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Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine— [God says] 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 (Psalm 27:1).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship— Psalm 24 (adapted)

The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!

Who is this King of glory?

The LORD of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Father, we have sung your praises and acknowledged your glory. We thank you for the privilege of bearing witness of your glory. We confess we often fail in this mission. We have neglected to offer love out of fear of rejection. Sometimes we have just been selfish. Forgive us for our indifference and neglecting to seek the welfare of those unlike us. Forgive us and restore us so we might bear witness of your salvation in this dark world. Amen

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness:

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; 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 55:6-7).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Isaiah 53:1-12

NT Reading — Romans 10:14-21

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

Sermon: Yet, They Have Heard: The Danger of Hearing and Continued Disobedience

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together

As our Redeemer, Church, what offices does Christ fill?

Christ as our Redeemer fills the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, in his states both of humiliation and exaltation.
(WSC #23)

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the 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 (Romans 11:33-36).

And all God's people said: Amen!

OT Reading—Isaiah 53:1-12

Who has believed what he has heard from us?
And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?
For he grew up before him like a young plant,
and like a root out of dry ground;
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,
and no beauty that we should desire him.
He was despised and rejected by men,
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;
and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.
All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.
By oppression and judgment he was taken away;
and as for his generation, who considered
that he was cut off out of the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people?
And they made his grave with the wicked
and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence,
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief;
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;
the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.
Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,
make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.
Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,
because he poured out his soul to death
and was numbered with the transgressors;
yet he bore the sin of many,
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

NT Reading—Romans 10:14-21: How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? ¹⁵And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!” ¹⁶But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, “Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?” ¹⁷So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ. ¹⁸But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have, for “Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.” ¹⁹But I ask, did Israel not understand? First Moses says, “I will make you jealous of those who are not a nation; with a foolish nation I will make you angry.” ²⁰Then Isaiah is so bold as to say, “I have been found by those who did not seek me; I have shown myself to those who did not ask for me.” ²¹But of Israel he says, “All day long I have held out my hands to a disobedient and contrary people.”

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

Announcements

- ➔ **Jun 2nd** — **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**
- ➔ **Jun 5th** — 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.
- ➔ **Jun 5th** — 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).
- ➔ **Jun 6th** — *Please come join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*