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## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

### Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine** — 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! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! (Psalm 24:7-10).

### *I. Rediscover God's Glory*

**Call to Worship** — Psalm 145:10-13

*All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,  
and all your saints shall bless you!*

**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*

Heavenly Father, it is only by your grace that I have access to your throne room and into your heavenly court. While grace abounds in this space, I am vulnerable and transparent before you; I cannot hide my sin nor the temptations of my heart that so often leads me into the false notion that I am sufficient apart from you, that I am able to stand on my own, and that my heart doesn't need your constant presence. Forgive me, O Lord. Cleanse me from all ungodliness; cleanse me from my hidden idolatries; cleanse me from my self-sufficiency. Forgive me, through 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 we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:8-9).

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

**OT Reading** — Genesis 49:10 & Isaiah 49:5-7

**NT Reading** — Romans 1:1-7 & Romans 5:1-2

*The Word of the Lord*

**Everyone:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon Remembering Our Purpose so We May Stand in Grace**  
(Romans 1:1-7 & 5:1-2)

*Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God, so we have access to God by grace and hope for the glory (our purpose in being created) to 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, why do we stand by faith in Jesus (adopt from Romans 5:1-2)

*Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, whom we now have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, rejoicing in hope of the glory of God.*

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

### *V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy*

***A Prayer and Words of benediction***

Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— 27 to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! (Romans 16:25-27).

**And all God's people shout out: Amen!**

**OT Readings—Genesis 15:1-6; 17:1-8**

**Genesis 49:10**

The scepter shall not depart from Judah,  
nor the ruler's staff from between his feet,  
until tribute comes to him;  
and to him shall be the obedience of the peoples.

**Isaiah 49:5-7**

And now the Lord says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
he says:

“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:

“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**NT Reading—Romans 1:1-7 & : Romans 5:1-2**

**Romans 1:1-7:** Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be the Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness by his resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith for the sake of his name among all the nations, including you who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all those in Rome who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 5:1-2:** 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.

**Announcements**

- ➔ **Sept 5<sup>th</sup>** — Free Movie Night continues on Stevens Street. Starts an hour before dusk; movie starts at sunset.
- ➔ **Sept 6<sup>th</sup>** — Saturday Children's Read Out-loud at Maxine's on Steven's Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm. This is for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together. A great summer-time learning event.
- ➔ **Sept 6<sup>th</sup>** — Saturday Sidewalk Breakfasts & Sidewalk Church Service (122 Carlisle Street): you are invited to join us or maybe come and serve. Breakfast starts at 10am; church service starts at 10:20.
- ➔ **Sept 9<sup>th</sup>** — Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm. Place or Zoom still to be determined.
- ➔ **September 13<sup>th</sup>** — Church & Neighborhood BBQ @ Maxine's after Sunday morning Service