

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 10, 2007

9:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

One Church

*Your hand O God has guided
Your church from age to age
The tale of love is written
For us on ev'ry page
Our fathers knew Your goodness
And we Your works record
And each of these bear witness
One church one faith one Lord*

*One church one faith one Lord of life
One Father one Spirit one Christ
One church one faith one Lord of life
One heavenly King Lord of all*

*Your mercy never fails us
Or leaves Your work undone
With Your right hand to help us
The victory shall be won
And then with heaven's angels
Your name shall be adored
And they shall praise You singing
One church one faith one Lord*

Chorus

* Hymn of Praise: *Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord (vs. 1-4)*

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*Come, let us sing unto the Lord new songs of praise with sweet accord;
for wonders great by him are done, his hand and arm have vict'ry won.*

*The great salvation of our God is seen through all the earth abroad;
before the heathen's wond'ring sight he has revealed his truth and right.*

*He called to mind his truth and grace in promise made to Israel's race;
and unto earth's remotest bound glad tidings of salvation sound.*

*All lands, to God lift up your voice; sing praise to him, with shouts rejoice;
with voice of joy and loud acclaim let all unite and praise his name.*

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

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

*Call to Worship: Psalm 93

Leader: The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in
majesty and is armed with strength. The world is firmly
established; it cannot be moved.

People: *Your throne was established long ago; You are from all eternity.*

Leader: The seas have lifted up, O Lord, the seas have lifted up their
pounding waves.

People: *Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the
breakers of the sea-the Lord on high is mighty.*

Leader: Your statutes stand firm; holiness adorns Your house for endless
days, O Lord.

*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: *Numbers 20:1-13*

New Testament Reading: *James 1:12-18*

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: *O Lord God, eternal and almighty Father, we confess and acknowledge unreservedly before your holy majesty that we are sinners, conceived and born in iniquity and corruption, prone to do evil, incapable of any good relative to your character, and that in our depravity we transgress your holy commands without end or ceasing, wherefore we purchased for ourselves, through your righteous judgment, our ruin and punishment. O God and Father most gracious and full of compassion, have mercy upon us in the name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Magnify and increase in us day by day the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be moved by that sorrow which shall bring forth true repentance in us, putting to death all our sins and producing in us the fruits of righteousness and innocence which are pleasing to you through Jesus Christ. Amen!*

(Adapted from John Calvin, Geneva 1542)

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"The redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who repent of their sins declares the Lord. "

Isaiah 59:20

Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Prayer for our Members: The Casella Family

Special Needs: Rufus Howard and his family – Rufus recovery from chemo and radiation treatment.
Westville Community Group.

Mission to the World: Croatia - Mr. & Mrs. Lee Leadbetter

**Song of Response: I Will Glory in My Redeemer*

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

*I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the Holy Judge
The Lamb Who is my righteousness
The Lamb Who is my righteousness*

*I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer
His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace*

*I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagle's wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold
His face forever to behold*

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Bitter or Beautiful
[Sermon notes located on page 10]

Rev. Clay Daniel

[12] Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. [13] Let 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. [14] But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. [15] Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

[16] Do not be deceived, my beloved brothers. [17] Every 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. [18] Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creation.
James 1:12-18 (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: *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed*

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

*Alas and did my savior bleed
Did my Sovereign die?
Would He devote that sacred head
For such a fool as I?
Chorus: The strangeness of love,
my life in Your death
In Your brokenness
my wholeness revealed
Your bonds are my freedom,
Your sorrow my song
And by Your wounds I am healed*

*Was it for crimes that I have done
He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!
Chorus*

*Well might the sun in dark-ness hide,
and shut his glor-ies in,
when Christ, the might-y Mak-er, died
for man the crea-ture's sin.*

*Chorus
TAG: And by Your wounds I am healed.*

*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: *I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven*

and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic† Church, the Communion of Saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

[Apostles' Creed]

†That is, the true Christian church of all times and all places.

*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

*Congregation Standing

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: Christ is Made the Sure Foundation*

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*1. Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's Help forever,
And her Confidence alone.*

*2. All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation,
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.*

*3. To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Thy wonted lovingkindness
Hear Thy servants as they pray.
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls alway.*

*4. Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain;
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.*

*5. Laud and honor to the Father,
Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.*

**Congregation Standing*

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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: "May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Amen.

Romans 15:13

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

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Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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