

# 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.*

*We also hope you will join us for **coffee & tea following the worship service.***

*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.**

**CD's** of sermons 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

October 29, 2006

8:30 & 10:30AM

Prelude & Pre-Worship Meditation

Opening Songs of Praise and Worship

*Gracious Spirit*

*Gracious Spirit, Dove Divine,  
Let thy light within me shine;  
All my guilty fears remove,  
Fill me full of heav'n and love.*

*Refrain: Let me never from thee stray,  
Keep me in the narrow way,  
Fill my soul with joy divine,  
Keep me, Lord, for ever thine.*

*Speak thy pard'ning grace to me,  
Set the burdened sinner free;  
Lead me to the Lamb of God,  
Wash me in his precious blood.*

*Refrain*

*Life and peace to me impart;  
Seal salvation on my heart;  
Breathe thyself into my breast,  
Earnest of immortal rest.*

*Refrain*

\* *Hark the Voice of Love and Mercy*

*Hark! the voice of love and mercy  
sounds aloud from Calvary;  
see, it rends the rocks asunder,  
shakes the earth, and veils the sky:  
'It is finished! 'It is finished!'  
hear the dying Savior cry;  
hear the dying Savior cry.*

*'It is finished! O what pleasure  
do the wondrous words afford!  
heavenly blessings without measure  
flow to us from Christ the Lord:  
'It is finished! 'It is finished!'  
hear the dying Savior cry;  
hear the dying Savior cry.*

*Finished all the types and shadows  
of the ceremonial law,  
Finished all that God had promised;  
death and hell no more shall awe;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!  
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!*

*Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs,  
Join to sing the glorious theme;  
all on earth and all in heaven  
join to bless Emmanuel's name:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!  
Glory to the bleeding Lamb!*

\*Congregation Standing

*1. All praise to God, who reigns above,  
The God of all creation,  
The God of wonders, power, and love,  
The God of our salvation!  
With healing balm my soul He fills,  
The God who every sorrow stills,--  
To God all praise and glory!*

*2. What God's almighty power hath made  
His gracious mercy keepeth;  
By morning dawn or evening shade  
His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;  
Within the kingdom of His might  
Lo, all is just and all is right,--  
To God all praise and glory!*

*3. I cried to Him in time of need:  
Lord God, oh, hear my calling!  
For death He gave me life indeed  
And kept my feet from falling.  
For this my thanks shall endless be;  
Oh, thank Him, thank our God, with me,--  
To God all praise and glory!*

*4. The Lord forsaketh not His flock,  
His chosen generation;  
He is their Refuge and their Rock,  
Their Peace and their Salvation.  
As with a mother's tender hand  
He leads His own, His chosen band,--  
To God all praise and glory!*

*5. Ye who confess Christ's holy name,  
To God give praise and glory!  
Ye who the Father's power proclaim,  
To God give praise and glory!  
All idols under foot be trod,  
The Lord is God! The Lord is God!  
To God all praise and glory!*

*6. Then come before His presence now  
And banish fear and sadness;  
To your Redeemer pay your vow  
And sing with joy and gladness:  
Though great distress my soul befell,  
The Lord, my God, did all things well,--  
To God all praise and glory!*

## WORSHIP THROUGH INVOCATION AND ADORATION

\*Call to Worship: Psalm 93

Leader: The Lord reigns, He is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed in majesty and is armed with strength. The world is firmly established; it cannot be moved.

**People:** *Your throne was established long ago; You are from all eternity.*

Leader: The seas have lifted up, O Lord, the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**People:** *Mightier than the thunder of the great waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea- the Lord on high is mighty.*

Leader: Your statutes stand firm; holiness adorns Your house for endless days, O Lord.

\*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: Genesis 28:10-17

New Testament Reading: John 1:35-51

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord!

**People:** *Thanks be to God!*

Meditative Response: *Come and Fill*

*[Please take a moment to reflect on the reading of God's Word]*

*1x Instrumental Meditation*

*2x Sing*

*1x 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!*

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## WORSHIP THROUGH CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Corporate Confession:

*[Participants may kneel or lean forward]*

Leader: Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

**People:** *O Lord our God, who brought to us salvation by a mighty hand as revealed in Christ*

*our Lord, and who made your name renowned even to this day--we confess that we have sinned, we have done wickedly. In view of all your righteous acts, let your anger and wrath, we pray, turn away from us. Because of our sins and the iniquities of our ancestors, we have too often become a disgrace to your name among all our neighbors. Our merciful God, listen to our prayers for your own sake, Lord. Let your face shine upon us, who apart from your Spirit would be desolate of your gracious countenance upon us. Incline your ear, our God, and hear us. For your own sake, forgive us of our sins because of the atonement accomplished by Christ for us, and set us to a course that is more pleasing to you and more profitable to your reputation in our community.*

*(A New Covenant reading of Daniel 9:15-19)*

Congregation Sing:

*God, be merciful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;  
plenteous in compassion thou, blot out my transgression now;  
wash, me make me pure within, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.*

Private Confession

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, <sup>14</sup> 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*

Pastoral Prayer

*[Participants may be seated]*

**Prayer for our Members:** The Gantenbein Family

**Special Needs:**

Javier Valencia – relocating to Florida.

Graduate Students/Professionals – luncheon & Bible studies.

**Mission to the World:** Hungary – Mr. & Mrs. Greg McGinnis

\*Song of Response: By Sovereign Grace

*Lord, we con-fess our man-y faults, how great our guilt has been!  
Our thoughts were vain and full of pride and all our lives were sin.  
But praise our God, for-ev-er praise, for-ev-er love His name,  
who turns our feet from dan-g'rous ways of fol-ly, sin, and shame.*

*He raised us from the depths of sin, the gates of gap-ing hell,  
and fixed our stand-ing more se-cure than 'twas be-fore we fell.  
The arms of ev-er-last-ing love be-neath our hopes be-gin;  
It's by the wat-er and the blood our souls are washed from sin.*

*It's not by works of right-eous-ness which our own hands have done;  
But we are saved by sov-ereign grace a-bound-ing through His son.  
It's from the mer-cy of our God that all our hopes be-gin;  
It's by the wat-er and the blood our souls are washed from sin.*

*It's through the pur-chase of His death who hung up-on the cross,  
the Spir-it is sent down to breathe on such dry bones as us.  
Raised from the dead, we live a-new; And, jus-ti-fied by grace  
we will ap-pear in glo-ry too, and see our fath-er's face.*

\*Congregation Standing

## WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

Sermon: Seeing is Believing!  
[Sermon notes located on page 15]

Rev. Preston Graham

35The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, 36and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" 37The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. 38Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" 39He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. 40One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. 41He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). 42He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter). 43The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." 44Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. 45Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." 47Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no deceit!" 48Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered him, "Before Philip called you, when you were under the fig tree, I saw you." 49Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" 50Jesus answered him, "Because I said to you, 'I saw you under the fig tree,' do you believe? You will see greater things than these." 51And he said to him, "Truly, truly, I say to you, you will see heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

John 1:35-51  
(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

[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.*

*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*

\*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* (#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 the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, who still upholds and rules them by his eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ his Son. I believe that Jesus is the Son of God and saves us from our sins even as salvation cannot be found in anyone else; it is futile to look for any salvation elsewhere. I believe that the Holy Spirit is eternal God and that He has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, He makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.*

[Selections from Heidelberg Catechism]

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.]

\*Congregation Standing

## 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

### *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.

*The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word.  
From heaven He came and sought her  
To be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her  
And for her life He died.*

*Elect from every nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth;  
Her charter of salvation,  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy Name she blesses,  
Partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With every grace endued.*

*Though with a scornful wonder  
Men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder,  
By heresies distressed:  
Yet saints their watch are keeping,  
Their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
Shall be the morn of song!*

*The Church shall never perish!  
Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish,  
Is with her to the end:  
Though there be those who hate her,  
And false sons in her pale,  
Against both foe or traitor  
She ever shall prevail.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Gloria Patri (#735)

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen!*

\*Benediction

Leader: Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

*2 Thessalonians 2:16-17*

***People: Thanks be to God! Hallelujah!***

Postlude

\*Congregation Standing

# Sermon Notes

*John 1:35-51*

Seeing is Believing!

Exposition:

Main Point:

Inferences:

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