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Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine—It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths” (Isaiah 2:2-3a)

I. Rediscover God’s Glory

Call to Worship — adapted from Psalm 134:1-3

*Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord!*

**Lift up your hands to the holy place
and bless the Lord!**

May the Lord bless you from Zion.

The Lord who made heaven and earth!

Let’s offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God’s Grace

Most merciful and heavenly Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

The Word assures us of God’s forgiveness

For the wages of sin, death; but the free-grace-gift of God, life eternal in Christ Jesus (Romans 6:23, my translation)

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King’s Word

OT Reading — Psalm 8:1-8

NT Reading — Romans 5:18-21 & Romans 16:17-20

The Word of the Lord

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: **The Space and Place for the Reign of Grace: the local church (5:18-21 & Romans 16:17-20)**

VI. Renewal of Christ’s Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bring them before our Father

Prayers for our children

Our profession of our faith together

Church, how did God create man?

God created man, male and female, in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with rule over the creatures.

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

V. Restored in Christ’s Supremacy

A Prayer and Words of benediction

For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God’s truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, “Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name.” And again it is said, “Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people.” And again, “Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples extol him.” And again Isaiah says, “The root of Jesse will come, even he who arises to rule the Gentiles; in him will the Gentiles hope.” May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. (Romans 15:8-13).

And all God’s people shout out: Amen!

OT Readings—Psalm 8:1-8

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.
Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,
all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

NT Readings—Romans 5:18-21: Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so one act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all men. For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous. Now the law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, grace abounded all the more, so that, as sin reigned in death, grace also might reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Romans 16:17-20: I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God*

Announcements

- ➔ **Oct 7th** — **Online** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm. (Next **in-person** Ladies Study is Oct 14th). In-person Studies are the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.)
- ➔ **Oct 9th** — Continuing Maxine's Free Movie Night on Stevens Street. Starts an hour before dusk; movie starts at sunset.
- ➔ **Oct 10th** — 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.
- ➔ **Oct 10th** — 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.
- ➔ **Oct 30th** — Combined Harvest Festivity & Friday Movie Night.
- ➔ **Oct 11th** — Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave, New Haven).