

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

June 3, 2007

10:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

Out of the Deep

*Out of the deep I call
To Thee, O Lord, to Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I fall;
Be merciful to me,
Be merciful to me.*

*Out of the deep I cry,
The woeful deep of sin,
Of evil done in days gone by,
Of evil now within,
Of evil now within.*

*Out of the deep of fear
And dread of coming shame;
All night 'til morning watch is near
I plead the precious name,
I plead the precious name.*

*Lord, there is mercy now,
As ever was, with Thee.
Before Thy throne of grace I bow;
Be merciful to me,
Be merciful to me.*

** Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand*

*Ten thousand times ten thousand in sparkling raiment bright,
The armies of the ransomed saints throng, up the steep of light:
'Tis finished, all is finished, their fight with death and sin:
Fling open wide the golden gates, and let the victors in.
Alleluia! Alleluia! 'Tis finished, all is finished,
thou Prince and Savior, come.*

*What rush of alleluias fill, all the earth and sky!
What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph night!
O day, for which creation, and all its tribes were made;
O joy, for all its former woes, a thousandfold repaid!
Chorus*

*O then what raptured greetings on Canaan's happy shore;
What knitting severed friendship up where partings are not more!
Then eyes with joy shall sparkle, that brimmed with tears of late;
Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate.
Chorus*

*Bring near thy great salvation, thou Lamb for sinners slain;
Fill up the roll of thine elect, then take thy power, and reign:
Appear, desire of nations, thine exiles long for home;
Shoe in the heaven thy promised sign, thou Prince and Savior, come.
Chorus*

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

**Call to Worship: Psalm 89*

Leader: For who in the heavens can be compared to the LORD? Who among the sons of the mighty can be likened to the LORD?

People: God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be held in reverence by all those around Him.

Leader: O Lord God of hosts, who is mighty like You, O LORD? Your faithfulness also surrounds You.

People: Blessed be the Lord forevermore!

**Congregation Standing*

*From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.*

*In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.*

*Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more.*

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: *Micah 4:1-8*

New Testament Reading: *James 1:1-4, 13-18*

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: *Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed*

from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done, and there is no health in us. But You, O Lord, have mercy on us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to humankind through Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your Holy name. Amen.

(Book of Common Prayer)

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"The Lord is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation."

Psalm 118:14

Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Prayer for our Members: Keri-Jo Cocchiola, Gary Collinsworth

Special Needs: Lilian Cozza - recovery

Mission to the World: Cote d'Ivoire - Ms. Caroline Fleming,
Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hale, Ms. Renee Vick

*Song of Response: *Satisfied*

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

*All my life long I had panted for a drink from some cool spring
That I hoped would quench the burning of the thirst I felt within.*

*Chorus: Hallelujah! He has found me,
the One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings;
through his blood I now am saved.*

*Feeding on the filth around me till my strength was almost gone
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.*

Chorus

*Poor I was and sought for riches, something that would satisfy
But the dust I gathered 'round me only mocked my soul's sad cry.*

Chorus

*Well of water ever springing, Bread of life so rich and free
Untold wealth that never faileth my Redeemer is to me.*

Chorus

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: "It's all Good"

Rev. Tolivar Wills

[Sermon notes located on page 14]

1James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, To the twelve tribes in the Dispersion: Greetings.
2Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, 3for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. 4And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing. 13Let no one say when he is tempted, "I am being tempted by God," for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. 14But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. 15Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. 16Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. 17Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change, 18Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

James 1:1-4, 13-18 (ESV)

*Congregation Standing

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: *Thy Mercy My God Is the Theme of My Song*

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

*Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,
the joy of my heart and the boast of my tongue.
Thy free grace alone from the first to the last
hath won my affections and bound my soul fast.*

*With out thy sweet mercy I could not live here;
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;
but through thy free goodness my spirits revive
and he that first made me still keeps me alive.*

*Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
which wonders to feel its own hardness depart;
dissolved by thy goodness I fall to the ground
and weep for the praise of the mercy I've found.*

*Thy father of mercies thy goodness I own
and the covenant love of thy crucified son;
all praise to the spirit whose whisper divine
seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine!*

*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: 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.

*Congregation Standing

-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: Come, Christians, Join to Sing**

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*Come, Christians, join to sing
Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King;
Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice.
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Come, lift your hearts on high,
Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky;
Alleluia! Amen!
He is our Guide and Friend;
To us He'll condescend;
His love shall never end.
Alleluia! Amen!*

*Praise yet our Christ again,
Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain;
Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore,
His goodness we'll adore,
Singing forevermore,
"Alleluia! Amen!"*

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***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: "Peace be to the whole community, and love with faith, from God the
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ." Amen. *Ephesians 6:23*

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

“It’s all Good”

James 1:1-4, 13-18

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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