

## Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill Our Gathered Order of Service

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**Imagine** — Then God said, "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them (Genesis 1:26-27).

## I. Rediscover God's Glory

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

#### And know that the LORD, he is God!

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

### II. Rediscover God's Grace

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 lead us too often to sin against You and 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.

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

#### The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us (Psalm 103:8-12).

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

OT Reading — Psalms 8:1-9
NT Reading — Romans 8:26-30

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

Sermon: The meaning and draw of being conformed to the image of Christ

### 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, how did God create humankind?

God created man, male and female, in his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with rule over the creatures (WSC #10).

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

### V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

### Prayer and the Words of Benediction

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers (Romans 8:28-29).

And all God's people shout out: Amen!

#### OT Reading—Psalm 8:1-9

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger.

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet, all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

*NT Reading*—Romans 8:26-30: Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified.

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

#### **Announcements**

- → Feb 2<sup>nd</sup> Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson's out back of 122 Carlisle Street (at 6pm)— Portraits of Jesus from the Gospel of Luke:

  Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper
- → Feb 3<sup>rd</sup>— Zoom Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm. Zoom Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 843 6693 1861; Passcode: 661614
- → Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Maxine continues the Children's Read Aloud at 14 Steven's Street, 1:00pm-3:00pm. A time for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together.
- → Feb 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday Sidewalk Breakfast & Sidewalk Church Service (122 Carlisle Street) Breakfast starts at 10am; church service starts at 10:15. We do this no matter the weather. Come join us!
- → Feb 7<sup>th</sup> Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).
- ightharpoonup Feb  $7^{th}$  Join us for a brief congregational meeting after morning service this morning.
- → Feb 14<sup>th</sup> A CPC SWCT moment in worship—a ZOOM broadcast in our morning service, 20 minutes, hearing briefly from all our CPC SWCT churches.

