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Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — “Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you. I will say to the north, give up, and to the south, do not withhold; bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made” (Isaiah 43:5-7).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship — Isaiah 44:6-8

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

*The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

There are many times we think we love you well, O God. But upon hearing your call to love you with all our heart, and all our mind, and all our strength, we confess that our love for you is a diluted love, made insipid and flat by lesser loyalties and a divided heart. Our love seems pure only for brief moments; soon our affections are drawn away. How easily our devotion dies. Forgive us; in deep mercy spare us, despite our lost first love for you; in grace rekindle our love for you in seeing anew Jesus' love for us. Amen.

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God (Romans 5:1-2).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Isaiah 52:13–53:3

NT Reading — Romans 15:14-33

Reader: *The Word of the Lord*

Everyone: Thanks be to God.

Sermon: *Paul's Missionary Strategy, and Ours*

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together

Church, what is the chief purpose for which humankind is made?

The chief purpose for which humankind is made is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever (WSC #1).

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

“The Lord bless you, and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance on you, and give you peace” . . . [And] may the God of peace be with you all (Numbers 6:24-26 & Romans 15:33).

And God's people said: Amen!

OT Reading—Isaiah 52:13–53:3: Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. As many were astonished at you—his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the children of mankind—so shall he sprinkle many nations. Kings shall shut their mouths because of him, for that which has not been told them they see, and that which they have not heard they understand. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

NT Reading—Romans 15:14-33: I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.¹⁵ But on some points I have written to you very boldly by way of reminder, because of the grace given me by God¹⁶ to be a minister of Christ Jesus to the Gentiles in the priestly service of the gospel of God, so that the offering of the Gentiles may be acceptable, sanctified by the Holy Spirit.¹⁷ In Christ Jesus, then, I have reason to be proud of my work for God.¹⁸ For I will not venture to speak of anything except what Christ has accomplished through me to bring the Gentiles to obedience—by word and deed,¹⁹ by the power of signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God—so that from Jerusalem and all the way around to Illyricum I have fulfilled the ministry of the gospel of Christ;²⁰ and thus I make it my ambition to preach the gospel, not where Christ has already been named, lest I build on someone else's foundation,²¹ but as it is written, “Those who have never been told of him will see, and those who have never heard will understand.”

NT Reading Continued—Romans 15:14-33: This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you.²³ But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you,²⁴ I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.²⁵ At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.²⁶ For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.²⁷ For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.²⁸ When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.²⁹ I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.³⁰ I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf,³¹ that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints,³² so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company.³³ May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

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

Announcements

- ➡ **Aug 11th — 2021 “In His Midst”** Wed-evening park BBQ @ Trowbridge Square Park—5:00pm set up; serving @ 5:30pm. Remaining dates: **Aug 18, 25**
- ➡ **Aug 13th — Friday Outdoor Movie Night @ Maxine's.** Come a little before dusk.
- ➡ **Aug 14th — Children's Special Impact Read Aloud @ 14 Stevens** Street, 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.
- ➡ **Aug 14th —** Please join us on the Sidewalk at 122 Carlisle Street for our Breakfast (10am) & Sidewalk Church Service (10:15).
- ➡ **Aug 15th —** Please join us again next Sunday for our service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (at 158 Davenport Ave).