



Sept 20, 2020

## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

### Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine** — Blessed be the Lord, my rock, who trains my hands for war, and my fingers for battle; he is my steadfast love and my fortress, my stronghold and my deliverer, my shield and he in whom I take refuge, who subdues peoples under me. O Lord, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him? Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow (Psalm 144:1-4)

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

**Call to Worship** — Psalm 145:1-3

*I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.  
Every day I will bless you  
and praise your name forever and ever.*

**Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,  
and his greatness is unsearchable.**

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

### *II. Rediscover God's Grace*

I am awed that you have welcomed me into your throne room and you have clothed me with the likeness of your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, that I might enter in. Your presence reveals all my hidden sins, my idolatrous heart pounds before you, and my selfish desires are all exposed. Yet, you have welcomed me, undeserving and guilty, because of the merits of your Son, Jesus Christ, the work on the cross, his blood in exchange for my sin. I am humbled that you continue to forgive me and still cleanse me. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness forever. This is my only worthy boast. Your mercy restores the joy of our salvation; so that we may boast in the hope of your glory. 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** — Jeremiah 9:23-26

**NT Reading** — Romans 5:1-11

*The Word of the Lord*

**Everyone:** Thanks be to God.

**Sermon:** **It Matters Where Get Our Dignity From: Our Boast Should be in Christ (5:1-11)**

*Our dignity (i.e., our boast) comes from outside ourselves, but it also does not come from any human agency or earthly thing, but from God in Christ. Our dignity comes from what we boast in: we boast in the hope of God's glory, in our suffering, and in God who reconciled us in Christ.*

### *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 do we believe since we are justified by faith and have peace with God?*

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.

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

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

**A Prayer and Words of benediction**

Thus says the Lord: "Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the Lord who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the Lord" (Jeremiah 9:23-24).

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

### ***OT Readings—Jeremiah 9:23-26***

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“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will punish all those who are circumcised merely in the flesh— Egypt, Judah, Edom, the sons of Ammon, Moab, and all who dwell in the desert who cut the corners of their hair, for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.”

### ***NT Reading—Romans 5:1-11***

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. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— 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. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. More than that, we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

### **Announcements**

- ➔ **Sept 13<sup>th</sup>** — After Service this morning join us for a church family neighborhood BBQ.
- ➔ **Sept 23<sup>th</sup>** — Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm. Still working on in-person meeting for the ladies.
- ➔ **Sept 25<sup>th</sup>** — Continuing Maxine's Free Movie Night on Stevens Street. Starts an hour before dusk; movie starts at sunset.
- ➔ **Sept 26<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 26<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.