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Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine—When a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a far country for the sake of your great name and your mighty hand and your outstretched arm, when he comes and prays toward this house, hear from heaven your dwelling place and do according to all for which the foreigner calls to you, in order that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and that they may know that this house that I have built is called by your name (2 Chronicles 6:32-33) .

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship — Psalm 86:8-12

There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

For You are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever.

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you (Psalms 86:5).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Isaiah 45:18-24

NT Reading — Romans 14:1-12

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

Sermon: The Beginning of Welcome: What's Important to Remember?

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together

Church, what does it mean to put off the old humanity and put on the new humanity?

We have put off the old humanity with its practices and have put on the new humanity, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator where there is no Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, no barbarian, Scythian, slave, or free; but Christ is all, and in all (adapted, Colossians 3:9-11).

SETTING THE TABLE

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of Benediction

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Revelation 7:9-10).

And all God's people said: Amen!

OT Reading—Isaiah 45:18-25

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 Reading—Romans 14:1-12: As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions. ²One person believes he may eat anything, while the weak person eats only vegetables. ³Let not the one who eats despise the one who abstains, and let not the one who abstains pass judgment on the one who eats, for God has welcomed him. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on the servant of another? It is before his own master that he stands or falls. And he will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make him stand. ⁵One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. ⁶The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. The one who eats, eats in honor of the Lord, since he gives thanks to God, while the one who abstains, abstains in honor of the Lord and gives thanks to God. ⁷For none of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. ⁸For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. ¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother? Or you, why do you despise your brother? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God; ¹¹for it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.” ¹²So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

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

Announcements

- ➔ **Jul 14th—2021 “In His Midst”** Wednesday evening park BBQ @ Trowbridge Square Park—5:00pm set up; serving at 5:30pm. Remaining dates: **July 21, 28; Aug 4, 11, 18, 25**
- ➔ **Jul 16th—Friday Outdoor Movie Night @ Maxine’s** Come a little before dusk.
- ➔ **Jul 17th—** 14 Stevens Street **Children’s Read Aloud**, 1:00pm–4:00pm. Our children read a chapter book together, gain some reading comprehension skills, and this week hear a Bible Story and have a special Bible activity included this week.
- ➔ **Jul 17th—** Join on 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 18th—** Please join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (at 158 Davenport Ave).