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Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — 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 (Ezekiel 36:26-27).

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

Our king is above all things and rules the heavens and the earth, yet He lays before us mercy and grace that we may be forgiven our rebellion against Him and that He may cleanse our stubborn, idolatrous hearts, that our wills will more conform to the image of His son, King-Jesus

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me (Jeremiah 33:8).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Jeremiah 31:31-34

NT Reading — Romans 7:1-6

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

Sermon: A New Kind of Marriage: Freed for Obedience for Fruit for God

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?

Sanctification is the work of God's free grace by which we are renewed throughout 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

Our challenge, a Prayer, and the 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. Amen. Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him . . . "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Revelation 1:5^d-8).

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

OT Readings—Jeremiah 31:31-34

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the LORD. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

NT Readings—Romans 7:1-6: Or do you not know, brothers—for I am speaking to those who know the law—that the law is binding on a person only as long as he lives? For a married woman is bound by law to her husband while he lives, but if her husband dies she is released from the law of marriage. Accordingly, she will be called an adulteress if she lives with another man while her husband is alive. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law, and if she marries another man she is not an adulteress. Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God. For while we were living in the flesh, our sinful passions, aroused by the law, were at work in our members to bear fruit for death. But now we are released from the law, having died to that which held us captive, so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit and not in the old way of the written code.

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

Announcements

- ➔ **Nov 18th** — **Zoom** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm. In-person Studies are the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month.
- ➔ **Nov 21st** — 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.
- ➔ **Nov 21st** — 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 22nd** — 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 @ 11am
- ➔ **Dec 1st** — Evening Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson’s on Carlisle Street (time TBA)—*Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper*