

# The Lord's Service

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*\*Standing together is our ordinary practice,  
but you are welcome to remain seated.*

Prelude

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\*Song of Praise and Greeting

*Creation Sings*

Creation sings the Father's song;  
He calls the sun to wake the dawn and run the course of day  
Till evening falls in crimson rays.

His fingerprints in flakes of snow,  
His breath upon this spinning globe,  
He charts the eagle's flight; commands the newborn baby's cry.

Chorus: Hallelujah! Let all creation stand and sing,  
"Hallelujah!" Fill the earth with songs of worship;  
Tell the wonders of creation's King.

Creation gazed upon His face;  
The ageless One in time's embrace  
Unveiled the Father's plan of reconciling God and man.

A second Adam walked the earth,  
Whose blameless life would break the curse,  
Whose death would set us free to live with Him eternally. (Chorus)

Creation longs for His return,  
When Christ shall reign upon the earth;  
The bitter wars that rage are birth pains of a coming age.

When He renews the land and sky,  
All heav'n will sing and earth reply  
With one resplendent theme: the glories of our God and King!

(Chorus)

(2009 Thankyou Music)

Welcome and Announcements

# God Calls Us

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

## \*Call to Worship

Psalm 47.1-7

LEADER: Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

PEOPLE: **For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.**

LEADER: He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

PEOPLE: **He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.**

LEADER: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

PEOPLE: **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

LEADER: For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm!

## \*Hymn

No. 297

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

## \*Invocation

Elder Mark Wilson

# God Cleanses Us

## Call to Confession

Matthew 7.3-5, 12

LEADER: "Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye?"

PEOPLE: **Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye?**

## Call to Worship

We are called into worship by God Himself. He sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ.

## 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 see God in His invitation and our praise, we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. God's Holy Scripture has the authority to reveal us to ourselves and transition our hearts to confession.

LEADER: You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

PEOPLE: **So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets."**

*Whether seated or kneeling,  
let us approach the Lord together with a posture of reverence.*

### **Corporate Confession of Sin**

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time not only for individual silent confession, but also confession that unites our voices as a body of people equally and desperately in need of God's grace.

### **Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)**

**Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against You in  
thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved You with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in Your will,  
and walk in Your ways,  
to the glory of Your name. 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 Corinthians 1.27-30

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:  
"But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, even things that are not, to bring to nothing things that are, so that no human being might boast in the presence of God. And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and

sanctification and redemption.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

**PEOPLE: And also with you!**

\*Hymn

*Beneath the Cross*

Beneath the cross of Jesus, I find a place to stand;  
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.

For hands that should discard me,  
Hold wounds which tell me, “Come.”

Beneath the cross of Jesus, my unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, His family is my own.  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams, now one, through grace alone.

How could I now dishonor the ones that You have loved.  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, see the children called by God.

Beneath the cross of Jesus, the path before the crown,  
We follow in His footsteps where promised hope is found.

How great the joy before us to be His perfect bride.  
Beneath the cross of Jesus, we will gladly live our lives.

(Getty 2006 Thankyou Music)

## God Consecrates Us

Scripture Lesson

Elder Tracy Wright

Psalm 19.1-14 (p. 456)

**LEADER:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**PEOPLE:** **Thanks be to God.**

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Choral Worship

*How Great Thou Art*

O Lord my God! O Lord my God! How great Thou art!

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,

I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

### Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service. This lesson, or reading, helps prepare us for the Scripture lesson that will be preached from later.

### Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

The tithe is our regular, worshipful setting apart of a portion of our resources for the purpose of God, while an offering is an additional portion we return to God for His glory. Both are a display of our joyful dependence upon God rather than our money.

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.  
Then sings my soul, how great Thou art!

And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.  
Then sings my soul, how great Thou art! How great Thou art!

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, my Savior to Thee,  
How great Thou art!  
How great Thou art!  
(Forrest, 1953 The Stuart Hine Trust)

### ***Doxology***

A *doxology* is a hymn or word of praise to God for His goodness and glory. The *Gloria Patri* is another example of a doxology.

### **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.

### **Scripture Lesson**

We hear and read Holy Scripture throughout the service, but this lesson, or reading, prepares us for the sermon text.

### **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.

### **\*Doxology**

No. 731

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.

### **\*Prayer of the Church**

Pastor Bennett

### **\*Hymn**

No. 263

*Lift High the Cross*

### **Scripture Lesson**

Romans 10.14-21 (p. 946)

### **Sermon**

Pastor Jones

### **PROCLAMATION**

### **\*Hymn**

No. 580

*Lead On, O King Eternal*

\*Confession of Faith (in unison)

*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<sup>†</sup> church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**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.

<sup>†</sup> "catholic" -- universal

\*Gloria Patri

No. 734

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 Communes with Us

\*The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

LEADER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

LEADER: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

PEOPLE: **It is good and right so to do.**

LEADER: It is right, and good, and a joyful thing...

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify Your glorious name, ever more praising and singing...

### \*Song of Ascent

### Sanctus

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven\_ and earth\_ are  
full\_ of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho - san-na in the high-est.  
Blessed is he who comes\_ in the name\_ of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Instruction and Prayer

### The Institution

# Distribution Hymn

# Behold the Lamb

1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us; and we re-mem-ber  
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior, Je - sus Christ, torn for you; eat and re-mem-ber  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you; drink and re-mem-ber  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond and to re-mem-ber

the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.  
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one.  
He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.  
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His bod - y here on earth.

So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice,  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice,  
So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His sac - ri - fice,  
As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim: Christ will come a - gain!

as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the King.  
And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the King.

Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty,  
and Stuart Townend



*Amazing Grace!* (vs. 1-3, 6)

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we've first begun.

## God Commissions Us

### 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.

\*Benediction

Pastor Bennett

Postlude

Alayne Griffin and Evangeline Wykoff

### 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.*