



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine— Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven (Psalm 148:13)

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship — adapted from Psalm 57:1-5

*Be merciful to me, O God, be merciful to me, for in you my soul takes refuge;
in the shadow of your wings I will take refuge, till the storms of destruction pass by.*

**I cry out to God Most High,
to God who fulfills his purpose for me.**

*He will send from heaven and save me;
he will put to shame him who tramples on me.*

God will send out his steadfast love and his faithfulness!

*My soul is in the midst of lions;
I lie down amid fiery beasts—
the children of man, whose teeth are spears and arrows,
whose tongues are sharp swords.*

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens!

Let your glory be over all the earth!

Let's offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

As we have entered into our King's presence, we are amazed at his grace in allowing us, sinners, to come into His throneroom. We are met with His grace, for he desires to continue to be freed from our sin. His grace shines light on our sin, yet he longs to forgive, for Jesus' death on the cross is sufficient for cleansing you and me from all sin. Amen.

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins (Colossians 1:13-14).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Ezekiel 36:22-36

NT Reading — Romans 6:1-11

The Word of the Lord

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The Seriousness of Christian Baptism: Plunged into Life from the Dead (Romans 6:1-4)

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, what is Christian Baptism?

Baptism is the sacrament of solemn admission into the church on earth in which the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, signifies and seals our being grafted into Christ, and having a share in the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our pledge to be the Lord's.

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

A Prayer and Words of benediction

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever (Revelation 1:5^d-6).

And all God's people shout out: Amen!

OT Readings—Ezekiel 36:22-36: “Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses. And I will summon the grain and make it abundant and lay no famine upon you. I will make the fruit of the tree and the increase of the field abundant, that you may never again suffer the disgrace of famine among the nations. Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. It is not for your sake that I will act, declares the Lord God; let that be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your ways, O house of Israel.

“Thus says the Lord God: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. And they will say, ‘This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden, and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.’ Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the Lord; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the Lord; I have spoken, and I will do it.”

NT Readings—Romans 6:1-11: What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we shall certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin. For one who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. For the death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

The people: Thanks be to God

Announcements

- ➔ **Oct 14th** — **In-person** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 6:00pm. In-person Studies are the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- ➔ **Oct 16th** — Continuing Maxine’s Free Movie Night on Stevens Street. Starts an hour before dusk; movie starts at sunset.
- ➔ **Oct 17th** — 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 17th** — 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. Don’t let the cold stop you from coming; it doesn’t stop us from serving!
- ➔ **Oct 18th** — Come join us again for next Sunday’s service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave, New Haven).