

# 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 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.

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 14, 2007

10:30 AM

## THE WORSHIP OF GOD

### Service Order 4

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*

### 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*

#### *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*

*Exalt the Lord, His praise proclaim;  
All ye His servants, praise His Name,  
Who in the Lord's house ever stand  
And humbly serve at His command.  
The Lord is good, His praise proclaim;  
Since it is pleasant, praise His Name;  
His people for His own He takes  
And His peculiar treasure makes.*

*I know the Lord is high in state,  
Above all gods our Lord is great;  
The Lord performs what He decrees,  
In heaven and earth, in depths and seas.  
He makes the vapors to ascend  
In clouds from earth's remotest end;  
The lightning flash at His command,  
He holds the tempest in His hand.*

*Exalt the Lord, His praise proclaim;  
All ye His servants, praise His Name,  
Who in the Lord's house ever stand  
And humbly serve at His command,  
Forever praise and bless His Name,  
And in the church His praise proclaim;  
In Zion is His dwelling place;  
Praise ye the Lord, show forth His grace.*

## 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.**

\*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: I Kings 8:54-61

New Testament Reading: John 17

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People: Thanks be to God!**

### **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! Rev. 4:2*

### **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."  
Rev. 4:8*

**Meditation: Come and Fill**

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

*Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
You alone, O Lord, are holy.  
Come and fill our hearts with your peace.  
Alleluia.  
Sing 2x*

**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 everlasting God, Whose eternal power and divine nature have been seen through the things You have made, we ask for your forgiveness even as we acknowledge that we are without excuse. For although we have known You, we have not honored you as God or given you thanks, but we have become futile in our thinking, and our senseless minds have been darkened. Claiming to be wise, we have become fools. We are prone to envy, strife, deceit, and craftiness; we are gossips, slanderers, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil, faithless, and heartless. We most joyfully confess that You have proven your love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Forgive our sins, we pray, through Him who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification. Amen.*

Based upon Romans 1 and Romans 5

**Private Confession**

**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. Rev. 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.

**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. Rev. 2-4*

**Absolution**

Leader: Hear now God's assurance of pardon:

"For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!" *Hebrews 9:13*

**Communal Prayer**

[Participants may be seated]

**Pastoral Prayer:**

**Prayer for our Members:** Ryan and Abby Hodges

**Special Needs:** Retreat

**Mission to the World: Mexico:** Marty Baas; Ellen Barnett; Kim Boesch; Jason & Evan Borko and Family; Gene and LuAnn Bowman; Rick & Pam Box; Robert & Amy Bristol; John and Kathy Clow and Family; Jody Collinge; Scott and Kathy Craig and Family; Jerry & Peggy Cross; Jon and Susanna Cummings; Peter Dishman; Caleb and Amy Dunn; Dick and Ann Dye; Paul & Dawn Fisher & Family; Joe and Becky Harrell & Family; Jim and Patti Haynie; Donna Jennings; Christie Keplinger; Susanna Kinnick; Corry Moore; Gary and Carol Nantt; Carol Oban; Jenny Palmer; Dick and Sharon Sechler; John and Gail Spence & Family; Tom and Toni Stanton; Susan Sundeen; Keith and Julie Thomas; Larry and Sandy Trotter & Family; Richard and Ramona Wagner; Kenton & Karen Wood & Family; Dan & Becky Young & Family; Moises and Lourdes Zapata-Ruiz & Family

**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." (Mt. 16:19)*

**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: *Alas and Did My Savior Bleed*

*Alas and did my savior bleed  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would He devote that sacred head  
For such a fool as I?*

**-Chorus:** *The strangeness of love, my life in Your death  
In Your brokenness my wholeness revealed  
Your bonds are my freedom, Your sorrow my song  
And by Your wounds I am healed*

*Was it for crimes that I have done  
He groaned upon the tree?  
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!  
And love beyond degree!*  
**-Chorus**

*Well might the sun in darkness hide,  
And shut His glories in,  
When Christ, the mighty Maker, died  
For man the creature's sin.*  
**-Chorus**

*Thus might I hide my blushing face  
While His dear cross appears;  
Dissolve my heart in thankfulness,  
And melt my eyes in tears.*  
**-Chorus**

*But drops of grief can ne'er repay  
The debt of love I owe:  
Here, Lord, I give my self away  
'Tis all that I can do.*  
**-Chorus**

**TAG:** *And by Your wounds I am healed*

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Solomon's Benediction  
[Sermon notes located on page 15]

Rev. David Hutchinson

*54 Now as Solomon finished offering all this prayer and plea to the LORD, he arose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had knelt with hands outstretched toward heaven. 55 And he stood and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 "Blessed be the LORD who has given rest to his people Israel, according to all that he promised. Not one word has failed of all his good promise, which he spoke by Moses his servant. 57 The LORD our God be with us, as he was with our fathers. May he not leave us or forsake us, 58 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep his commandments, his statutes, and his rules, which he commanded our fathers. 59 Let these words of mine, with which I have pleaded before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, and may he maintain the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel, as each day requires, 60 that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God; there is no other. 61 Let your heart therefore be wholly true to the LORD our God, walking in his statutes and keeping his commandments, as at this day."*

I Kings 8:54-61 (ESV)

### 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."*

Rev. 5:1, 9-10

Right after the sermon is a good time to retrieve your children from childcare to experience the Lord's Table, 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

## 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: *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

*Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;  
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.*

*Upon that cross of Jesus my eyes at times can see  
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:  
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,  
The wonders of His glorious love and my unworthiness.*

*I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;  
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss;  
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.*

#### \*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

#### 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."*

Rev. 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.*

#### \*Confession of Faith

Leader: Christians, what do you believe?

People: *I believe that Christ makes intercession for us, by his appearing in our nature continually before the Father in heaven, in the merit of his obedience and sacrifice on earth, declaring his will to have it applied to all believers; answering all accusations against them, and procuring for them quiet of conscience, notwithstanding daily failings, access with boldness to the throne of grace, and acceptance of their persons and services.*

Westminster Larger Catechism #55

#### \*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

Words of Institution

Pastor: Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

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.

Sharing the Bread and Cup

**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 as 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!" Rev. 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.

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.

*Christ is made the sure foundation,  
Christ the Head and Cornerstone,  
Chosen of the Lord and precious,  
Binding all the church in one;  
Holy Zion's help for ever  
And her confidence alone.*

*All that dedicated city,  
Dearly loved of God on high,  
In exultant jubilation  
Pours perpetual melody;  
God the One in Three adoring  
In glad hymns eternally.*

*To this temple, where we call thee,  
Come, O Lord of hosts today:  
With thy wonted loving kindness  
Hear thy people as they pray;  
And thy fullest benediction  
Shed within its walls always.*

*Here vouchsafe to all thy servants  
What they ask of thee to gain,  
What they gain from thee for ever  
With the blessed to retain,  
And hereafter in thy glory  
Evermore with thee to reign.*

*Laud and honor to the Father,  
Laud and honor to the Son,  
Laud and honor to the Spirit,  
Ever Three and ever One,  
One in might, and One in glory,  
While unending ages run.*

**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." Rev. 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 according to the riches of his glory and strengthen you with the power of his Spirit that you may be filled with all the fullness of God in Christ. Amen.

*Ephesians 3:16*

*People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!*

Postlude

## Sermon Notes

### Solomon's Benediction

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Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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