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Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — O God, we have heard with our ears, our fathers have told us, what deeds you performed in their days, in the days of old: you with your own hand drove out the nations, but them you planted; you afflicted the peoples, but them you set free; for not by their own sword did they win the land, nor did their own arm save them, but your right hand and your arm, and the light of your face, for you delighted in them (Psalm 44:1-3).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship— adapted from Psalm 5:7-8

O Lord, through the abundance of your steadfast love, we will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.

Lead us, O LORD, in Your righteousness

Now, because of our enemies;

Lord, make Your way straight before us.

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, we often time try to hide from Your love. When we fall into sin or fail to be faithful, we still are not hidden 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

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Psalm 44:4-26

NT Reading — Romans 8:35-39

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

Sermon: A Mystery: Conquering as Sheep to Slaughter

VI. Renewal of Christ's Presence

Sharing our prayer requests and bringing them before our Father

Our profession of our faith together

Church, what benefits in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification?

The benefits in this life which accompany or flow from justification, adoption and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, progress in holiness, and perseverance in it to this life's end [WSC #36]

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—Psalm 44:4-26

You are my King, O God; ordain salvation for Jacob!
Through you we push down our foes;
through your name we tread down those who rise up against us.
For not in my bow do I trust, nor can my sword save me.
But you have saved us from our foes
and have put to shame those who hate us.
In God we have boasted continually,
and we will give thanks to your name forever.

But you have rejected us and disgraced us
and have not gone out with our armies.
You have made us turn back from the foe,
and those who hate us have gotten spoil.
You have made us like sheep for slaughter
and have scattered us among the nations.
You have sold your people for a trifle, demanding no high price for them.
You have made us the taunt of our neighbors,
the derision and scorn of those around us.
You have made us a byword among the nations,
a laughingstock among the peoples.
All day long my disgrace is before me,
and shame has covered my face at the sound of the taunter and reviler,
at the sight of the enemy and the avenger.

All this has come upon us, though we have not forgotten you,
and we have not been false to your covenant.
Our heart has not turned back, nor have our steps departed from your way;
yet you have broken us in the place of jackals
and covered us with the shadow of death.
If we had forgotten the name of our God
or spread out our hands to a foreign god,
would not God discover this?
For he knows the secrets of the heart.
Yet for your sake we are killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.

Awake! Why are you sleeping, O Lord?
Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever!
Why do you hide your face?
Why do you forget our affliction and oppression?
For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our belly clings to the ground.
Rise up; come to our help! Redeem us for the sake of your steadfast love!

NT Reading—Romans 8:35-39

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

- ➔ **Mar 2nd** — **Come out for our** Bonfire Bible Study @ the Anderson’s out back of 122 Carlisle Street (at 6pm)— *Learning to Follow Jesus a Little Deeper.*
- ➔ **Mar 3rd** — **Online Zoom** Ladies Bible Study & Prayer @ 7:00pm: The Zoom Meeting ID: Meeting ID: 843 6693 1861; Passcode: 661614
- ➔ **Mar 6th** —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.
- ➔ **Mar 6th** — Come join and support the 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!
- ➔ **Mar 7th** — *Come join us again for next Sunday’s service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*