

## 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

July 1, 2007

9:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

*Jesus, Cast A Look*

*Jesus cast a look on me,  
Give me sweet simplicity  
Make me poor and keep me low,  
Seeking only Thee to know*

*All that feeds my busy pride,  
Cast it evermore aside  
Bid my will to Thine submit,  
Lay me humbly at Thy feet*

*Make me like a little child,  
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled  
Seeing only in Thy light,  
Walking only in Thy might*

*Leaning on Thy loving breast,  
Where a weary soul can rest  
Feeling well the peace of God,  
Flowing from His precious blood*

*In this posture let me live,  
And hosannas daily give  
In this temper let me die,  
And hosannas ever cry!*

### WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 103:1, 19-22

Leader: Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. The LORD has established his throne in heaven, and his kingdom rules over all.

People: *Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.*

Leader: Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

People: *Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion. Praise the LORD, O my soul.*

\*Congregation Standing

*\*Hymn of Praise: Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, For He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near;  
Praise Him in glad adoration.*

*Praise to the Lord, Who over all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, Yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all your longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness And mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.*

*Praise to the Lord, Who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee;  
Decked thee with health, And with loving hand, guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,  
Spreading his wings to o'er-shade thee.*

*Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, Come now with praises before Him.  
Let the Amen Sound from His people again,  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

*\*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!*

*\*Congregation Standing*

Old Testament Reading: *Genesis 22:1-14*

New Testament Reading: *James 2:14-26*

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:** *My Changeless God. Under the conviction of your Spirit*

*I learn that the more I do, the worse I am, the more I know, the less I know, the more holiness I have, the more sinful I am, the more I love, the more there is to love. O wretched person that I am! I have a wild heart that cannot stand before you. How little I love your truth and ways! I neglect prayer by thinking I have prayed enough. I lack spiritual understanding with too little desire for the Lord's Day. My will is without power of decision or resolution, my heart is without affection. I am too often the evangelical hypocrite, who sins more readily because grace abounds. Give me a broken heart that it may carry home the power of your grace. For my hope is not in me, but in you through Jesus Christ, Amen!*

*(Adapted from "Paradoxes" in The Valley of Vision)*

### Private Confession

### Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as the Scripture has said, 'Out of his heart will flow rivers of living water'" *John 7:37-38*

### Pastoral Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

**Prayer for our Members:** Bob Clemens & Lu Seiler

**Special Needs:** Upcoming Summer Missions Project week – organization & volunteers. Shoreline Community Group

**Mission to the World: England** - Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Codington,  
Mr. & Mrs. David Cross, Mr. & Mrs. Tim Horn, Ms. Merrily Richie,  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike Spranger, Mr. & Mrs. Dennis Booth, Mr. & Mrs. Frank Helmly,  
Mr. & Mrs. Mike McMahan

\*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*

\*Congregation Standing

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Faith on the Move  
[Sermon notes located on page 14]

Rev. Tolivar Wills

14What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can that faith save him? 15If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, 16and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that? 17So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. 18But someone will say, "You have faith and I have works." Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works. 19You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe--and shudder! 20Do you want to be shown, you foolish person, that faith apart from works is useless? 21Was not Abraham our father justified by works when he offered up his son Isaac on the altar? 22You see that faith was active along with his works, and faith was completed by his works; 23and the Scripture was fulfilled that says, "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness"-- and he was called a friend of God. 24You see that a person is justified by works and not by faith alone. 25And in the same way was not also Rahab the prostitute justified by works when she received the messengers and sent them out by another way? 26For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead.

*James 2:14-26 (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: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus*

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

*Alleluia, sing to Jesus! His the scepter, his the throne:  
Alleluia! his the triumph, his the victory alone.  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation, has redeemed us by his blood.*

*Alleluia! not as orphans are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us: faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him when the forty days were o'er  
shall our hearts forget his promise, "I am with you evermore"?*

*Alleluia! heavenly High Priest, here on earth our help, our stay;  
Alleluia! Hear the sinful cry to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, Friends of sinners, earth's Redeemer, hear our plea,  
where the songs of all the sinless sweep across the crystal sea.*

\*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

\*Congregation Standing

\*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.*

\*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**Congregation:** *I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus*

*Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and saves us from our sins even as salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere. Christ is our chief prophet and teacher who perfectly reveals to us the secret counsel and will of God for our deliverance, our only high priest who has set us free by the one sacrifice of his body, and who continually pleads our cause with the Father, and our eternal King who governs us by his Word and Spirit, and who guards us and keeps us in the freedom He has won for us. I believe that the Holy Spirit is eternal God and that He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.*

[Selections from the Heidelberg Catechism]

\*Congregation Standing

**\*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.

**\*Congregation Standing**

\*Closing Hymn: *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

*1. All hail the power of Jesus' name!  
Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem,  
And crown Him Lord of all.*

*2. Ye chosen seed of Israel's race,  
Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace,  
And crown Him Lord of all.*

*3. Let every kindred, every tribe  
On this terrestrial ball  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe,  
And crown Him Lord of all.*

*4. O that with yonder sacred throng  
We at His feet may fall  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song,  
And crown Him Lord of all.*

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 our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who  
loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and  
establish them in every good work and word." Amen. 2 *Thessalonians 2:16-17*

*People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!*

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

# Sermon Notes

Faith on the Move

*James 2:14-26*

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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