

Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine —

- For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; for the same Lord is Lord of all, bestowing his riches on all who call on him. For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." (Romans 10:11-13).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship — adapted from Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

"In his mercy, he took up the burden of our sins. He himself gave up his own Son as a ransom for us—the holy one for the unjust, the innocent for the guilty, the righteous one for the unrighteous, the incorruptible for the corruptible, the immortal for the mortal. For what else could cover our sins except his righteousness? In whom could we, lawless and impious as we were, be made righteous except in the Son of God alone? . . . O sweetest exchange! O unfathomable work of God. O blessings beyond all expectation!" Amen (from the Letter to Diognetus 9.2-5)

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; yet, the free grace-gift of God, life eternal in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 6:23, pastor's translation).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Isaiah 45:20-25 NT Reading — Romans 6:15-23

The Word of the Lord

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: The New Freedom: Willingly Selling Ourselves to Obedience (of faith) (Romans 6:15-23)

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Prayers for our children

Our profession of our faith together

Church, what is sanctification? (WSC Q# 35)

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed in the image of God and 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

May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God (Romans 15:5-7).

And all God's people shout out: Amen!

OT Readings—Isaiah 45:20-25

For thus says the LORD,

who created the heavens (he is God!),

who formed the earth and made it

(he established it; he did not create it empty,

he formed it to be inhabited!):

"I am the LORD, and there is no other.

I did not speak in secret,

in a land of darkness;

I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,

Seek me in vain.'

I the LORD speak the truth; I declare what is right.

"Assemble yourselves and come;

draw near together,

you survivors of the nations!

They have no knowledge

who carry about their wooden idols,

and keep on praying to a god

that cannot save.

Declare and present your case;

let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago?

Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the LORD?

And there is no other god besides me,

a righteous God and a Savior;

there is none besides me.

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn;

from my mouth has gone out in righteousness

a word that shall not return:

To me every knee shall bow,

every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

"Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,

are righteousness and strength;

to him shall come and be ashamed

all who were incensed against him.

In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall be justified and shall glory."

NT Readings—Romans 6:15-23: What then? Are we to sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms, because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to lawlessness leading to more lawlessness, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness leading to sanctification. For when you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. But what fruit were you getting at that time from the things of which you are now ashamed? For the end of those things is death. But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the fruit you get leads to sanctification and its end, eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Announcements

- → Nov 4^{th} Zoom Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 6:00pm. In-person Studies are the 2^{nd} & 4^{th} Wednesdays of the month.
- ➤ Nov 7th Saturday Children's Read Out-loud at Maxine's continues 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.
- → Nov 7th 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!
- → Nov 8th Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave, New Haven).
- → Nov 26th Sidewalk Thanksgiving @ the Anderson's . . .
- → Dec 1st Evening Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson's on Carlisle Street (time TBA)—Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper