awesome thing that I will do with you."

#### 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 29th Our 5th "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 31<sub>st</sub> Free Movie Night on Stevens Street. Starts an hour before dusk; movie starts at after sunset.
- → Aug 1<sub>st</sub> 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.