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## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

### Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine**— How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity  
 . . . For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.  
 (Psalm 133:1-3b)

## I. Rediscover God’s Glory

**Call to Worship**— Hosea 6:1-3

*“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
 for he has torn us, that he may heal us;  
 he has struck us down, and he will bind us up.  
 After two days he will revive us;  
 on the third day he will raise us up,  
 that we may live before him.*

**Let us know; let us press on to know the LORD;  
 his going out is sure as the dawn;  
 he will come to us as the showers,  
 as the spring rains that water the earth.”**

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

## II. Rediscover God’s Grace

There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus’ love for us. Amen.

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

***The Word assures us of God’s forgiveness***

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

## III. Renewal in Christ, Our King’s Word

**OT Reading** — Amos 5:14-24

**NT Reading** — Romans 12:9-21

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

**Sermon:** The Wholly Different Third Way: The House-churches in Rome

## VI. Renewal of Christ’s Presence

**Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father**

**Our profession of our faith together**

*Church, how should we present our bodies to God?*

We are “to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is our spiritual worship. We are not to be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of our mind, that by testing we may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (adapted from Romans 12:1-2).

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

## V. Restored in Christ’s Supremacy

***Prayer and the 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 said: Amen!**

**OT Reading—Amos 5:14-24**

Seek good, and not evil,  
that you may live;  
and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you,  
as you have said.  
Hate evil, and love good,  
and establish justice in the gate;  
it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts,  
will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.  
Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord:  
“In all the squares there shall be wailing,  
and in all the streets they shall say, ‘Alas! Alas!’  
They shall call the farmers to mourning  
and to wailing those who are skilled in lamentation,  
and in all vineyards there shall be wailing,  
for I will pass through your midst,” says the Lord.  
Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!  
Why would you have the day of the Lord?  
It is darkness, and not light,  
as if a man fled from a lion,  
and a bear met him,  
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,  
and a serpent bit him.  
Is not the day of the Lord darkness, and not light,  
and gloom with no brightness in it?  
“I hate, I despise your feasts,  
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.  
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,  
I will not accept them;  
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,  
I will not look upon them.  
Take away from me the noise of your songs;  
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.  
But let justice roll down like waters,  
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

**NT Reading—Romans 12:9-21:** <sup>9</sup>Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;  
hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup>Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo  
one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup>Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in  
spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant  
in prayer. <sup>13</sup>Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.  
<sup>14</sup>Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup>Rejoice with  
those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup>Live in harmony with one  
another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in  
your own sight. <sup>17</sup>Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is  
honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup>If possible, so far as it depends on you, live  
peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup>Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the  
wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the  
Lord.” <sup>20</sup>To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty,  
give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on  
his head.” <sup>21</sup>Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

**Announcements**

- ➔ **Jul 2<sup>nd</sup>—Friday Outdoor Movie Night @ Maxine’s** Come a little before dusk.
- ➔ **Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> — 14 Stevens Street Children’s Read Aloud**, 1:00pm–3:00pm.  
Our children to read a chapter book together and gain some reading comprehension skills.
- ➔ **Jul 3<sup>rd</sup> —** Join us at 122 Carlisle Street for our Sidewalk Breakfast (10am) & the Sidewalk Church Service (10:15). Join those who come to the breakfast and join them at the sidewalk church service.
- ➔ **Jul 4<sup>th</sup> —** Please join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (at 158 Davenport Ave).
- ➔ **2021 “In His Midst”** Wednesday evening park BBQs @ Trowbridge Square Park: **Jul 7**, 14, 21, 28; Aug 4, 11, 18, 25—5:00pm set up; serving at 5:30pm