

# 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

May 27, 2007

10:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

*Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

#457

*Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;  
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.*

*Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by thy help I'm come;  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God:  
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandr'ing heart to thee.  
Prone to wander Lord, I feel it-prone to leave the God I love:  
here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.*

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

*\*Lo! He Comes*

*Lo! He comes with clouds descending,  
Once for our salvation slain;  
Thousand, thousand saints attending,  
Swell in triumph of His train.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.*

*Every eye shall now behold Him,  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold Him,  
Pierced, and nailed Him to the tree,  
Deeply wailing, deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.*

*Now redemption long expected,  
See in solemn pomp appear!  
All his saints by man rejected,  
Now shall meet Him in the air.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
See the day of God, appear!*

*Yea, amen! let all adore Thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the power and glory,  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly, O come quickly;  
Alleluia, come, Lord, come.*

*Yea, amen! Let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Savior, take the pow'r and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly, O come quickly;  
alleluia! come, Lord, come.*

#### WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 84

Leader: How lovely is thy dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

People: *My soul longs, yea, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.*

Leader: Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at thy altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

People: *Blessed are those who dwell in thy house, ever singing thy praise!*

Leader: Alleluia! Praise the Lord!

People: *Praise the Lord! Alleluia!*

\*Congregation Standing

*Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.*

*Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.*

*Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him with us the God of grace.*

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: *Psalms 37:1-20*

New Testament Reading: *Philippians 3:1-21*

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Meditation: **Come and Fill**

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

*Instrumental Meditation 1X - Sing 2x*

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia!*

\*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 most great, most just, and gracious God, your eyes are more pure than to behold sin. You condemn the ungodly, unrepentant, and unbelievers, but have promised mercy through Jesus Christ to all that repent and believe in Him. We confess that we were conceived in sin, and are by nature children under your anger. We remember not our Creator in the days of our youth. We have neglected and abused your holy worship, your holy name, and your holy day. We have dishonored our superiors, and neglected our inferiors. We have dealt unjustly and uncharitably with our neighbors. We have not sought first your Kingdom and righteousness, and have not been contented with our daily bread. We seek your pardon and salvation as offered to us in the wonderful love of Jesus Christ.*

*(From Richard Baxter, the Savoy Liturgy)*

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"In (Christ) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us."

*Ephesians 1:7-8*

Pastoral Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

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

**Special Needs:** Yale Commencement. Graduate Student/Professional Community Group.

**Mission to the World:** Chile - Mr. & Mrs. Rodney Davilla, Ms. Meredith Denton,  
Mr. & Mrs. Roger Dye, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Guzman, Mr. & Mrs. David Marshall,  
Mr. & Mrs. Verne Marshall, Mr. & Mrs. Sam Mateer, Mr. & Mrs. John Rug,  
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Senter

\*Song of Response: **By Grace Alone**

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

*Out of the depths I cry to You, Lord, hear my voice of pleading;  
Bend down Your gracious ear, I pray, Your humble servant heeding.  
If You remember each misdeed, And of each thought and word take heed,  
Who can remain before You? Only by grace, by grace alone.*

*Your pardon is a gift of love, Your grace alone must save us,  
Our works will not remove our guilt, The strictest life would fail us.  
Let none in deeds or merits boast, But let us own the Holy Ghost  
for He alone can change us: Only by grace, by grace alone.*

*Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth;  
His helping love no limit knows, Our utmost need it soundeth.  
Our kind and faithful Shepherd He, Who will set all His people free  
From all their sin and sorrow: Only by grace, by grace alone.*

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Loving that which is Supreme  
[Sermon notes located on page 14]

Rev. Tolivar Wills

1Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. 2Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3For we are the real circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh-- 4though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness, under the law blameless. 7But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-- 10that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. 12Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. 15Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. 16Only let us hold true to what we have attained. 17Brothers, join in imitating me, and keep your eyes on those who walk according to the example you have in us. 18For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. 19Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. 20But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, 21who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself.

*Philippians 3:1-21 (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: ***There is a Redeemer***

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

***There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own son;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.***

***Thank you, oh, my Father, for giving us your son,  
and leaving your spirit 'til the work on earth is done.***

***Jesus, my Redeemer, name above all names;  
precious Lamb of God, Messiah, O for sinners slain.***

***Chorus***

***When I stand in Glory, I will see his face;  
there I'll serve my King forever in that holy place.***

***Chorus***

**\*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)**

#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.***

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

**\*Confession of Faith**

**Leader:** Christians, what do you believe?

**Congregation:** ***I believe that Christ makes intercession for us, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven, in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth, declaring his will to have it applied to all believers; answering all accusations against them, and procuring for them quiet of conscience, notwithstanding daily failings, access with boldness to the throne of grace, and acceptance of their persons and services.***

*[Westminster Larger Catechism #55]*

**\*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.

**\*Congregation Standing**

*Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Jesus, the Savior, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
When He had purged our stains  
He took His seat above;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*His kingdom cannot fail,  
He rules over earth and heav'n,  
The keys of death and hell are to  
our Jesus given;  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*He sits at God's right hand  
till all His foes submit,  
And bow to His command, and fall  
beneath His feet:  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

*Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Our Lord, the Judge shall come,  
And take His servants up  
to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

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, even as one who by the power at work  
within you is able to accomplish abundantly for more than all we can ask or imagine. To him  
be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to every generation forever and ever. Amen."  
*Ephesians 3:20*

*People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!*

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

## Sermon Notes

Loving that which is Supreme

*Philippians 3:1-21*

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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