

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 24, 2007

9:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

**King of the Nations*

*Come, let us worship Jesus, King of nations, Lord of all,
Magnificent and glorious, just and merciful*

Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.

Jesus, King of the nations. Jesus, Lord of all.

*Lavish our heart's affection, deepest love and highest praise.
Voice, race and language blending, all the world amazed.*

Chorus

Bring tributes from the nations, come in joyful cavalcades.

One thundr'ous acclamation, one banner raised.

Chorus

*Come, Lord, and fill your temple, glorify your dwelling place
till nations see your splendor and seek your face.*

Chorus

Fear God and give him glory for his hour of judgment comes.

Creator, Lord Almighty, worship him alone.

Chorus

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

**Call to Worship: Psalm 100*

Leader: Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!

People: *Serve the Lord with gladness; come before His presence with singing.*

Leader: Know that the Lord, He is God; it is He who made us, and not we ourselves. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

People: *Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.*

Leader: For the Lord is good; His mercy is everlasting and His truth endures to all generations.

**Congregation Standing*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.*

*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

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: *Hosea 6:1-6*

New Testament Reading: *James 2:1-13*

Reader: *This is the Word of the Lord!*

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Meditation: *Bless the Lord*

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

*Bless the Lord my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul, who leads me into life.*

Sing 2x

*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 our God, who brought to us salvation by a mighty hand as revealed in Christ our Lord, and who made your name renowned even to this day--we confess that we have sinned, we have done wickedly. In view of all your righteous acts, let your anger and wrath, we pray, turn away from us. Because of our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors, we have too often become a disgrace to your name among all our neighbors. Our merciful God, listen to our prayers for your own sake, Lord. Let your face shine upon us, who apart from your Spirit would be desolate of your gracious countenance upon us. Incline your ear, our God, and hear us. We do not present our supplication before you on the ground of our righteousness, but on the ground of your great mercies. O Lord, hear us; O Lord, forgive us; O Lord, listen and act and do not delay! For your own sake, forgive us of our sins because of the atonement accomplished by Christ for us, and set us to a course that is more pleasing to you and more profitable to your reputation in our community.*

(A New Covenant reading of Daniel 9:15-19)

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

*"The Lord redeems the life of his servants; none of those who take refuge in Him will be condemned."
Psalm 34:22*

Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Prayer for our Members: The Cheng Family

Special Needs: Continued prayers for the Summer Missions Project week. Beginning of Christian Faith & Practice Series starting this Wednesday evening.

Mission to the World: Ecuador - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Aschmann,
Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Booth, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Helmly, Mr. & Mrs. Mike McMahan

*Song of Response: *O Love That Will Not Let Me Go*
[A good time for children to leave for childcare - if so desired.]

*O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.*

*O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.*

*O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.*

*O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.*

*O Life that will yet swal-low death,
I glo-ry in thy vic-to-ry;
My flesh will find e-ter-nal breath,
For Je-sus burst the bonds of death
And reigns in heav'n for me.*

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Mercy's Triumph
[Sermon notes located on page 14]

Rev. Clay Daniel

1My brothers, show no partiality as you hold the faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. 2For if a man wearing a gold ring and fine clothing comes into your assembly, and a poor man in shabby clothing also comes in, 3and if you pay attention to the one who wears the fine clothing and say, "You sit here in a good place," while you say to the poor man, "You stand over there," or, "Sit down at my feet," 4have you not then made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts? 5Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him? 6But you have dishonored the poor man. Are not the rich the ones who oppress you, and the ones who drag you into court? 7Are they not the ones who blaspheme the honorable name by which you were called? 8If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well. 9But if you show partiality, you are committing sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. 10For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. 11For he who said, "Do not commit adultery," also said, "Do not murder." If you do not commit adultery but do murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. 12So speak and so act as those who are to be judged under the law of liberty. 13For judgment is without mercy to one who has shown no mercy. Mercy triumphs over judgment.

James 2:1-13 (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: ***How Deep the Father's Love For Us***

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

***How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
that He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
as wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.***

***Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life I know that it is finished.***

***I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.***

*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 the one eternal God, Creator and Lord of*

the world, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who governs all things according to the purpose of His will. I believe that God has been calling out from the world a people for Himself, the church, and sending His people back into the world to be His servants and witnesses for the extension of His Kingdom and for His glory. I believe in the divine inspiration, truthfulness and authority of both the Old and New Testament Scriptures in their entirety as the only written word of God, and in the power of God's word to accomplish His purpose of salvation. I believe that there is only one Savior, Jesus Christ, and that He will return personally and visibly, in power and glory, to consummate His salvation and His judgment. I believe in the Holy Spirit whom the Father has sent to bear witness to His Son, believing that conviction of sin, faith in Christ, new birth, and Christian growth are all His work.

[Adapted from The Lausanne Covenant, 1974]

*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

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: *Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!

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*Thee we adore, eternal Lord!
We praise Thy Name with one accord.
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee,
Through all the world do worship Thee.*

*To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heav'ns and all the powers on high:
Thee, holy, holy, holy King,
Lord God of hosts, they ever sing,
Lord God of hosts, they ever sing.*

*Apostles join the glorious throng,
And prophets swell th'immortal song;
Thy martyrs' noble army raise
Eternal anthems to Thy praise,
Eternal anthems to Thy praise.*

*From day to day, O Lord, do we
Exalt and highly honor Thee!
Thy Name we worship and adore,
World without end, forevermore,
World without end, forevermore.*

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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: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Mercy's Triumph

James 2:1-13

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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