

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 free of charge online at the above website. Audio CDs are available upon request for \$3 per CD. To order a copy, please complete the request sheet (located in the display case in the foyer area) and place your payment into the container labeled Media Payments. Payments must accompany requests in order to be completed. Please allow two weeks delivery time.

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 22, 2007

10:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

O what a serious thing is it to die! It is a passage out of the swift river of time, into the boundless and bottomless ocean of eternity. They that did see the continual revolutions of days and nights, passing away one after another, will then be fixed in the perpetual NOW... Then how surprisingly glorious will heaven be to believers! For a soul to be now here in the body, conversing with people, living among sensible objects, and within a few moments to be with the Lord-- this hour on earth, the next in heaven, this moment viewing this world, the next among an innumerable company of angels and beloved ones now made perfect! O what a change is this. What, but wink and see God! To be lifted from a bed of sickness to a throne of glory! To leave a sinful, troublesome world, a sick and pained body, and be in a moment perfectly cured, and feel Yourself perfectly well, and free from all troubles and despair!

John Flavel

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

**Ancient of Days*

Verse 1

Blessing and honor glory and power

Be unto the Ancient of Days

From ev'ry nation all of creation

Bow before the Ancient of Days

Chorus:

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth

Shall declare Your glory

Ev'ry knee shall bow

At Your throne in worship

*You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days*

Verse

Chorus

BRIDGE:
*Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days*

Chorus

**Congregation Standing*

**To God Be the Glory*

#55

*To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life gate that we may go in.*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done!*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives. (Refrain)*

*Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. (Refrain)*

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

**Congregation Standing*

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: Psalm 47:1-7

Leader: Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!

People: *For the Lord Most High is awesome; He is a great King over all the earth.*

Leader: He will subdue the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

People: *He will choose our inheritance for us, the excellence 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 understanding.

*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 39:4-12*

New Testament Reading: *John 5:19-30*

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 LORD, do not rebuke us in your anger, or discipline us in your wrath. For your arrows have sunk into us, and your hand has come down on us. There is no soundness in our flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in our bones because of our sin. For our iniquities have gone over our heads; they weigh like burdens too heavy for us. Forgive our sins, pardon our iniquities, and restore our communion with You, we ask through our Blessed Lord Jesus, Who for a little while was made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory*

and honor because of the suffering of death, Who by your grace tasted death for everyone. Amen. [Based upon Psalm 38 and Hebrews 3]

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

“Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

Hebrews 10:19-22

Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Prayer for our Members: The Battista Family

Special Needs: *Nathan Paek* – continued recovery from Kawasaki Disease.

Julie Bruce – expecting.

Mission to the World: **Austria** – Ms. Nancy Deibert, Mr. & Mrs. Art Spooner,
Mr. & Mrs. Steve Williams

*Song of Response: *Amazing Love*

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

Chorus 1

*Amazing love O what sacrifice
The Son of God given for me
My debt He pays and my death He dies
That I might live that I might live*

Verse 1

*My Lord what love is this that pays so dearly
That I the guilty one may go free*

Verse 2

*And so they watched Him die despised rejected
But oh the blood He shed flowed for me*

Verse 3

*And now this love of Christ
Shall flow like rivers
Come wash your guilt away live again*

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: *Two Resurrections?*

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 15]

So Jesus said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord, but only what he sees the Father doing. For whatever the Father does, that the Son does likewise. [20] For the Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing. And greater works than these will he show him, so that you may marvel. [21] For as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whom he will. [22] The Father judges no one, but has given all judgment to the Son, [23] that all may honor the Son, just as they honor the Father. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. [24] Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. [25] "Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. [26] For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. [27] And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man. [28] Do not marvel at this, for an hour is coming when all who are in the tombs will hear his voice [29] and come out, those who have done good to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil to the resurrection of judgment. [30] "I can do nothing on my own. As I hear, I judge, and my judgment is just, because I seek not my own will but the will of him who sent me.

John 5:19-30 (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: *Blessed Assurance*

#693

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

***Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of Glory divine!***

*Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.*

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

*Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.*

Chorus

*Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.*

Chorus

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

*Congregation Standing

*Processional Hymn: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell (vs.1)*

#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.*

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*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: We believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible, and in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten not made, of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to the life in the world to come. Amen.

[Nicene Creed, 325 AD]

*Congregation Standing

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Pastor: Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.*

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*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

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: *Christ has died.*

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

All: *Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!*

Pastor: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*Congregation Standing

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: *All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

#4

*All praise to God, who reigns above, The God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, The God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, The God who every sorrow stills,
To God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty pow'r hath made, His gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade, His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, Lo, all is just and all is right,
To God all praise and glory!*

*I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O, hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed, And kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God, with me,
To God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord forsaketh not his flock, His chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand, He leads his own, his chosen band,
To God all praise and glory!*

*Ye who confess Christ's holy name, To God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's power proclaim, To God give praise and glory!
All idols under foot be trod, The Lord is God! the Lord is God!
To God all praise and glory!*

*Then come before his presence now, And banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow, And sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, The Lord, my God, did all things well,
To God all praise and glory!*

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

*Congregation Standing

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. "
2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Two Resurrections?

John 5:19-30

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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Dr. Meredith G. Kline



I am often asked, “Who do you think has had the greatest influence in your ministry?” My response is always something along the lines of: “In terms of how I read the Bible and the way this impacts my teaching, and especially preaching, each and every week? Without a doubt, it would have to be the influence of Dr. Meredith G. Kline!”

It was my great privilege to sit under Dr. Kline’s teaching, *and praying*, while a student at Gordon Conwell. (Anyone who has sat in one of Dr. Kline’s classes will understand perfectly why I include “*and praying*.” Never has anyone led me into the throne-room of God through prayer like Dr. Kline through his carefully thought-out, theologically rich and deeply personal prayers that preceded each and every one of his classes.) And so while many gather around the world this week to celebrate and memorialize this giant of the faith and Biblical scholar, I fondly remember his prayers, his complex diagrams of redemptive history on the old blackboard, the conversations he endured after class with a skeptical student on his way to becoming a “Reformed” and Presbyterian minister, rooted not merely in tradition or history but in Biblical study under the mentoring assistance of so humble a giant in Biblical scholarship!

How great was his impact on me, and subsequently our church? Let me illustrate it this way, if perhaps you would stop to whisper your thanks to God for the ministry of Meredith Kline: For if there has been anything in the preaching and teaching ministry of this church that is “Christ centered” (which I pray to God there is!), then I can honestly say that the hermeneutic method and framework that gave me the intellectual and theological justification for reading the Old and New Testament scriptures in this way was handed down to me by Dr. Meredith Kline. That is to say, if there has been anything in my ministry with you over these past 15 years that has instilled a love and confidence in God’s written word so as to bring us to a greater confidence and love for God’s living Word, if anything in my ministry that has enabled you to see the continuity between the Testaments and God’s careful orchestrations of history that vindicates the experience of the two travelers on the Emmaus Road with Christ, then you have reason to whisper a prayer of thanks to God for Dr. Meredith Kline! Indeed, it was Dr. Kline’s careful explanations and applications of a covenantal hermeneutic that finally enabled me to read the Bible as a unified, if not multi-layered, revelation of God acting through redemptive history as finally and climactically revealed in Christ. For this alone, we can all be thankful. But there is more.

If you have come to believe in a God centered way of salvation as signified and executed through the judgment waters of Christian baptism through the ministry here at CPC, it was Meredith Kline’s *By Oath Consigned* that finally converted your pastor, once a staunch Baptist himself, into the Reformed and Presbyterian way of thinking about salvation itself as then relived through Christian Baptism! And if you have come to see Genesis not as a topic of controversy mainly, but as a “Kingdom Prologue” in relation to God’s self-revelation as the great King of Kings in both the first and many subsequent “new creations” of redemptive history that again climax in the New Creation of Christ acting through the Holy Spirit, then again you may want to offer a prayer of thanksgiving for Dr. Meredith Kline. And if you have heard something of the distinction between God’s “common and special grace” here at CPC—even as to enable you to see God at work outside of redemption—with huge implications in how we relate to the world as Christians with grace and even respect rather than with hostility, then again, thank God for Meredith Kline.

On and on I could go, paradigm shift after paradigm shift—shifts in my anthropology as related to the priestly “Images of the Spirit,” shifts in my understanding of Scripture as related to a covenantal “Structure of Biblical Authority,” shifts in my understanding of history itself as culminating in “God, Heaven and Har-Magedon”—it was a huge couple of years for me under the incredible teachings and ministry of Dr. Meredith Kline! Many of the commentaries I have used over the years are also written by those indebted to Meredith Kline. And so while you may never have met him, you have

certainly been impacted by him, even as you can join with me in delighting that Meredith Kline is now finally experiencing that which figured so prominently in his studies and teaching, even all things “heaven” in the presence of Christ.

In memory of Dr. Kline, I have asked Rebekah to include some of his writings in our book store. Have a look, if per chance you would want to attempt the, sometimes arduous, task of transcribing some of Dr. Kline’s made up hyphenated words. To be sure, he is not an easy read, but he is certainly a profound read in a league of his own vis-à-vis mining the riches of covenant history in scripture! Enjoy!