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Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed (Psalm 34:4-5).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship — Psalm 62:1-2, 6-7

*For God alone my soul waits in silence;
from him comes my salvation.*

**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.**

*For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,
for my hope is from him.*

*He only is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.*

**On God rests my salvation and my glory;
my mighty rock, my refuge is God.**

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

II. Rediscover God's Grace

O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. 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 — Isaiah 53:1-12

NT Reading — Romans 5:1-5

The Word of the Lord

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon Access to Grace Changes Our Character so We Can
Endure (5:1-5)**

Being justified by faith changes everything, gives us peace and access to God, boasting in the hope of the Glory of God and we boast in tribulation so that we can develop the character for us to endure so that we promote God's Glory

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, what is sanctification?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed in our whole person in the image of God and by which we are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

A Prayer and Words of benediction

And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth" (Revelation 5:9-10).

And all God's people shout out: Amen!

OT Readings—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.

Isaiah 53—continued

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 5:1-5: 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. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

Announcements

- ➔ **Sept 11th** — Free Movie Night continues on Stevens Street. Starts an hour before dusk; movie starts at sunset.
- ➔ **Sept 12th** — 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 12th** — Saturday Sidewalk Breakfasts & Church Service (122 Carlisle St): join us or maybe come and serve. Breakfast starts at 10am; church service starts at 10:20.
- ➔ **Sept 9th** — Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm. Place or Zoom still to be determined. (We're working on in-person; I will let you know before Wednesday.)