

## 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 15, 2007

9:30 AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

### *Ancient of Days*

*Verse: Blessing and honor glory and power  
Be unto the Ancient of Days  
From ev'ry nation all of creation  
Bow before the Ancient of Days*

*Chorus: Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth  
Shall declare Your glory  
Ev'ry knee shall bow  
At Your throne in worship  
You will be exalted O God  
And Your kingdom shall not pass away  
O Ancient of Days*

*Verse*

*Chorus*

*Bridge: Your kingdom shall reign  
Over all the earth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days  
For none can compare  
To Your matchless worth  
Sing unto the Ancient of Days*

*Chorus*

\*Congregation Standing

## WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 106: 1, 7-10, 48

Leader: Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: *Our fathers, when they were in Egypt, did not consider your wondrous works; they did not remember the abundance of your steadfast love, but rebelled by the Sea, at the Red Sea.*

Leader: Yet he saved them for his name's sake, that he might make known his mighty power.

People: *He rebuked the Red Sea, and it became dry, and he led them through the deep as through a desert. So he saved them from the hand of the foe and redeemed them from the power of the enemy.*

Leader: Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting! And let all the people say,

People: *"Amen! Praise the Lord!"*

\*Hymn of Praise: *To God Be the Glory*

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*To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that we may go in.*

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father thro' Jesus the Son,  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

*O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;  
the vilest offender who truly believes,  
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.*

*Chorus*

*Great Things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.*

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

\*Congregation Standing

\*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: *Selections from Proverbs 18 vs.2,4,6-8,13,17,20-21*

New Testament Reading: *James 3:1-12, 4:11-2*

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: Our great and glorious God, You who know and judge the secrets of every human heart, we do acknowledge and confess that we have followed our father Adam in revolting against your commandments. We have turned from your ways and from your blessed Presence and have reaped the misery of turning away from You, the very Author of life. None of us is righteous, no not one. None of us has understanding, none of us seeks God. We use our tongues to deceive, our mouths are full of cursing and bitterness, our feet are swift to shed blood, ruin and misery are in our paths, and the way of peace we have not known. There is no fear of God before our eyes. We appeal to you, through your great mercy made manifest in Jesus Christ Your obedient Son, that you would forgive our sins for His sake, that you would make many righteous through His one act of obedience, that where our sin has increased, Your grace would abound. Just as Christ was raised from the dead by your glory, so also may we walk in newness of life. Amen. (Based on Romans 3)*

Private Confession

Absolution

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

*"You are a God ready to forgive, gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and you did not forsake them."*

*Nehemiah 9:17*

Pastoral Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

**Prayer for our Members:** Bill Curtis, Dan Deacon

**Special Needs:** Missions Week. Arnie Monahan – continued medical treatment. Joanne Donovan – recovery. Nathan Paek – recovery from surgery.

**Mission to the World: France** - Mr. & Mrs. Ron Bergey, Mr. & Mrs. Gene Boyer, Mr. & Mrs. Donald Cobb, Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Dupee, Mr. & Mrs. Francis Foucachon, Mr. & Mrs. Jamie Gildard, Mr. & Mrs. Jay Matsinger, Mr. & Mrs. Petrie Mitchell, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Mylin, Ms. Stephanie Pike, Ms. Sheila Shaffer, Ms. Nelly Vos, Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Wessel

\*Song of Response: **O Lord, Most High, Eternal King**

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

*O Lord Most High, e-ter-nal King,  
by thee re-deemed thy praise we sing.  
The bonds of death are burst by thee,  
and grace has won the vic-to-ry.  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le lu-ia!  
Al-le-lu-ia! Al-le-lu-ia!*

*A-scend-ing to the Fa-ther's throne  
thou claim'st the king-dom as thine own;  
and an-gels won-der when they see  
how changed is our hu-man-i-ty.  
Refrain*

*Be thou our joy, O Might-y Lord,  
as thou wilt be our great re-ward;  
let all our glo-ry be in thee  
both now and through e-ter-ni-ty.  
Refrain*

*O ris-en Christ, a-scend-ed Lord,  
all praise to thee let earth ac-cord,  
who art, while end-less a-ges run,  
with Fa-ther and with Spi-rit, One.  
Refrain*

\*Congregation Standing

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: The Taming of the Tongue for the Sake of Unity  
[Sermon notes located on page 14]

Rev. Preston Graham

1Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. 2For we all stumble in many ways, and if anyone does not stumble in what he says, he is a perfect man, able also to bridle his whole body. 3If we put bits into the mouths of horses so that they obey us, we guide their whole bodies as well. 4Look at the ships also: though they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. 5So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great things. How great a forest is set ablaze by such a small fire! 6And the tongue is a fire, a world of unrighteousness. The tongue is set among our members, staining the whole body, setting on fire the entire course of life, and set on fire by hell. 7For every kind of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by mankind, 8but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison. 9With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse people who are made in the likeness of God. 10From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers, these things ought not to be so. 11Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and salt water? 12Can a fig tree, my brothers, bear olives, or a grapevine produce figs? Neither can a salt pond yield fresh water.

*James 3:1-12, 4:11-2 (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: *Thy Works, Not Mine O Christ (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.]

*Thy works, not mine, O Christ, speak gladness to this heart;  
They tell me all is done; they bid my fear depart.  
To whom, save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?*

*Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, has borne the awful load  
Of sins that none in Heav'n or earth could bear but God.  
To whom, save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?*

*Thy righteousness, O Christ, alone can cover me:  
No righteousness avails save that which is of Thee.  
To whom, save Thee, Who canst alone  
For sin atone, Lord, shall I flee?*

*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)*

#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.*

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

\*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

**Congregation:** *In all my distress and persecution, I turn my eyes to the heavens and confidently await as Judge the very One who has already stood trial in my place before God and so has removed the whole curse from me. All His enemies and mine, He will condemn to everlasting punishment--but me and all His chosen ones, He will take along with him into the joy and the glory of heaven. I believe that God, because of Christ's atonement, will never hold against me any of my sins nor my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life. Rather in his grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.*

*[Heidelberg Catechism, question 52 & 56]*

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving & 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

\*Congregation Standing

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: *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*

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*Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!*

*There for him high triumph waits; Alleluia!  
lift your heads, eternal gates! Alleluia!  
he hath conquered death and sin; Alleluia!  
take the King of glory in! Alleluia!*

*See! he lifts his hands above; Alleluia!  
See! he shows the prints of love: Alleluia!  
Hark! his gracious lips bestow, Alleluia!  
blessings on his Church below. Alleluia!*

*Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia!  
Raise our hearts to reach thy height; Alleluia!  
There thy face unclouded see, Alleluia!  
Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! Alleluia!*

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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: May the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in  
Christ, himself restore, establish, and strengthen you. To him be the dominion for ever and  
ever. Amen. *I Peter 5:10-11*

*People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!*

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

## Sermon Notes

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Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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