



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship—Various verses from Psalm 118

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say,

His steadfast love endures forever.

Let the house of Aaron say,

His steadfast love endures forever.

Let those who fear the LORD say,

His steadfast love endures forever.

The LORD is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in princes.

The LORD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the LORD's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

All together: **Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Father, Maker of Heaven and Earth, where can we run from your love? Where can we find ourselves amid trouble and Your love cannot find us? There is no place. Yet, where can we hide from Your love? For when we fall or fail to be faithful, still we cannot hide from You, nor can we hide from Your love. Forgive us from even trying, and cleanse us from the sin we have tried to hide from You.

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Isaiah 50:4-11

NT Reading — Romans 8:31-39

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

Sermon: Nothing Can Separate Us from the Love of God in Christ: This Means that Elite-Greek, Barbarian, Jew, Educated & Uneducated Brother and Sister is also not Separated from the Love of God in Christ Jesus.

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together

Church, how does Christ fill the office of a king?

Christ fills the office of a king in making us his willing subjects, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies (WSC #26)

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of Benediction

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39).

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

OT Reading—Isaiah 50:4-11

The Lord GOD has given me
the tongue of those who are taught,
that I may know how to sustain with a word
him who is weary.
Morning by morning he awakens;
he awakens my ear
to hear as those who are taught.
The Lord GOD has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious;
I turned not backward.
I gave my back to those who strike,
and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard;
I hid not my face
from disgrace and spitting.

But the Lord GOD helps me;
therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like a flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame.
He who vindicates me is near.
Who will contend with me?
Let us stand up together.
Who is my adversary?
Let him come near to me.
Behold, the Lord GOD helps me;
who will declare me guilty?
Behold, all of them will wear out like a garment;
the moth will eat them up.

Who among you fears the LORD
and obeys the voice of his servant?
Let him who walks in darkness
and has no light
trust in the name of the LORD
and rely on his God.
Behold, all you who kindle a fire,
who equip yourselves with burning torches!
Walk by the light of your fire,
and by the torches that you have kindled!
This you have from my hand:
you shall lie down in torment.

NT Reading—Romans 8:31-39: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.” No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Announcements

- ➔ **Feb 21st** — **After Service** there will be a meeting of our new **Hill Servant Leadership Board**, about 20 minutes.
- ➔ **Feb 24th** — **In-person** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 6:00pm at 158 Davenport Ave. For those that cannot be there in-person: Zoom Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 843 6693 1861; Passcode: 661614
- ➔ **Feb 27th** — Children's Read Aloud at 14 Steven's Street, 1:00pm–3:00pm @ Maxine's home. A time for our neighborhood children to listen to a book read aloud together.
- ➔ **Feb 27th** — 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 28th** — *Come join us again for next Sunday's service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*
- ➔ **Mar 2nd** — **Next** Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson's out back of 122 Carlisle Street (at 6pm)— *Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper.*