

## 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

May 20, 2007

10:30 AM

### Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

*\*Hark the Voice of Love and Mercy*

*Hark! the voice of love and mercy  
sounds aloud from Calvary;  
see, it rends the rocks asunder,  
shakes the earth, and veils the sky:  
'It is finished! 'It is finished!'  
hear the dying Savior cry;  
hear the dying Savior cry.*

*'It is finished! O what pleasure  
do the wondrous words afford!  
heavenly blessings without measure  
flow to us from Christ the Lord:  
'It is finished! 'It is finished!'  
hear the dying Savior cry;  
hear the dying Savior cry.*

*Finished all the types and shadows  
of the ceremonial law,  
Finished all that God had promised;  
death and hell no more shall awe;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!  
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!*

*Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs,  
Join to sing the glorious theme;  
all on earth and all in heaven  
join to bless Emmanuel's name:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!  
Glory to the bleeding Lamb*

### WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*\*Call to Worship: Psalm 68:1-3, 32-35*

*Pastor: May God arise, may his enemies be scattered; may his foes flee  
before him.*

*People: As smoke is blown away by the wind, may you blow them away; as wax  
melts before the fire, may the wicked perish before God.*

*Pastor: But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they  
be happy and joyful.*

*People: Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth, sing praise to the Lord,*

*Pastor: to him who rides the ancient skies above, who thunders with  
mighty voice.*

*People: Proclaim the power of God, whose majesty is over Israel, whose power  
is in the skies.*

*Pastor: You are awesome, O God, in your sanctuary; the God of Israel  
gives power and strength to his people.*

*People: Praise be to God!*

*\*Congregation Standing*

*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen, How all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness, And mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord, Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief, Hath he not brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'er-shade thee!*

*Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen, Sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

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: *Ezekiel 36:22-36*

New Testament Reading: *John 7:19-53*

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:** *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 you, 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 Saviour and King. Amen.*

(Adapted from CRC Psalter Hymnal, Service of Word and Sacrament, 1981)

### Private Confession

### Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"Then I called on the name of the Lord: O Lord, I pray, save my life. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous, our God is merciful." *Psalms 116:4*

### Pastoral Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

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

**Special Needs:** Katherine Onofrio her new job in Las Vegas – driving with Kristina to Las Vegas. New Haven East Rock Community Group. Joint Session and Servant Leader Board planning meeting – Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

### Mission to the World: Canada - Mr. Marcus Toole

### \*Song of Response: *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

*[A good time for children to leave for childcare - 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.*

\*Congregation Standing

*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*

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: *A Divided Response, then and now!*

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 15]

*19*Has not Moses given you the law? Yet none of you keeps the law. Why do you seek to kill me?" *20*The crowd answered, "You have a demon! Who is seeking to kill you?" *21*Jesus answered them, "I did one deed, and you all marvel at it. *22*Moses gave you circumcision (not that it is from Moses, but from the fathers), and you circumcise a man on the Sabbath. *23*If on the Sabbath a man receives circumcision, so that the law of Moses may not be broken, are you angry with me because on the Sabbath I made a man's whole body well? *24*Do not judge by appearances, but judge with right judgment." *25*Some of the people of Jerusalem therefore said, "Is not this the man whom they seek to kill? *26*And here he is, speaking openly, and they say nothing to him! Can it be that the authorities really know that this is the Christ? *27*But we know where this man comes from, and when the Christ appears, no one will know where he comes from." *28*So Jesus proclaimed, as he taught in the temple, "You know me, and you know where I come from? But I have not come of my own accord. He who sent me is true, and him you do not know. *29*I know him, for I come from him, and he sent me." *30*So they were seeking to arrest him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come. *31*Yet many of the people believed in him. They said, "When the Christ appears, will he do more signs than this man has done?" *32*The Pharisees heard the crowd muttering these things about him, and the chief priests and Pharisees sent officers to arrest him. *33*Jesus then said, "I will be with you a little longer, and then I am going to him who sent me. *34*You will seek me and you will not find me. Where I am you cannot come." *35*The Jews said to one another, "Where does this man intend to go that we will not find him? Does he intend to go to the Dispersion among the Greeks and teach the Greeks? *36*What does he mean by saying, 'You will seek me and you will not find me,' and, 'Where I am you cannot come'?" *37*On the last day of the feast, the great day, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. *38*Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water.'" *39*Now this he said about the Spirit, whom those who believed in him were to receive, for as yet the Spirit had not been given, because Jesus was not yet glorified. *40*When they heard these words, some of the people said, "This really is the Prophet." *41*Others said, "This is the Christ." But some said, "Is the Christ to come from Galilee? *42*Has not the Scripture said that the Christ comes from the offspring of David, and comes from Bethlehem, the village where David was?" *43*So there was a division among the people over him. *44*Some of them wanted to arrest him, but no one laid hands on him. *45*The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, who said to them, "Why did you not bring him?" *46*The officers answered, "No one ever spoke like this man!" *47*The Pharisees answered them, "Have you also been deceived? *48*Have any of the authorities or the Pharisees believed in him? *49*But this crowd that does not know the law is accursed." *50*Nicodemus, who had gone to him before, and who was one of them, said to them, *51*"Does our law judge a man without first giving him a hearing and learning what he does?" *52*They replied, "Are you from Galilee too? Search and see that no prophet arises from Galilee." [The earliest manuscripts do not include John 7:53-8:11] *53* They went each to his own house,

John 7:19-53 (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: *My Jesus, I Love Thee*

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

*My Jesus, I love thee, I know thou art mine;  
For thee all the follies of sin I resign.  
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art thou;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus 'tis now.*

*I love thee because thou hast first loved me,  
And Purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.  
I love thee for wearing the thorns on thy brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*I'll love thee in life, I will love thee in death;  
And praise thee as long as thou lendest me breath;  
And say, when the deathdew lies cold on my brow;  
If ever I loved thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.*

*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.*

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

\*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]

\*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.

*All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
bring forth the royal diadem,  
to crown him Lord of all!  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
to crown him Lord of all!*

*Crown him ye martyrs of your God,  
who from his altar call:  
extol the stem of Jesse's rod,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Extol the stem of Jesse's rod,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,  
ye ransomed of the fall,  
hail him who saves you by his grace.  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Hail him who saves you by his grace.  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget  
the wormwood and the gall,  
go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all!  
Go spread your trophies at his feet,  
and crown him Lord of all!*

*Let every kindred, every tribe  
on this terrestrial ball,  
to him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
To him all majesty ascribe,  
and crown him Lord of all.*

*O that with yonder sacred throng  
we at his feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
and crown him Lord of all.*

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 the Lord bless you according to the riches of his glory and strengthen you with the power of his Spirit that you may be filled with all the fullness of God in Christ." Amen. *Ephesians 3:16ff*

*People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!*

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

## Sermon Notes

A Divided Response, then and now!

*John 7:19-53*

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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