

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

July 8, 2007

9:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

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, deary 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,
Frm 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.*

** Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

*Joyful, Joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away;
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,
well-spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning over us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life!*

WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

**Call to Worship: Psalm 104:33-35*

Leader: I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;

People: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.

Leader: May my meditation be sweet to Him;

People: I will be glad in the Lord.

Leader: May sinners be consumed from the earth,

People: And the wicked be no more.

Leader: To the Lord, Hallelujah!

People: To the Lord, Hallelujah!

***Hymn of Praise: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling**

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.*

*Breathe, o breathe thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit, let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning, set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee wewould be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

***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: *Proverbs 14:27-33*

New Testament Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46*

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: *Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess*

before You our sinful nature prone to evil and resistant in doing good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned: in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love, in acting as the unfaithful wife, in playing the harlot after false gods, we have been unfaithful to you. O Lord, have mercy upon us, who are ashamed and sorry for everything in which we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of your dear Son. And O most holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

[Based upon The Book of Common Worship, first order]

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. [19] He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea."

Micah 7:18-19

Pastoral Prayer

[Participants may be seated]

Prayer for our Members: The Cozza Family

Special Needs: Summer Missions – Soccer VBS Camp, Study Center Repairs, Hill Work Project. Joanne Donovan – ongoing post-op recovery. Sheila Tarantino – wisdom in dealing with family concerns.

Mission to the World: Ethiopia - Mr. & Mrs. Andy Warren

*Song of Response: *Nothing But the Blood*

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

*What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*For my cleansing this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my pardon this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Nothing can for sin atone, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Naught of good that I have done, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*This is all my hope and peace, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Glory, glory thus I sing, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
All my praise for this I bring, Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Oh, precious is the flow, That makes me white as snow.
No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Congregation Standing

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: As unto the Lord.....

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 14]

31"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. 32Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. 33And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left. 34Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. 35For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, 36I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' 37Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? 38And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? 39And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' 40And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.' 41"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. 42For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, 43I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' 44Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' 45Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' 46And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Matthew 25:31-46 (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: *Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord*

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

*Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.*

*Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin.*

*Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
threaten the soul with infinite loss;
grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.*

Chorus

*Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
what can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide;
whiter than snow you may be today.*

Chorus

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.*

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*Congregation Standing

*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

Congregation: *I believe that there is but one God only, the living and true God. And there are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that we are justified as an act of God's free grace, wherein he forgives all our sins and accepts us as righteous in His sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us and received by faith alone, and that we have a right to all the privileges of a child of God. I believe that believers are being renewed in the whole person after the image of God and are enabled more and more to die unto sin and live unto righteousness, and at their death the souls of believers are made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory, and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection, and that at such day we are made perfectly blessed in the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.*

(Taken from Westminster Shorter Catechisms # 5,6,33,34,35,37,38)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and 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.

*Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;
hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own:
awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.*

*Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,
rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.*

*Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scepter sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet
fair flow'rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.*

*Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime;
all hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.*

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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 Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in all
ways. The Lord be with you all." Amen. 2 *Thessalonians* 3:16

People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

As unto the Lord.....
Matthew 25:31-46

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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