



July 18, 2021

## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

### Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine**—Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good! Blessed is the one who takes refuge in him! Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no lack! The young lions suffer want and hunger; but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing (Psalm 34:8-10).

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### *I. Rediscover God's Glory*

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**Call to Worship** — Psalm 34:1-3

*I will bless the LORD at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

**My soul makes its boast in the LORD;  
let the humble hear and be glad.**

*Oh, magnify the LORD with me,*

**and let us exalt his name together!**

*Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.*

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### *II. Rediscover God's Grace*

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O, Lord, our Creator and Redeemer, we have been welcomed into Your presence by the work of Your Son on the cross, yet we still stumble and fall. Forgive us. The inclination of our hearts, too often, lead us to sin against You and against others; please forgive us and continue to conform us to the image of your Son, Jesus Christ, that we might be pleasing in Your sight and all the more fulfill the purpose of why You created us. Amen.

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

*The Word assures us of God's forgiveness*

“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” (Jeremiah 31:33-34).

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### *III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word*

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**OT Reading** — Isaiah 45:18-24

**NT Reading** — Romans 14:13-23

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

**Sermon:** Thinking about Church Family Members First so that the World can See the Gospel

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### *VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence*

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

**Our profession of our faith together**

*Church, what does it mean for us to be in the midst of the kingdom of God?*

**“For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit” (Romans 14:17).**

#### **SETTING THE TABLE**

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

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### *V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy*

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**Prayer and the Words of Benediction**

Then the seventh angel blew his trumpet, and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever” (Revelation 11:5).

**And all God's people said: Amen!**

### **OT Reading—Isaiah 55:1-13**

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters;  
and he who has no money, come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.  
Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live;  
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,  
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.”

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;  
let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.  
For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven  
and do not return there but water the earth,  
making it bring forth and sprout,  
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;  
the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing,  
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.  
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;  
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;  
and it shall make a name for the LORD,  
an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

**NT Reading—Romans 14:13-23:** Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. <sup>14</sup>I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. <sup>15</sup>For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. <sup>16</sup>So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. <sup>17</sup>For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. <sup>18</sup>Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. <sup>19</sup>So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding. <sup>20</sup>Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. <sup>21</sup>It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. <sup>22</sup>The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. <sup>23</sup>But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

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

### **Announcements**

- ➡ **Jul 21<sup>st</sup> — 2021 “In His Midst”** Wednesday evening park BBQ @ Trowbridge Square Park—5:00pm set up; serving at 5:30pm. Remaining dates: **July 28; Aug 4, 11, 18, 25**
- ➡ **Jul 23<sup>rd</sup> — Friday Outdoor Movie Night @ Maxine’s. Come a little before dusk.**
- ➡ **Jul 24<sup>th</sup> — 14 Stevens Street Children’s Special Impact Read Aloud,** 1:00pm–4:00pm. The Kids read a chapter book together, gain some reading comprehension skills, hear a Bible Story, and have a special craft activity.
- ➡ **Jul 24<sup>th</sup> —** Please join us on the Sidewalk at 122 Carlisle Street for our Breakfast (10am) & Sidewalk Church Service (10:15).
- ➡ **Jul 25<sup>th</sup> —** Please join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (at 158 Davenport Ave).