

The Lord's Service

September 6, 2020

*Please know that your participation in our service today
may be recorded in our live stream.*

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

God sets the terms for worship because He makes worship possible through Jesus Christ. God also invites us to worship and we find several invitations to worship in Scripture.

Invocation

This prayer addresses God in three persons, asking Him to be present with us in worship to help us worship Him according to His will.

*Call to Worship

Psalm 47.5-6

LEADER: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

PEOPLE: **Sing praises to God, sing praises! Sing praises to our King, sing praises!**

*Hymn of Adoration

*O Worship the King
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*Invocation

Almighty King, Incarnate Word, Holy Comforter, Great One in Three, we do not come today to worship a generic deity, a life force, a philosopher's god, a mere unmoved mover, but the One True God who created heaven and earth out of the superabundant overflow of love among three persons in joyful fellowship, who desired to make creatures in their own image to reflect their glory, and with whom to fellowship. Who acted in time and space to redeem those creatures and to restore them to the glory for which they were created. For the sake of the Son, who bound himself to us that we might be bound to you, please receive our worship today, and purify it by your Spirit. Blessed are you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One God, world without end. Amen.

Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 16.14-21

¹⁴ “Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when it shall no longer be said, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,’ ¹⁵ but ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.’ For I will bring them back to their own land that I gave to their fathers.

¹⁶ “Behold, I am sending for many fishers, declares the Lord, and they shall catch them. And afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. ¹⁷ For my eyes are on all their ways. They are not hidden from me, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. ¹⁸ But first I will doubly repay their iniquity and their sin, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable idols, and have filled my inheritance with their abominations.” ¹⁹ O Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: “Our fathers have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit.

²⁰ Can man make for himself gods? Such are not gods!”

²¹ “Therefore, behold, I will make them know, this once I will make them know my power and my might, and they shall know that my name is the Lord.”

LEADER: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

Tithes and Offerings

Prayer of the Church

Adoration: (Psalm 93.1-2)

For God’s reign, His rule, His sovereignty over great and small

For God’s perfections, His majesty, His beauty

Scripture Lesson

We hear Holy Scripture throughout our time in worship, but this lesson (reading), prepares us for the lesson of the sermon.

Prayer of the Church

We share in our health and sickness, happiness and sorrow, assurance and doubt, as we bring our prayers to God, together. Holy Scripture commands pastors to pray with and for God’s people, not just in corporate worship, but privately, as well.

For God's wisdom, His justice, His holiness

For God's goodness, His power, His grace

Thanksgiving: (Psalm 107.1-3)

For our salvation full and free in Jesus

For God's faithful and abundant provision (materially,
spiritually)

For our church, family, friends, counselors, community

Intercession: (Philippians 4.6-7)

For advance of the Gospel, God's saving health to the
nations

For wisdom, skill and fortitude for those in authority,
healthcare workers

For containment and reversal of COVID –19

For wisdom in how we each may manifest Christ in
plenty and want

For specific requests for others, ourselves

For God's glory alone in all matters

Scripture Lesson

We hear and read Holy
Scripture through the
service, but this lesson
(reading) guides the
sermon.

Scripture Lesson

Mark 1.14-28

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵ and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." ¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him. ²¹ And they went into Capernaum, and immediately on the Sabbath he entered the synagogue and was teaching. ²² And they were astonished at his teaching, for

he taught them as one who had authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ And immediately there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit. And he cried out, ²⁴ “What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are - the Holy One of God.” ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be silent, and come out of him!” ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying out with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ And they were all amazed, so that they questioned among themselves, saying, “What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.” ²⁸ And at once his fame spread everywhere throughout all the surrounding region of Galilee.

Sermon

Pastor John Jones

HIS FAME

*Hymn of Response

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place
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Call to Confession

2 Corinthians 7.1

LEADER: Since we have these promises, beloved,
let us cleanse ourselves from every
defilement of body and spirit,

PEOPLE: **Bringing holiness to completion in the
fear of God.**

Corporate Confession of Sin (in unison)

Merciful God,
You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You.
We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy.
We have not loved You with a pure heart,
nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves.
We have not done justice, loved kindness,

Sermon

A preacher is commanded to faithfully steward God's Holy Scripture by submitting to it, studying it, and expositing it (holding it forth), bearing witness to Jesus, by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Call to Confession

As we worship God we cannot help but see how we have fallen short of His glory. His Holy Scripture reveal this to us and points our heart towards confession.

Corporate Confession of Sin

We sin in thought, word, and deed every week. Our prayer includes time for silent confession, but also confession as a family of individuals equally in need of God's grace.

or walked humbly with You, our God.
 Have mercy on us, O God, in Your loving-kindness.
 In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.
 Create in us a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within us.
 Do not cast us from Your presence
 or take your Holy Spirit from us.
 Restore to us the joy of Your salvation
 and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

God's Holy Scripture reminds us not only of who we are as sinners, but also assures us of who we are as Christians united to Jesus in His death and resurrection.

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 32.1-2

LEADER: Lift up your heads and hear the Good News:

“Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.”

The peace of the Lord be with you!

PEOPLE: And also with you!

Confession of Faith

By confessing our faith together using statements believed by Christians over the ages, we join in the sweep of Christian history even as we await the return of Jesus.

***Confession of Faith (in unison)**

Apostles' Creed

LEADER: Christian, what do you believe?

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
 Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 He descended into hell.**

The third day He rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
 and is seated at the right hand of
 God the Father Almighty.**

From there He will come to judge the
living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic[†] church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

[†] "catholic" -- universal

*Gloria Patri No. 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.

Instruction and Prayer

*Please approach the table from the outer aisles and return
to your pew through the middle aisle.*

The Institution

Distribution Hymns *How Deep the Father's Love for Us*
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Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross
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Hymn *Amazing Grace, vs. 1-3, 6*

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

*When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

Benediction

Just as God calls us to
worship at the beginning of
the service with Holy
Scripture, He sends us into
our week with a Holy
Scripture reminder (*a good
word*) of the blessing of
Christ, by God's grace,
through the indwelling
Spirit.

***Benediction**

Pastor Jones

Closing Greetings

Postlude

O Worship the King

1. O wor - ship the King all - glo - rious a - bove, O grate - ful - ly
 2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the
 3. The earth with its store of won - ders un - told, Al - might - y, your
 4. Your boun - ti - ful care what tongue can re - cite? It breathes in the

sing his pow'r and his love; our shield and De - fend - er, the
 light, whose can - o - py space. His char - iots of wrath the deep
 pow'r has found - ed of old; has 'stab - lished it fast by a
 air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it de -

An - cient of Days, pa - vil - ioned in splen - dor and gird - ed with praise.
 thun - der - clouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
 change - less de - cree, and round it has cast, like a man - tle, the sea.
 scends to the plain; and sweet - ly dis - tils in the dew and the rain.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
 in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
 your mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
 our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

6. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love!
 While angels delight to hymn you above,
 the humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
 with true adoration shall lisp to your praise.

Based on Psalm 104
 Robert Grant, 1833
 Mod.

LYONS 10.10.11.
 Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806
 Arr. in William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

G C G C Am G D G

1. My faith has found a rest - ing place, from guilt my soul is freed;
 2. E - nough for me that Je - sus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;
 3. My heart is lean - ing on the Word, the writ - ten Word of God;
 4. My great Phy - si - cian heals the sick, the lost he came to save;

C G C Am G D G

I trust the ev - er - liv - ing One, his wounds for me shall plead.
 a sin - ful soul I come to him, he'll nev - er cast me out.
 sal - va - tion by my Sav - ior's name, sal - va - tion thro' his blood.
 for me his pre - cious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.

REFRAIN
G D G C Am G D

I need no oth - er ar - gu - ment, I need no oth - er plea,

D7 G C G C Am G D G

it is e - nough that Je - sus died, and that he died for me.

Lidie H. Edmunds, 1891
 Alt. 1990

LANDAS C.M.ref.
 André Grétry, 1741-1831
 Arr. by William J. Kirkpatrick, 1891

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure;
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away;
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death, and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart:
His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross; there a pre - cious foun - tain,
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4. Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

free to all— a heal - ing stream— flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 there the Bright and Morn - ing Star shed its beams a - round me.
 help me walk from day to day with its sha - dow o'er me.
 till I reach the gold - en strand just be - yond the riv - er.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glo - ry ev - er;

till my rap - tured soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

SERMON NOTES

Mission Statement of CPC

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors
by making Christ known in all of life.*

Vision Statement of CPC

*Covenant Presbyterian Church exists to love God and our neighbors
by reverently and winsomely proclaiming the salvation we have received from Christ,
the union we enjoy with Him, and the restoration He brings to all things.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ‡ **WELCOME!** We are glad you chose to worship with us today.
- ‡ We value your child's presence and desire for him or her to remain in the worship service. If your child becomes restless during the service, a soundproof room is available in the transept area where you may sit with your child, if necessary.
- ‡ We invite you to join us next week, as Pastor Jones is preaching on Mark 1.29-45.
- ‡ **Reminder to Check-In for Worship** - Be sure to visit www.cpcchatt.org to check-in your planned attendance for either of the two services offered next Sunday, September 13. The check-in form goes "live" immediately following this morning's worship service and remains open until Friday, September 11. Check-in helps the church adequately plan for your safety and printing bulletins.
- ‡ **September 16 - Children's Ministry Barnyard Bash** - Calling all farmers! You are invited to our second Fall Family Fellowship on the front lawn of CPC from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Join us for a fun night filled with a petting zoo, hayrides, and more! Farmer and animal costumes welcome! This is a family event, so come prepared to participate with your children. Please remind your children about the importance of social distancing and proper hygiene during the activities. This event is weather permitting, so please be sure to check the church website and Facebook page for updates. For more information, contact Crystal Middleton at cmiddleton@cpcchatt.org.
- ‡ **October 16-18 - Women's Ministry Fall Retreat** - The Women's Ministry is planning a Fall Retreat at Chesnut Bay Resort in Leesburg, Alabama. Theme: Reflecting God's Glory by Loving One Another Through Steadfastness and Availability. Cost: \$80. For more information or to register please visit cpcchatt.org. Contact Linda Lander for more information at lindalander49@yahoo.com.
- ‡ Thank you for the many prayers, cards, calls, food, and other expressions of kindness shown to our family at the passing of my mother. Mark & Cindy Donaldson and Family.

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