

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 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

April 1, 2007

10:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

**We Will Glorify*

*We will glorify the King of kings,
we will glorify the Lamb;
We will glorify the Lord of lords,
for He is the great I Am.*

*Lord Jehovah reigns in majesty,
we will bow before His throne;
We will worship Him in righteousness,
we will worship Him alone.*

*Hallelujah to the King of kings,
hallelujah to the Lamb;
Hallelujah to the Lord of lords,
for He is the great I Am.*

*He is Lord of heaven, Lord of earth,
He is Lord of all who live;
He is Lord above the universe,
all praise to Him we give.*

**We Come, O Christ, to You*

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*We come, O Christ, to you, true Son of God and man,
by whom all things consist, in whom all life began:
in you alone we live and move, and have our being in your love.*

*You are the Way to God, your blood our ransom paid;
in you we face our Judge and Maker unafraid.
Before the throne absolved we stand, your love has met your law's demand.*

*Congregation Standing

*You are the living Truth! All wisdom dwells in you,
the Source of every skill, the one eternal True!
O great I AM! In you we rest, sure answer to our every quest.*

*You only are true Life, to know you is to live
the more abundant life that earth can never give:
O risen Lord! We live in you: in us each day your life renew!*

*We worship you, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
to you our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
so fill our hearts, that all may view your life in us, and turn to you.*

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

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: Psalm 33:1-5 34:1-3

Leader: Sing joyfully to the Lord, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise Him.

People: *Praise the Lord with the harp; make music to Him on the ten-stringed lyre.*

Leader: Sing to Him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

People: *For the word of the Lord is right and true; He is faithful in all He does.*

Leader: The Lord loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of His unfailing love.

People: *I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.*

Leader: My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

People: *Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.*

*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: Psalm 78:1-29

New Testament Reading: John 6 Sermon (Read 1-14, 25-34)

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]

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession:

[Participants may kneel or lean forward]

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

People: *O great and everlasting God, Who dwells in unapproachable light, Who searches and knows the thoughts and intentions of the heart, we confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, or with all our soul, or with all our mind, or with all our strength, or our neighbors as ourselves. We have loved what we ought not to have loved; we have coveted what is not ours; we have not been content with Your provisions for us. We have complained in our hearts about our family, about our friends, about our health, about our occupations, about Your church, and about our trials. We have sought our security in those things which perish, rather than in You, the Everlasting God. Chasten, cleanse, and forgive us, through Jesus Christ, who is able for all time to save us who approach You through him, since he always lives to make intercession for us. Amen.*

[Based upon

Deuteronomy 6 and Hebrews 7]

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them."

Hebrews 7:23-25

Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Prayer for our Members: Chris Yerino, Charlie Zaremskas

Special Needs: Holy Week Services and our guests. New Haven East Rock
Community Group.

Mission to the World: Ukraine - Mr. & Mrs. Paul Alexander, Ms. Dawn Brady,
Mr. & Mrs. John Bush, Ms. Jill De Vere, Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Eide,
Mr. & Mrs. Jim Fredere, Mr. & Mrs. Heero Hacquebord, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Huber,
Mr. & Mrs. David Martin, Ms. Laura McClain, Ms. Mary Miner

*Song of Response: *I Lay my Sins on Jesus*

[A good time for children to leave for childcare - if so desired.]

*I lay my sins on Jesus,
the spotless Lamb of God;
he bears them all, and frees us
from the accursed load;
I bring my guilt to Jesus,
to wash my crimson stains
white in his blood most precious,
till not a stain remains.*

*I lay my wants on Jesus;
all fullness dwells in him;
he heals all my diseases,
he doth my soul redeem:
I lay my griefs on Jesus,
my burdens and my cares;
he from them all releases,
he all my sorrows shares.*

*I rest my soul on Jesus,
this weary soul of mine;
his right hand me embraces,
I on his breast recline.
I love the name of Jesus--
Immanuel, Christ, the Lord;
like fragrance on the breezes
his name abroad is poured.*

*I long to be like Jesus,
meek, loving, lowly, mild;
I long to be like Jesus,
the Father's holy Child:
I long to be with Jesus,
amid the heavenly throng,
to sing with saints his praises,
to learn the angels' song.*

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: A Holy Week Exposition on John 6, Part 1: *Keeping the Feast*

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 14]

After this Jesus went away to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, which is the Sea of Tiberias. 2And a large crowd was following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing on the sick. 3Jesus went up on the mountain, and there he sat down with his disciples. 4Now the Passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5Lifting up his eyes, then, and seeing that a large crowd was coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread, so that these people may eat?" 6He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he would do. 7Philip answered him, "Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." 8One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish, but what are they for so many?" 10Jesus said, "Have the people sit down." Now there was much grass in the place. So the men sat down, about five thousand in number. 11Jesus then took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated. So also the fish, as much as they wanted. 12And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, "Gather up the leftover fragments, that nothing may be lost." 13So they gathered them up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten. 14When the people saw the sign that he had done, they said, "This is indeed the Prophet who is to come into the world!" 25When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" 26Jesus answered them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. 27Do not labor for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal." 28Then they said to him, "What must we do, to be doing the works of God?" 29Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." 30So they said to him, "Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? 31Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" 32Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. 33For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." 34They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." John 6:1-14, 25-34 (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.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Collection Hymn: *O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

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

*O sacred Head, now wounded,
with grief and shame weighed down,
now scornfully surrounded
with thorns, thine only crown:
how pale thou art with anguish,
with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish
which once was bright as morn!*

*What thou, my Lord, has suffered
was all for sinners' gain;
mine, mine was the transgression,
but thine the deadly pain.*

*Lo, here I fall, my Savior!
'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor,
vouchsafe to me thy grace.*

*What language shall I borrow
to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow,
thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever;
and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never
outlive my love for thee.*

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

*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* (vs.1)

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*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.*

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*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: *We believe that Jesus Christ has presented Himself in our*

behalf before the Father, to appease His wrath, by offering Himself on the tree of the cross, and pouring out His precious blood to purge away our sins. And therefore we always ascribe all the glory to God, humbling ourselves before Him, without presuming to trust in any merit of ours, relying and resting upon the obedience of Christ crucified alone, which becomes ours when we believe in Him. This is sufficient to cover all our iniquities, and to give us confidence in approaching to God; freeing our conscience of fear, terror, and dread. Wherefore we justly say with the apostle Paul that we know nothing save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified; we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose wounds we find all manner of consolation.

[Adapted from the Belgic Confession, 1561, Articles XX-XXII]

*Congregation Standing

***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.

*A hymn of glory let us sing;
New songs thro'out the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God.*

Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*The holy apostolic band
Upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia!
And with his followers they see
Jesus' resplendent majesty. -Refrain*

*To whom the angels, drawing nigh,
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky? Alleluia! Alleluia!
This is the Saviour," thus they say;
"This is his noble triumph day." - Refrain*

*"Again shall ye behold him so
As ye today have seen him go, Alleluia! Alleluia!
In glorious pomp ascending high,
Up to the portals of the sky." - Refrain*

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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 to him who is able to keep you from falling and to present you without blemish before the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God, our Savior through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and for ever. Amen." *Jude 24-25*

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

A Holy Week Exposition on John 6, Part 1: *Keeping the Feast*
John 6:1-14, 25-34

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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