

The Lord's Service

April 5, 2020

Welcome and Announcements

God Calls Us

In silent meditation, let us prepare to meet God in worship.

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 98.1-6

LEADER: Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things! His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations. He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody! With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

Hymn of Adoration

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang:
Through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.
To Jesus, who had blessed them close-folded to His breast,
The children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.

From Olivet they followed 'mid an exultant crowd,
The victor palm branch waving, and chanting clear and loud;
The Lord of earth and angels rode on in lowly state,
Nor scorned that little children should on His bidding wait.

“Hosanna in the highest!” That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heav'n our King.
O may we ever praise Him with heart and life and voice,
And in His blissful presence eternally rejoice!

How Majestic Is Your Name

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth. (2x)
O Lord, we praise Your name. O Lord, we magnify Your name:
Prince of Peace, mighty God; O Lord God Almighty.

(1989 Word Music)

Invocation

Psalm 95.6,7

Our Father in heaven, we come now to worship You and to bow before You the Lord our Maker; for You are our God, and we are your people. We come to you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, our advocate with the Father and the only mediator between God and man. Be pleased, O God, to come and inhabit our praises. Grant us the joy of Your fellowship, speak to us through Your word, and be exalted in our worship, we pray in Jesus name. Amen.

God Cleanses Us

Call to Confession

Psalm 18.25-27

LEADER: With the merciful you show yourself merciful;
with the blameless man you show yourself
blameless; with the purified you show yourself

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveal this to us and points our heart towards confession.

pure; and with the crooked you make yourself seem tortuous. For you save a humble people, but the haughty eyes you bring down.

Seated or kneeling.

Family Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

Family Confession of Sin (in unison)

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess to You that we have sinned against You
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved You with our whole heart
and mind and strength;
we have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves;
we have not always had in us the mind of Christ.
You alone know how often we have grieved You
by wasting Your gifts,
by wandering from Your ways,
by forgetting Your love.
Forgive us, we pray, most merciful Father,
and free us from our sin.
Renew in us the grace and strength
of Your Holy Spirit,
for the sake of Jesus Christ Your Son, our Savior.
Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2.24

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:
“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.”

God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Deuteronomy 18.15-22

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

Prayer of the Church

Pastor Mullinax

Adoration: (Romans 8.28)

For God's wonder, His regal splendor, His majesty
For His sovereign rule and unrivaled reign over history
For His infinite power, wisdom in working all things
for His perfect purposes

Thanksgiving: (Lamentations 3.22,23)

For God's fidelity to His promises, for His tender
mercies morning by morning
For our union with Christ and with one another as
members of His body
For our family, friends, wise counselors, loyal friends

Intercession: (Isaiah 41.10)

For strength, clarity, faith, and courage
For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the
nations
For the Lord to rend the heavens and come down,
reviving His crown rights
For wisdom, skill, fortitude, courage for all in
authority, healthcare workers, scientists, economic and
business leaders
For containment, reversal, deliverance from COVID-19
For those of us who feel lonely, bereaved, sick, anxious

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God's people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Doxology

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory.

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture through the service, but this lesson (reading) guides the sermon.

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 21.7-11

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

WHO IS THIS?

Hymn of Response

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All Glory, Laud and Honor

***Confession of Faith (in unison)**

The Apostles' Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified,
died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of
God the Father Almighty.**

From there He will come to judge the living
and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

† "catholic" -- universal

*Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, amen.

God Commissions Us

*Closing Greetings

*Benediction

Pastor Jones

Postlude

Alayne Griffin and Evangeline Wykoff

Benediction

Just as God calls us to
worship at the beginning of
the service with Holy
Scripture, He sends us into
our week with a Holy
Scripture reminder (*a good
word*) of the blessing of
Christ, by God's grace,
through the indwelling
Spirit.

All Glory, Laud and Honor

1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

SERMON NOTES

Mission Statement of CPC

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors
by making Christ known in all of life.*

Vision Statement of CPC

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors
by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ,
the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.*