



Christ Presbyterian Church in The Hill

Our Gathered Order of Service

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Imagine — And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, “Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” (Matthew 21:9).

I. Rediscover God's Glory

Call to Worship— Psalm 118:19-26

Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

**I thank you that you have answered me
and have 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.**

Save us, we pray, O LORD! O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

Let us offer up praise to our Ascended King.

II. Rediscover God's Grace

Our Lord, our creator and our savior, we stand only in your presence because you grant us grace through the cross of your Son. At Jesus' your most weakest and most vulnerable moment, you didn't lift a finger in your defense. You did this for God's glory and for our forgiveness. Yet, we still seek to defend ourselves, when we are wronged and, too often, when we make excuses for our sins against you and against others. Please, forgive us once again and cleanse us that we might start again to be conformed to the image of your Son.

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

The Word assures us of God's forgiveness

And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, “Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. (Matthew 26:27-28).

III. Renewal in Christ, Our King's Word

OT Reading — Isaiah 42:1-9

NT Reading — Luke 23:18-43

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

Sermon: Somethings We Should Never Forget (about the year of COVID-19): The Lockdown & Protocols, The Cross Scene, and Some Deep Discipleship

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 priest?

Christ fills the office of a priest in his once offering up of himself to God as a sacrifice, to satisfy divine justice and reconcile us to God; and in making constant intercession for us. [WSC #25].

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

V. Restored in Christ's Supremacy

Prayer and the Words of Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever (Hebrews 13:20-21).

And God's people of promise said: **Amen!**

OT Reading—Isaiah 42:1-9: Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations. He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street; a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice. He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law. Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.”

NT Reading—Luke 18-43: But they all cried out together, “Away with this man, and release to us Barabbas”— a man who had been thrown into prison for an insurrection started in the city and for murder. Pilate addressed them once more, desiring to release Jesus, but they kept shouting, “Crucify, crucify him!” A third time he said to them, “Why? What evil has he done? I have found in him no guilt deserving death. I will therefore punish and release him.” But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate decided that their demand should be granted. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, for whom they asked, but he delivered Jesus over to their will.

And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. But turning to them Jesus said, “Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For behold, the days are coming when they will say, Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!’ Then they will begin to say to the mountains, ‘Fall on us,’ and to the hills, ‘Cover us.’ For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?”

NT Reading—Luke 18-43 (continued)

Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments. And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly, for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

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

Announcements

- ➔ **Mar 31st** — **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
- ➔ **Apr 2nd** — A Good Friday FB Live Special @ 8pm–9pm from Pastor Chip & Lisa’s Front Stoop (Maybe on Zoom, too).
- ➔ **Apr 3rd** — 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.
- ➔ **Apr 3rd** — Come join us for the Sidewalk Breakfast (10am) & Sidewalk Church Service (10:15) at 122 Carlisle Street, New Haven, CT.
- ➔ **Apr 4th** — *Come join us for our Easter Service at next Sunday’s service of worship, instruction, and fellowship @ 10am (here at 158 Davenport Ave).*