

## 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

June 17, 2007

9:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

*Gracious Spirit*

*Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine  
Let thy light within me shine;  
All my guilty fears remove,  
Fill me full of heav'n and love.*

*Chorus:*

*Let me never from thee stray  
Keep me in the narrow way  
Fill my soul with joy divine  
Keep me, Lord, forever thine.*

*Speak thy pard'ing grace to me  
Set the burdened sinner free  
Lead me to the Lamb of God  
Wash me in His precious blood.  
(Chorus)*

*Life and peace to me impart  
Seal salvation on my heart  
Breathe thyself into my breast  
Earnest of immortal rest.  
(Chorus)*

\*Hymn of Praise: *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

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*I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,  
my only trust and Savior of my heart,  
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;  
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.*

*Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,  
and all our substance and our strength receive;  
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,  
strong hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.*

*Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,  
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:  
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;  
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.*

*Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,  
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:  
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee  
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.*

*Our hope is in no other save in thee;  
our faith is built upon thy promise free;  
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure  
that we can boldly conquer and endure.*

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

\*Congregation Standing

## WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 95

Leader: Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**People:** *Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!*

Leader: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**People:** *In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.*

Leader: The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

**People:** *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!*

\*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: *Exodus 20:1-17*

New Testament Reading: *James 1:19-27*

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]*

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession:

*[Participants may kneel or lean forward]*

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** *Father of Lights and Bright Morning Star, we confess that the light of your love has been obscured by the darkness of our sin. Thoughts, words, and deeds of our own devising hang over us as black and foreboding clouds. Give us eyes to see, O Lord, the grievous and heinous nature of our sin. Grant us to hate it with a holy hatred and to turn from it with all our might. We give you thanks, you who cause sun to shine through the storm, that you have dispersed the storm clouds of your judgment, and have made the light of your love and mercy shine into our lives, through the work of your dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Forgive us for his sake, and enable us to know of the peace and consolation of your Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity and in whose spirits there is no deceit. "

*Psalm 32: 1-2*

Pastoral Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

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

**Special Needs:** Continued prayers for the Summer Missions Project week.

**Mission to the World: Czech Republic** - Mr. & Mrs. Sid Anderson, Mr. & Mrs. Carl Chaplin, Mr. & Mrs. Hans Deutschmann, Ms. Sarah Donaldson, Ms. Sarah Ingram

\*Song of Response: *Psalm 130*

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

*From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation.  
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.  
If Thou iniquities dost mark our secret sins and misdeeds dark,  
O, who shall stand before Thee? (x2)*

*To wash away the crimson stain, grace, grace alone availeth.  
Our works, alas, are all in vain; in much the best life faileth.  
No man can glory in Thy sight; all must alike confess Thy might  
And live alone by mercy. (x2)*

*Therefore my trust is in the Lord, and not in my own merit;  
On Him my soul shall rest, His word upholds my fainting Spirit.  
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort and my sweet support.  
I wait for it with patience. (x2)*

*What though I wait the live-long night, and till the dawn appeareth.  
My heart still trusteth in His might; it doubteth not, nor feareth.  
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed.  
And wait 'till God appeareth. (x2)*

*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 Shepherd, good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free  
From all their sin and sorrow (x3)*

\*Congregation Standing

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Doers or Hearers?

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 14]

19 Know this, my beloved brothers: let every person be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger; for the anger of man does not produce the righteousness that God requires. 21 Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. 23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing. 26 If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, this person's religion is worthless. 27 Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world.

*James 1:1-4, 13-18 (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: *Fairest Lord Jesus (vs. 1, 3 & 4)*

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

*Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.*

*Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
and all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
than all the angels heav'n can boast.*

*Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
now and forevermore be thine.*

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 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]

\*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.*

\*Congregation Standing

## \*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.

**\*Closing Hymn: A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing**

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*A hymn of glory let us sing;  
New songs thro'out the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod,  
Ascendeth to the throne of God.*

*Refrain: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

*The holy apostolic band  
Upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And with his followers they see  
Jesus' resplendent majesty. -Refrain*

*To whom the angels, drawing nigh,  
"Why stand and gaze upon the sky? Alleluia! Alleluia!  
This is the Saviour," thus they say;  
"This is his noble triumph day."- Refrain*

*"Again shall ye behold him so  
As ye today have seen him go,  
In glorious pomp ascending high,  
Up to the portals of the sky."- Refrain*

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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: "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in you that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." *Hebrews 13:20-21*

*People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!*

Postlude

**\*Congregation Standing**

# Sermon Notes

Doers or Hearers?

*James 1:1-4, 13-18*

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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