

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 for more information or calendar events.
You may also call 777-6960 and press 5 to hear weekly events.

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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.

October 12, 2008

10:30 AM

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Service Order 4

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

The flesh of Christ, is life-giving, not only because once in it our salvation was obtained; but because now we being united to him in sacred union, it breathes life into us... because being by the power of the Spirit engrafted into the body of Christ, we have a common life with him; for from the hidden fountain of divinity life is, in a wonderful way, infused into the flesh of Christ and thence flows out to us... Christ is absent from us as to the body; by his Spirit, however dwelling in us, he so lifts us to himself in heaven, that he transfuses the life-giving vigor of his flesh into us, as we grow by vital heat of the sun.

-John Calvin, *Institutes*, III.2. 24

The ascension, thus becomes the climax of Jesus-history and the eschatological event fulfilling all the hopes of Israel... The kind of ecclesiology we, wish to do is quite impossible, then, without careful attention to the ascension... the church is marked off from the world... by its mysterious union with one whose life, though lived for the world, involves a genuine break with it.

-Douglas Farrow, *Ascension and Ecclesia* (p. 11, 17)

The organic concept of the church that appears in the New Testament... presents a more theological, Christ-centered, spiritual view of the church as defined not by one earthly hierarchical center nor by many earthly congregational centers, but by a heavenly center that requires multiform earthly manifestations. Earthly assemblies do not define but manifest the nature and the center of the church.

-Edmund Clowney, *Distinctives of the Presbyterian Polity*

The church is not the source of witness, it is the locus of witness.... The presence of a new reality, the presence in the shared life of the church of the spirit who is the arboon of the kingdom, has become possible because of what Jesus has done, because of his incarnation, his ministry as the obedient child of his father, his suffering and death, his resurrection, AND his ascension into heaven and his session at the right hand of God... It's visible embodiment will be a community that lives by this story, a community whose existence is visibly defined in the regular rehearsing and reenactment of the story which has given it birth, the story of the self-emptying of God in the ministry of life, death and resurrection of Jesus. Its visible center as a continuing social entity is that weekly repeated event in which believers share bread and wine as Jesus commanded, as his pledge to them and their pledge to him that they are one with him in his passion and one with him in his victory.

-Lesslie Newbigin, *The Gospel in a Pluralistic Society*, Ch. 10, p. 120

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

Alleluia (South African)

*Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia. 2x*

**Alleluia! Alleluia!*

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*Alleluia, alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise:
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise.
He, who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.*

*Christ is risen, Christ, the first fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at his second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.*

*Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia! to the Savior who has won the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity:
Alleluia, alleluia! to the Triune Majesty.*

Alleluia (South African)

*Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Alleluia, Alleluia. Alleluia, Alleluia.*

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

**Across the Lands*

*You're the Word of God the Father, from before the world began.
Ev'ry star and ev'ry planet, has been fashioned by Your hand.
All creation holds together, by the power of Your voice.
Let the skies declare Your glory, let the land and seas rejoice.*

Chorus:

*You're the author of creation.
You're the Lord of ev'ry man.
And Your cry of love rings out,
Across the lands.*

*Yet You left the gaze of angels. Came to seek and save the lost.
And exchanged the joy of heaven, for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer You fed the hungry. With a word You stilled the sea.
Yet how silently You suffered, That the guilty may go free.*

Chorus

*With a shout You rose victorious, wresting victory from the grave.
And ascended into heaven, leading captives in Your wake.
Now You stand before the Father, interceding for Your own.
From each tribe and tongue and nation, You are leading sinners home.*

Chorus

** 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 68:1-4

Leader: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him!

People: As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God!

Leader: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!

People: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the Lord; exult before him!

*Hymn of Praise: *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

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*Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.*

*Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above,
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.*

*Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see;
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.*

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*

*Invocation and Prayer of Adoration

* Hymn of Doxology: *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

*All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Alleluia, Alleluia
Him Serve with fear, His praise forth-tell,
Come ye before Him and rejoice.
O Praise Him! O Praise Him! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-5, 26-28

New Testament Reading: Revelation 4-5

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

Meditation: *Come and Fill*

(Instrumental meditation – Sing 2x - Instrumental meditation)

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Alleluia.*

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:

"Furthermore, the former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but he holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." *Hebrews 7:23-25*

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:

[At the invitation of the Pastor you may share your prayer request or praise at this time. You may also use your prayer request cards and place in prayer basket at the back of the sanctuary.]

Prayer for our Members: The Chen Family

Mission to North America:

Please pray for the **40 or so students from Covenant Seminary** who will be taking part in a field trip to Chicago the weekend of October 17-19 to study church planting by interacting with current and past Chicago church planters and visiting several churches for worship. Pray that God will use this time to not only educate, but formulate vision for their own future ministries as well as to encourage them in the ways God is using church planting to expand His Kingdom.

Please pray for **Geoff Bradford**, pastor of *liberti*, a church with three sites in the **Philadelphia PA** area. Since they believe that the structure should always be the servant of mission, please especially pray for them as *liberti* church goes through this major season of change and transition from being one church with three sites to becoming a movement of *liberti* churches: *liberti*: Fairmount will be lead by Geoff Bradford as the pastor and a team of their own elders and deacons.

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: *All Must Be Well*

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

*Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well.
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well.
Precious is the blood that healed us;
Perfect is the grace that sealed us;
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us;
All must be well.*

*Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well.
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well.
Happy still in God confiding;
Fruitful if in Christ abiding;
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding;
All must be well.*

*We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well.
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well.
On our Father's love relying;
Jesus every need supplying;
Yes in living or in dying;
All must be well.
On our Father's love relying;
Jesus every need supplying;
Yes in living or in dying;
All must be well.*

WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: *Life Caught in Rorschach?*

Rev. Preston Graham

[Sermon notes located on page 18]

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! 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." [2] At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. [3] And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. [4] Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. [5] From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, [6] and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and behind: [7] the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. [8] And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

*"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!"*

[9] And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, [10] the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

*[11] "Worthy are you, 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."*

[5:1] Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. [2] And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" [3] And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, [4] and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. [5] And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

{Text is continued on next page}

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.

[6] And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. [7] And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. [8] And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. [9] And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
[10] and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

[11] Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, [12] saying with a loud voice, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!" [13] And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying, "To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" [14] And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

Revelation 4:1-5:14 (ESV)

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

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: *O Lord, Most High, Eternal King*

***O Lord Most High, eternal King, by thee redeemed thy praise we sing.
The bonds of death are burst by thee, and grace has won the victory.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia!***

***Ascending to the Father's throne thou claim'st the kingdom as thine own;
And angels wonder when they see how changed is our humanity.
Refrain***

***Be thou our joy, O Mighty Lord, as thou wilt be our great reward;
Let all our glory be in thee both now and through eternity.
Refrain***

***O risen Christ, ascended Lord, all praise to thee let earth accord,
Who art, while endless ages run, with Father and with Spirit, One.
Refrain***

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.

At this time children will rejoin their parents for worship, escorted by nursery facilitators. This is in order to experience the Lord's Table as a more complete covenant family, especially on the weeks we come forward (first Sunday of the month) in order to receive God's blessing for his covenant children.

*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**

(Old Hundredth)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.*

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?

Congregation: *I believe that our chief end is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever. I believe in God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and that these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. I believe that God, out of his mere good pleasure from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, to deliver them out of sin and misery and to bring them into salvation by our redeemer, Jesus Christ. I believe in the life everlasting, where the souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness and do immediately pass into glory and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the final resurrection and the full enjoyment of God to all eternity.* [Selections from Westminster Standards]

***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: *Crown Him With Many Crowns*

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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

*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.*

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

Sermon Notes
Life Caught in Rorschach?
Revelation 4-5

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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Scripture Meditation

- 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.
Psalms 119:15 (ESV)

Welcome Newcomers!

We are so glad you are here with us today. We invite you to pick up our Welcome Booklet and Ministry Guide which can be found on the foyer table.

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

To All Aspiring Theologians! Rev. Graham is leading a theological reading group! The group meets on Wednesday evening at 7:30pm in the parlor to discuss selected readings in John Calvin's *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. All readings are on reserve in the CPC library. This week's selections are from *Institutes Book One, chapters 14,16,17,18*.

Kids Club and Study Center: Please join us every Wednesday for a catered dinner at 5:30pm followed by Kids Club and Study Center classes from 6 to 7. The adult study center classes will be Christianity & Culture and Christian Parenting.



CPC Wedding
Saturday, October 18th, 2008

4pm

David Boyer, Jr. and Emily Engle joyfully invite you to their Wedding Ceremony at Christ Presbyterian Church.

Grad/Pro Day Trip! Traverse an amazing maize maze with the Grad/Pro group on October 25th, and enjoy a day of New England autumn activities. We're going to South Windsor for the maze, lunch, and a few other local sites. Contact Kevin Nelson at knelson@ruf.org for more information.

Van Drivers Needed: We are looking for various people to go through the process of getting licensed to drive the church van to provide rides to church for college students. A few of our physicians have offered to provide the required physical for free! If money is an issue, the \$75 fees will be provided. Once we have enough drivers, we will establish a driving/pick-up schedule for students. This is a great way to help the church reach Yale's campus for Christ.

Update on Sandy Casella:

Please remain in prayer for Sandy Casella. You may keep up with her progress at her blog: <http://hikinguphill.blogspot.com/>.

Get Connected at CPC

CPC Prayer Groups

- 1) Women's prayer group meets every Wednesday morning from 9:30 to 10:30am 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.

CPC Mom's Study Group

Meets every Thursday morning in the Parlor from 10:15 -11:15am For more information contact Heather Woolbert at heather@woolbert.com or 203-375-1414.

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 or call 777-6960.

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.

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.)

CPC Sunday Nursery Schedule

Please contact Karen Peck at kitkaren@optonline.net for Sunday scheduling.

October 12:

SS: Ruth Phillips, Valerie Rogotzke

Worship: Benny Finch, Kristy Lamb, Lei Chen, Vivian Cheng

October 19:

SS: Sam Wills, Steve Woolbert

Worship: Joanne Donovan, Laura Derksen, Stepanie Lim, Hailey Wills

October 26:

SS: Julie Bruce, Evan Finch

Worship: Marney Walker, Hannah Chen, Paul Wildey, Yvonne Lempke

