

# 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 1:30 pm Monday-Friday. 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 at no cost online or are available upon request for \$3 per CD. To order a copy, please fill out a request sheet (located in the foyer) and place your payment into the container labeled Media Payments. Only orders accompanied by payment will be filled.

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.

June 29, 2008

9:30 AM

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

### Service Order 4

#### Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

*It is well said that "asking is the rule of the kingdom." It is a rule that will never be altered in any body's case. If the royal and divine Son of God cannot be exempted from the rule of asking that He may have, you and I cannot expect to have the rule relaxed in our favor. God will bless Elijah and send rain on Israel, but Elijah must pray for it. If the chosen nation is to prosper, Samuel must plead for it. If the Jews are to be delivered, Daniel must intercede. God will bless Paul, and the nations shall be converted through him, but Paul must pray. Pray he did, without ceasing; his epistles show that he expected nothing except by asking for it.*

*Charles Spurgeon*

*None can tell, but those happy souls who have experienced it, with what demonstration of the Spirit this conviction comes. O how amiable, as well as all-sufficient, does the blessed Jesus now appear! With what new eyes does the soul now see the Lord its righteousness! Brethren, it is unutterable. If you were never thus convinced of Christ's righteousness in your own souls, though you may believe it doctrinally, it will avail you nothing, if the Comforter never came savingly into your souls, then you are comfortless indeed.*

*George Whitefield*

#### Liturgical Definitions:

##### ***Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation:***

A time to quiet your heart and mind in preparation to enter into the life-giving presence of God.

*"Be still, and know that I am God! I am exalted among the nations, I am exalted in the earth." Psalms 46:10*

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

**O Day Of Rest and Gladness**

*O day of rest and gladness, O day of joy and light,  
O balm of care and sadness, most beautiful, most bright;  
On thee the high and lowly, through ages joined in tune,  
Sing Holy, Holy, Holy to the great God Triune.*

*On thee, at the creation the light first had Its birth;  
On thee, for our salvation, Christ rose from depths of earth;  
On thee our Lord, victorious the Spirit sent from heav'n;  
And thus on thee, most glorious, a triple light was giv'n.*

*Thou art a port protected from storms that round us rise;  
A garden intersected with streams of Paradise;  
Thou art a cooling fountain in life's dry, dreary sand;  
From thee, like Pisgah's mountain, we view our promised Land.*

*Today on weary nations, the heav'nly manna falls:  
To holy convocations, the silver trumpet calls,  
Where gospel light is glowing with pure and radiant beams;  
And living water flowing, with soul refreshing streams.*

*New graces ever gaining, from this our day of rest,  
We reach the rest remaining, to spirits of the blest.  
To Holy Ghost be praises, to Father, and to Son;  
The church her voice upraises, to thee, blest Three in One.*

*Invitational Songs of Prayers  
for God's Presence  
And I looked, and there in  
heaven a door stood open.  
Revelation 4:1*

*\* Congregation Standing  
wherever indicated throughout  
bulletin.*

*Note: Trinity Hymnal can be  
found in pews for hymns  
indicated with numbers*

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 22:22-23, 25-28

Leader: I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst  
of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the  
Lord, praise him!

**People: All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him, and stand in awe of  
him, all you offspring of Israel!**

Leader: From you comes my praise in the great congregation;  
my vows I will perform before those who fear him.

**People: The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him  
shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to  
the Lord, and all the families of the nations shall  
worship before you.

**People: For kingship belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the  
nations.**

**Call to Worship**  
*And the first voice, which I had  
heard speaking to me like a  
trumpet, said, "Come up here,  
and I will show you what must  
take place after this." At once I  
was in the spirit, and there in  
heaven stood a throne, with one  
seated on the throne!  
Revelation 4:2*

\*Hymn of Praise: *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!*

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*Hail, Thou once despised Jesus! Hail, Thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us; Thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, Thou agonizing Savior, bearer of our sin and shame!  
By Thy merits we find favor; life is given through Thy Name.*

*Paschal Lamb, by God appointed, all our sins on Thee were laid;  
By almighty love anointed, Thou hast full atonement made.  
All Thy people are forgiven through the virtue of Thy blood;  
Opened is the gate of Heaven, peace is made 'twixt man and God.*

*Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory, there forever to abide;  
All the heavenly hosts adore Thee, seated at Thy Father's side.  
There for sinners Thou art pleading; there Thou dost our place  
prepare;  
Ever for us interceding till in glory we appear.*

*Worship, honor, power and blessing thou art worthy to receive;  
Loudest praises, without ceasing, right it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits, bring your sweetest, noblest lays;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits, help to chant Emmanuel's praise!*

\*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

\* Hymn of Doxology: *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.*

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 37: 1-7, 39-40

New Testament Reading: John 16

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

Meditation: *Bless the Lord*

(Instrumental meditation – Sing 2x - Instrumental meditation)

*Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.  
Bless the Lord, my soul, who brings me into life. 2x*

**Invocation and Praise**

Day and night without  
ceasing they sing,  
"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord  
God the Almighty, who was and  
is and is to come."  
Revelation 4:8

**Hearing God's Word**

A time to hear God's holy  
Word, ultimately unveiled to  
us in Christ by the Holy  
Spirit.

*Then I saw in the right hand of  
the one seated on the throne a  
scroll written on the inside and  
on the back, sealed with seven  
seals. Revelation 5:1*

**Meditation on God's Word**

In stillness and meditation,  
please take a moment to  
reflect on the power and  
privilege of hearing God's  
Word.

## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

### Corporate Confession of Sin:

*[Participants may kneel or lean forward]*

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins.

**People:** *For we know our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us. Against you, you alone, have we sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgment.*

**Leader:** Indeed, we were born guilty, sinners when our mothers conceived us.

**All:** *Hide your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put new and right spirits within us. Do not cast us away from your presence, and do not take your Holy Spirit from us, we pray through Him Who loved us and gave Himself for us, even our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.*

*[Based upon Psalm 51]*

### Private Confession

### Absolution

**Leader:** Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

“Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.”

*Hebrews 10:19-22*

### Confession of Sin

Because sin is so pervasive in both our corporate and individual lives, we are invited to come before God with honesty and transparency, confessing our brokenness and moral failures, asking for both forgiveness and healing through Jesus Christ. We confess corporately to show our unity even in our brokenness. We confess honestly because in Christ, we are safe to confess our sins without fear of condemnation and no longer in need of hiding in defensiveness and blame shifting.

*And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it.*  
Revelation 2:4

### Absolution

Christ has given the Church authority to declare the forgiveness of sins in his Name. This promise is for all who have been joined to Christ by faith as mediated through any gospel-believing church.

*“I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.”*  
Matthew 16:19

### Communal Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

### Special Needs:

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

**Mission to the World:** Spain (Madrid)

Spain has a population of 45 million, and greater Madrid has a population of 6 million. Spain is the least evangelized Spanish-speaking country, with less than 2% claiming to be evangelical Christians. Spain has the second greatest percentage of immigrants of any country in the world (after the U.S.). Most immigrants come from Morocco, Eastern Europe and South America. Immigrants are having a huge impact on church planting and church growth, as they are often more open to the gospel than Spaniards. Younger Spaniards tend to be open-minded, post-Christian, and skeptical; older Spaniards tend to be more traditional and self-reliant. Often Spaniards are slow to trust outsiders; however, once one breaks through the surface, many will become faithful friends, and some will open their hearts to Christ and the gospel.

### Current Ministries:

Presently the team is focused on evangelism, discipleship and leadership training in partnership with a Spanish church and pastor in the northwest suburban town of Las Rozas. They are organizing and leading evangelistic Bible studies, a marriage course, training lay leaders in ministry, and helping to organize a food and clothing bank. Recently, team members began a new outreach to students at a major university in the city.

The missionaries active in this area are as follows:

Charles & Carol DeWitt & children (team leader); David & Beth Bryan (short-term); Tyler & Julie Lenocker (short-term). *Itinerating:* Chery Flores; Bob & Joanne Tanzie. *HMA:* Pamyla Burrack

### Pastoral Prayers:

Our prayers are ultimately “in the name of Jesus Christ,” which means that our trust is not in the power of our prayers, but in the power of Christ’s prayers who prays for us as our “great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God... For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”  
Heb. 4:14-16

*The four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. Rev. 5:8*

\*Song of Response: *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

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

*Arise, my soul, arise shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
Before the throne my surety stands,  
My name is written on his hands.  
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise  
Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul arise  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.*

*He ever lives above for me to intercede,  
His all redeeming love his precious blood to plead  
His blood atoned for every race,  
His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.  
Chorus*

*Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary  
They pour effectual prayers they strongly plead for me  
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,  
Forgive him, O forgive they cry,  
Don't let that ransomed sinner die!  
Chorus*

*My God is reconciled his pardning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
With confidence I now draw nigh  
And "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.  
Chorus*

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

**Sermon:** *The Case for Optimism Amidst Much Travail*  
Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 18]

[1] "I have said all these things to you to keep you from falling away. [2] They will put you out of the synagogues. Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. [3] And they will do these things because they have not known the Father, nor me. [4] But I have said these things to you, that when their hour comes you may remember that I told them to you. "I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. [5] But now I am going to him who sent me, and none of you asks me, 'Where are you going?' [6] But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your heart. [7] Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Helper will not come to you. But if I go, I will send him to you. [8] And when he comes, he will convict the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment: [9] concerning sin, because they do not believe in me; [10] concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father, and you will see me no longer; [11] concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged. [12] "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. [13] When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. [14] He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [15] All that the Father has is mine; therefore I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you. [16] "A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me." [17] So some of his disciples said to one another, "What is this that he says to us, 'A little while, and you will not see me, and again a little while, and you will see me'; and, 'because I am going to the Father'?" [18] So they were saying, "What does he mean by 'a little while'? We do not know what he is talking about."

### Sermon

A sermon is not just teaching for living a moral life; it is mainly a time when the living Christ Himself encounters His people through His Word bringing to us the full truth and grace of the gospel. Therefore, as you listen, pray to encounter the life-changing Christ.

*Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, They sing a new song: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and people and nation; you have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign on earth."*

Revelation 5: 1,9-10

[19] Jesus knew that they wanted to ask him, so he said to them, "Is this what you are asking yourselves, what I meant by saying, 'A little while and you will not see me, and again a little while and you will see me'? [20] Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. [21] When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. [22] So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you. [23] In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. [24] Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. [25] "I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. [26] In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; [27] for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. [28] I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father." [29] His disciples said, "Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! [30] Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God." [31] Jesus answered them, "Do you now believe? [32] Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. [33] I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world."

John 16 (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: ***On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand***

***On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.***

***All o'er those wide extended plains, Shines one eternal day.  
There God, the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away.  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the Promised Land.  
I am bound, I am bound, I am bound for the promised Land.***

***When shall I reach that happy place, And be forever blest,  
When shall I see my Father's face, And in his bosom rest.***  
Chorus (repeat)

*At this time children will rejoice their parents for worship, escorted by nursery facilitators.*

*People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. But Jesus called for them and said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."  
Luke 18:15-16*

**\*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: Doxology**

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***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!***

**Communion Gifts**

We give not as a payment for a service rendered nor out of compulsion to gain God's favor. The communion offering is symbolic of offering our whole lives and weekly vocations in consecration to God in spiritual service of worship! It is as if we join the holy procession of saints throughout history in offering ourselves as a living and holy sacrifice made acceptable to God by Christ who completes us by faith. Please give as an act of worship and only if you can give cheerfully as unto the Lord.

*The twenty-four elders fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; 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*

**\*Confession of Faith**

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

***People: 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: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

***All: Dying you destroyed our death,  
Rising you restored our life.  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.***

Pastor: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!***

Pastor: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**The Eucharistic Sacrament of the Lord's Supper:**

Eucharist means "the good grace" and "communion" implies a real participation in that grace. Therefore, the Lord's Supper is both a thankful memorial service to remember Christ's sacrificial death on the cross and a life giving participation in that grace as we are being united to Christ in heaven by the Holy Spirit and received by faith. In short, Christ is really present in, with and through the sacrament of the Lord's Supper, even if not bodily but spiritually being united to the body of Christ in the church.

*Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"*

*Revelation 5:11-12*

**Note concerning the elements of the Lord's Supper**

We serve 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.

Prayer of Consecration

Invitation to the Lord's Table

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.

*Prayers for those not  
communing*

Those who have genuinely confessed their own brokenness in sin, received Christ by faith and have joined to Christ by means of joining any gospel believing church are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. If you are not yet prepared to participate in the sacrament, please know that we are glad that you are here, even as we respect your sincerity for not participating at this time. We want CPC to be a safe place for you to be "in journey" and would not want you to feel any compulsion to partake until it is the right time as noted above. With you in mind, we have included some prayers if you would desire some aid in praying to God during this time.

\*Closing Hymn: *The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns*  
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*The Head that once was crowned with thorns  
Is crowned with glory now;  
A royal diadem adorns  
The mighty Victor's brow.*

*The highest place that heaven affords  
Is His, is His by right,  
The King of kings and Lord of lords,  
And heaven's eternal Light;*

*The Joy of all who dwell above,  
The Joy of all below  
To whom He manifests His love  
And grants His name to know.*

*The cross He bore is life and health,  
Though shame and death to Him:  
His people's hope, His people's wealth,  
Their everlasting theme.*

*Hymns of Coronation and  
Praise*

*"Then I heard every creature in  
heaven and on earth and under  
the earth and in the sea, and all  
that is in them, singing, "To the  
one seated on the throne and to  
the Lamb be blessing and honor  
and glory and might forever and  
ever!" And the four living  
creatures said, "Amen!" And  
the elders fell down and  
worshiped." Revelation 5:13-14*

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

## Sermon Notes

*The Case for Optimism Amidst Much Travail*

John 16

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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## Scripture Meditation

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- What is hopeful (good news) about this passage in light of our own brokenness and struggles?
- What are we led to believe from this passage?
- How does this passage help us to locate the sacred presence of Christ in our lives?
- How does this relate to the greatest commandment of loving God and one another?
- What from this passage is good news for the people and the world that you participate in?

*I will meditate on your precepts and fix my eyes on your ways.*

*Psalm 119:15 (ESV)*

If you are visiting or you regularly attend CPC, we invite you to pick up our Welcome Booklet and Ministry Guide which can be found on the greeting table in the foyer.

**THIS WEEK:**

**TODAY** CPC Café is open immediately following Sunday Studies (\$4.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children, visitors are free)

All Young Parents are invited to a special meeting with Rev. Graham TODAY during Sunday Studies to review/discuss CPC Children's Ministry and ideas for 08-09.

**Counselor Training Meeting has been postponed:**

In order to have the missions week training occur during the missions week itself, we will hold training on Sunday afternoon, July 6th, immediately following Sunday Studies. See you there!



**CPC Summer Picnic Series**

Every Wednesday at 6:30pm. Come chill with your CPC family on the front lawn as we sing, share, and discuss an op-ed from the New York Times every week. We will be practicing thinking Christianly about the world around us. Feel free to bring a blanket or lawn chairs.



**2008 Kickin' for the Gold VBS-Soccer Camp & Theology & Building Restoration**  
July 5<sup>th</sup> – July 11<sup>th</sup>

This week will play a pivotal role in helping to build a foundation for the planting of "CPC in the Hill". We are hoping that many of you would consider this venture as worthy of a week's vacation and helping to further establish the kingdom in New Haven. Please look at the sign-ups on the back table for service opportunities. Contact Tolivar at [cpctolivar@snet.net](mailto:cpctolivar@snet.net).

**All Soccer Camp counselors:**

We will be meeting on July 1st at 5:00pm at the 'Community Garden' on Davenport St. so that we can canvas the Hill Neighborhood with publicity about the VBS-Soccer Camp. Come on out to renew friendships with last year's kids and to invite new kids with them. Directions to the community Garden are on the back foyer table. See or email Tolivar [cpctolivar@snet.net](mailto:cpctolivar@snet.net) for more information.

**Reminder:** Trumbull/Westside Small group is hosting the Grad/Pro's for a 4<sup>th</sup> of July fellowship event at the Hawk's home in Trumbull. The event will begin at 3:00pm. A covered dish and/or dessert is welcomed by all. Directions are on the back foyer table.

**Lawn Engineers needed:** Can you help out by mowing the church lawn once or twice over the summer? This would be a great service to the church. Please email Gary Winger ([garywinger@hotmail.com](mailto:garywinger@hotmail.com)) to signup or use the signup sheet in the foyer. Thank you.

**GOT ANNOUNCEMENTS? WILL POST!**

Communicate with the congregation: events, job opportunities, housing, other non-sponsored church activities, etc. E-mail your information to [cpc.ad@snet.net](mailto:cpc.ad@snet.net). Look for these announcements in the weekly email and on the Parlor bulletin board.

(Postings must be received by noon on Wednesday to be guaranteed in the next Weekly.)

**Get Connected at CPC**

**CPC Mom's Study Group**

Meets every Tuesday morning in the Parlor from 10:30 -11:30. For more information contact Heather Woolbert at [heather@woolbert.com](mailto:heather@woolbert.com) or 203-375-1414.

**CPC Prayer Groups**

- 1) Women's prayer group meets every Thursday morning from 9:00 to 9:45 am at Peggy Kebabian's home in Guilford. For more information contact Peggy Kebabian at 453-6965 or Jennifer Cheng at 457-9825.
- 2) Coffee and prayer with the pastors in the Fellowship Hall 7:00 to 8:00 am every Tuesday morning.
- 3) Weekly prayer request email – sent out every week. If you would like to receive our weekly prayer requests and participate in CPC's concert of prayer just email the administrator at [cpc.ad@snet.net](mailto:cpc.ad@snet.net) and we will add you to our prayer email list.

**CPC Community Groups**

Groups meet throughout the month - if you would be interested in joining a community group or for more information, please contact Tolivar Wills at [cpctolivar@snet.net](mailto:cpctolivar@snet.net) or call 777-6960.

**CPC Sunday Nursery Schedule**

Please contact Karen Peck at [kitkaren@optonline.net](mailto:kitkaren@optonline.net) for Sunday scheduling.

6/29 SS: Sandy Casella, Karen Peck  
Worship: Catherine, Lizzy, and Martha Olson, Hannah Chen

7/6 SS: Evan Finch, Nancy Shields  
Worship: Russel Bogue, Jim Thomas, Valerie Rogotzke, Peggy Kebabian

7/13 SS: Julie Bruce, Paul Wildey  
Worship: Katherine Bogue, Heather Woolbert, Tim and Molly Gribble

7/20 SS: Megan Paek, Heidi Shimp  
Worship: Ellen Kebabian, Leah Kelley, Kristy Lamb, Sam Wills

7/27 SS: Joanne Donovan, Steve Woolbert  
Worship: Gwen Hawkes, Lei Chen, Stephanie Lim, Laura Derksen



