

# Welcome to Christ Presbyterian Church of New Haven!

*We are delighted that you have chosen to join us in worship this Lord's Day.*

*It is our sincere hope and prayer that you will know the saving presence, power, love and authority of our King and Savior Jesus Christ as a result of our time spent together in worship.*

*We would also like to get more acquainted with you, so please take the time to **fill out the register** as it comes down your row during the announcements. Please use the prayer card located in the inside pocket of the register or the back of pews to communicate your prayer requests or other concerns and place it in the basket on the back table as you leave the worship service. Your requests are prayed for during the week.*

*As a church, we value family worship, and therefore children of all ages are welcome to join us in the worship service at their parents' discretion. However, **childcare** is available (off of the foyer area - Children's Education Wing) for parents who wish to take advantage of it (there is no age restriction). Please do not hesitate to ask a greeter for assistance.*

**Introduction and Welcome to CPC** - please pick up your free copy on the table located at the foyer entrance.

**Our Offices are adjacent to the sanctuary.** *Core office hours at CPC are from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm Monday-Thursday. Should you need to use our facilities, please call our Administrator to make arrangements. We are currently building a unique library and reading room containing various selections of books, journals, children's literature and tapes (library is located in our balcony area). Selections may be checked out or you are welcome to drop by for a reading break from your busy schedule.*

**Parking - On Sundays,** *please reserve the on-site parking lot for our visitors & parents with small children. In courtesy to our neighbors, please do not park in front of Bradley St. homes, but use the RIS parking lot located next door. **During the week,** please contact our administrator for parking information as most of our spaces are rented out during the week. And, for safety reasons, exit the lot on the Bradley Street side only. Thank you.*

**Log onto: [christpresnewhaven.org](http://christpresnewhaven.org) for more information or calendar events.**

**You may also call 777-6960 and press 5 to hear weekly events.**

**Sermon** *MP3's are downloadable online or are available upon request for \$3 per CD. To order a copy, please fill out a request sheet (located in the Media Center/Reading Room in the Fellowship Hall) and place your payment into the container labeled Media Payments.*

*As a church committed to Greater New Haven, we meet in the middle of the region we hope to serve and reach, which consists of both downtown New Haven and the surrounding edge towns. We believe that the gospel transcends all ethnic, social, and demographic boundaries. We are ambitious for the glory of God and aim to extend a Christ-centered gospel throughout Greater New Haven.*

**We reuse bulletin covers - if you do not need one - please place covers on the foyer table as you leave.**

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## Service Order 4

March 11, 2007

10:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

*Gracious Spirit*

*Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine,  
Let thy light within me shine;  
All my guilty fears remove,  
Fill me full of heav'n and love.*

*Chorus: Let me never from thee stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way,  
Fill my soul with joy divine,  
Keep me, Lord, for ever thine.*

*Speak thy pard'ning grace to me,  
Set the burdened sinner free;  
Lead me to the Lamb of God,  
Wash me in his precious blood.*

*Chorus*

*Life and peace to me impart;  
Seal salvation on my heart;  
Breathe thyself into my breast,  
Earnest of immortal rest.*

*Chorus*

\* *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

*Arise my soul, arise shake off your guilty fears;  
the bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears  
before the throne my surety stands,  
before the throne my surety stands  
my name is written on his hands*

*Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise  
arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise  
shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

*He ever lives above for me to intercede,  
his all redeeming love his precious blood to plead  
his blood atoned for every race  
his blood atoned for every race  
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.*

*Chorus*

*Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary  
they pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me  
forgive him, O forgive they cry  
forgive him, O forgive they cry,  
don't let that ransomed sinner die!*

*Chorus*

*My God is reconciled his pardning voice I hear;  
he owns me for his child I can no longer fear;  
with confidence I now draw nigh  
with confidence I now draw nigh  
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.*

*Chorus*

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*\*Call to Worship: Psalm 22:22-23, 25-28*

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him!

*People: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!*

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

*People: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!*

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall worship before you.

*People: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.*

\*Congregation Standing

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
to spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.*

*Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.*

*He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
his blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.*

*He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.*

*Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.*

Note: Trinity Hymnal can be found in pews if desired.

\*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

\*Doxology (#733)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;*

*O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Old Testament Reading: *Isaiah 61:1-4*

New Testament Reading: *John 5:1-9*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

Meditation

*[Please take a moment to reflect on the reading of God's Word]*

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession:

*[Participants may kneel or lean forward]*

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**People: Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and resistant in doing good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love, in acting as the unfaithful wife, in playing the harlot after false gods, we have been unfaithful to you. O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our**

*secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

[Based upon The Book of Common Worship, first order]

#### Private Confession

#### Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous." *Romans 5:19*

#### Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

**Prayer for our Members:** The Wills Family

**Special Needs:** For various life issues in the Cheshire/Hamden Community Group.

Sheila Tarantino – career choices, father's serious illness.

RUF Missions Week in New Haven

Upcoming Missions Banquet

Youth Retreat

**Mission to the World: Taiwan** - Ms. July Alexander, Ms. Brenda Carter,

Mr. & Mrs. Alan Fiol, Mr. & Mrs. Joe Lyle, Mr. & Mrs. Quentin Nantz

#### \*Song of Response: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

*Alas and did my savior bleed*

*Did my Sovereign die?*

*Would He devote that sacred head*

*For such a fool as I?*

*Chorus: The strangeness of love, my life in Your death*

*In Your brokenness my wholeness revealed*

*Your bonds are my freedom, Your sorrow my song*

*And by Your wounds I am healed*

*Was it for crimes that I have done*

*He groaned upon the tree?*

*Amazing pity! Grace unknown!*

*And love beyond degree!*

*Chorus*

*Well might the sun in dark-ness hide,*

*and shut his glories in,*

*when Christ, the mighty Mak-er, died*

*for man the creature's sin.*

*Chorus*

*Thus might I hide my blush-ing face*

*while His dear cross ap-pears;*

*dis-solve my heart in thank-ful-ness,*

*and melt my eyes in tears.*

*Chorus*

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe:  
Here, Lord, I give my self away  
'Tis all that I can do.*

*Chorus*

*TAG: And by Your wounds I am healed.*

**WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD**

Sermon: *Power for the Powerless*  
[Sermon notes located on page 14]

Rev. Preston Graham

<sup>1</sup>After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>2</sup>Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. <sup>3</sup>In these lay a multitude of invalids--blind, lame, and paralyzed. <sup>5</sup>One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. <sup>6</sup>When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" <sup>7</sup>The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me." <sup>8</sup>Jesus said to him, "Get up, take up your bed, and walk." <sup>9</sup>And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath.

John 5:1-9 (ESV)

**WORSHIP THROUGH SACRAMENT**

Introduction to the Lord's Table

The Collection of the Communion of the Saints

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

<sup>2</sup> *Corinthians 8:9*

Collection Hymn: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

[A good time to retrieve your children from childcare to experience the Lord's Table, if so desired.]

*My Shepherd will supply my need:  
Jehovah is His Name;  
In pastures fresh He makes me feed,  
Beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
When I forsake His ways,  
And leads me, for His mercy's sake,  
In paths of truth and grace.*

*When I walk through the shades of death  
His presence is my stay;  
One word of His supporting grace  
Drives all my fears away.  
His hand, in sight of all my foes,  
Doth still my table spread;  
My cup with blessings overflows,  
His oil anoints my head.*

*The sure provisions of my God  
Attend me all my days;  
O may Thy house be my abode,  
And all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest,  
While others go and come;  
No more a stranger, nor a guest,  
But like a child at home.*

\*Presentation of Gifts

[Please stand as we present our lives and gifts to Christ at His banquet table.]

...and they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

Revelation 4:10-11

\*Processional Hymn: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* (#1)

*All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth-tell,  
come ye before him and rejoice.*

\*Confession of Faith

Leader: What is your only comfort in life and death?

**Congregation:** *That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ, who with His precious blood has fully paid for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; moreover, that all things must work together for my salvation, and by His Holy Spirit, Christ also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live for Him.*

[Heidelberg Catechism, #1]

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts!

**All:** *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All:** *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

\*Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

*[We use wine in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the biblical element used. We provide grape juice for those who, out of conscience or reasons of health, do not partake of wine. Grape juice is in the outer rim.]*

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

*Prayers for those not communing:*

*~Prayer for those searching*

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. "Nothing tastes." Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to him. Open me to the reality of the one who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, please help me in my unbelief! Amen.

*~Prayer of belief*

Lord God, I now see that I am weaker and more flawed than I ever before believed, but in Christ, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. Even as I have not loved you or my neighbor with all of my heart, you have shown your love for me in that while I am still sinning, Christ died for me and took upon himself the condemnation that I deserve. I now know that You owe me nothing for my efforts, but you offer acceptance, love and blessing into all eternity because of Christ's efforts on my behalf. I therefore ask that you would enable me to turn away from trusting in my own efforts to gain your acceptance and forgiveness, and trust in the perfectly righteous efforts of Christ on my behalf in order to be accepted by you and entered into your holy family. And just as you raised Christ from the dead, so too I ask that you would give me a new life in Christ, one that will lead eventually to heaven itself. Thank you for Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit to believe in him alone for my

salvation. And as You have called us to follow You in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship in Your church, grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with Your people, and live in the fullness of Your Spirit. Amen.

\*Closing Hymn: *The Church's One Foundation* (vs. 1-4)

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1. *The church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.*

2. *Elect from every nation,  
Yet one over all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.*

3. *Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping;  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song.*

4. *The church shall never perish,  
Her dear Lord to defend  
To guide, sustain and cherish,  
Is with her to the end.  
Though there be those that hate her,  
And false sons in her pale  
Against a foe or traitor,  
She ever shall prevail.*

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Gloria Patri (#735)

*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!*

\*Benediction

Leader: "Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word." Amen.  
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

*People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!*

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

**Sermon Notes**  
*Power for the Powerless*  
*John 5:1-9*

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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