

# Lord's Day Worship June 2, 2024

Service of Thanksgiving on our Fifth Anniversary

#### **WELCOME**

During Christian worship we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. *Our contact with the holy is not merely an encounter* with a different dimension of reality; it is the meeting with Absolute Reality. Christianity is not about involvement with religious experience as a tangent. It involves a meeting with a holy God.1

#### GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude: The Earth and Its Riches (Psalm 24) set to the traditional Welsh melody Joanna (St. Denio)

O who shall the mount of the LORD God ascend? O gates lift your heads! Ancient doors lift them high! And who in the place of his holiness stand? The man of pure heart and of hands without stain, who swears not to idols, nor serves what is vain.

The great King of glory to enter draws nigh! O who is the King that in glory draws near? The LORD, mighty LORD of the battle, is here!

#### CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 122:1–2

Minister: I was glad when they said to me,

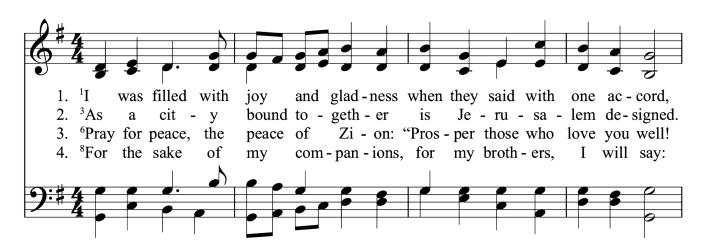
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!"

Our feet have been standing Church:

within your gates, O Jerusalem!

# **PSALM OF ADORATION**

#### I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness 122A



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> R.C. Sproul, The Holiness of God (Peabody, Massachusetts: Hendrickson, 2010), 144, 146.



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#### THE PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts
as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

# CONFESSION OF FAITH: WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM<sup>2</sup> AND HEIDELBERG CATECHISM<sup>3</sup> QUESTIONS 1

Minister: What is the chief end of man?

Church: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Church: That I am not my own,

but belong-body and soul, in life and in death-

to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood,

and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil.

He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven;

in fact, all things must work together for my salvation.

Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit,

also assures me of eternal life

and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready

from now on to live for him.

#### **OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 54:1–5**

"Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;

break forth into singing and cry aloud,

you who have not been in labor!

For the children of the desolate one will be more

than the children of her who is married," says the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> "Enlarge the place of your tent,

and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;

do not hold back; lengthen your cords

and strengthen your stakes.

<sup>3</sup> For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left, and your offspring will possess the nations

and will people the desolate cities.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> In 1643, the English Parliament convened an assembly at Westminster Abbey to advise them on how to reform the Church of England. The Assembly produced three documents: a Confession of Faith, Larger Catechism, and Shorter Catechism, which ultimately were not adopted by the Church of England but were adopted by the Church of Scotland and the Presbyterian churches in America as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Bible.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The Heidelberg Catechism (1563), produced by the Reformed churches on the continent of Europe, was one of the earliest confessions of the Reformation. It is loved for how it warmly states the doctrines of the Bible.

<sup>4</sup> "Fear not, for you will not be ashamed; be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced; for you will forget the shame of your youth, and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.
 <sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband, the Lord of hosts is his name; and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer, the God of the whole earth he is called.

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION<sup>4</sup>

All: Most Holy and merciful Father,
we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature,
which is prone to evil and slothful in good,
and all our shortcomings and offenses.
You alone know how often we have sinned:
in wandering from Your ways,
in wasting Your gifts,
and in forgetting Your love.
But You, O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Teach us to hate our errors;
cleanse us from our secret faults;
and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son.
Holy and loving Father, help us, we beseech You,
to live in Your light and walk in Your ways,
according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Adapted from the Presbyterian Book of Common Worship (1946)

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON: PSALM 103:8-14

The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

<sup>9</sup>He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever.

<sup>10</sup> He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

<sup>11</sup> For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

12 as far as the east is from the west,

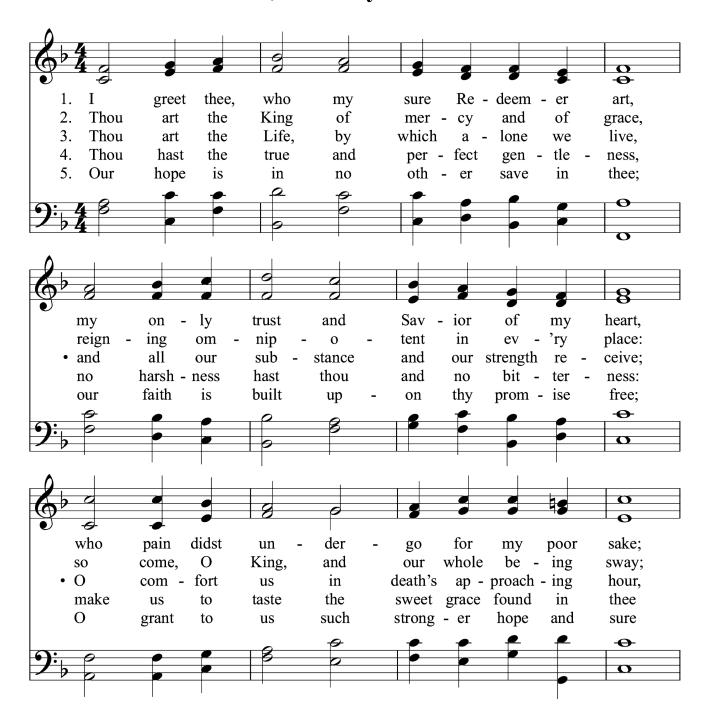
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> In our prayer of confession, we are honest with God, with ourselves, and with each other about who God is and who we are, confessing to Him that He is holy, righteous, just, and loving; and that we are not; yet, we are trusting in His mercy and grace available in Jesus Christ. We then have the joy of hearing God's Word say that He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins when we confess (1 John 1:9). And we have the joy of responding in song.

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

- <sup>13</sup> As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.
- <sup>14</sup> For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.

#### **HYMN OF CONFESSION**

# 282 I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art





Strasbourg Psalter, 1545 Tr. Elizabeth L. Smith, 1868; alt. 1961 TOULON 10.10.10.10. Genevan Psalter, 1551

#### **GREET ONE ANOTHER**

As the Apostle Paul encouraged churches to "Greet one another" (Romans 16:16, 1 Corinthians 16:20, 2 Corinthians 13:12, 1 Thessalonians 5:26), please greet those around you, and please introduce yourself to anyone you do not know.

#### PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

Christ intercedes for His church in prayer (John 17; Luke 23:34; Hebrews 7:25), and He gives His church the ministry of praying "with each other for each other" as well praying for the community in which our church is placed (1 Timothy 2:1–4). We also use this time to pray for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world (Matthew 6:10).

#### **NEW TESTAMENT READING: MATTHEW 16:13–16**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup> And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup> He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup> Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

#### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Dr. Peter Y. Lee Professor of Old Testament & Dean of Students Reformed Theological Seminary, Washington D.C. Minister in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

## **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

# His Mercy Is More



#### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Meditation: At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing a Latin hymn from the 6th Century set to St. George's Windsor

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, who has washed us in the tide flowing from his pierced side; praise we him whose love divine gives his sacred blood for wine, gives his body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; with sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath thee lie; death is conquered in the fight, thou hast brought us life and light: hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to thee we raise; holy Father, praise to thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

#### **Sermon Notes**

#### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

During our prayer of thanksgiving, we express our thankfulness for what the Lord has provided, and we ask him to use our tithes and offerings to advance his kingdom and provide for those in need. Our church has three opportunities to give: (1) over the internet, (2) the collection box on the back table, or (3) by mail. Please see the announcements page for details.

#### HYMN OF THANKSGIVING



Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M. Louis Bourgeois, 1551

#### BENEDICTION: EPHESIANS 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, <sup>21</sup> to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Leadership.** Christ Presbyterian is served by the following leaders:

- Teaching Elder: Porter Harlow
- Ruling Elders: Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Michael Hornbuckle, David Och, Wade Woo
- Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Bethany Fernandez, Kristy Hatch, and Lee Ann Hudak
- Pastoral Intern: Robert Hasler

**Giving.** You may support the work of the Lord by giving in the following ways.

- Internet. Go to <a href="https://cpcburke.org/support">https://cpcburke.org/support</a> or you may scan this QR Code.
- Offering Box. You may place your offering in the wooden box on the back table. Offering boxes were used in Old Testament synagogues (Luke 21:1–4). The ancient church continued to use them. Most churches eliminated them when they made the collection part of the worship service. During the Reformation, some churches returned to the practice. With the increasing use of electronic giving, many churches are returning to the Biblical precedent of offering boxes.



#### **Recurring Events**

- **Sunday School** meets after worship. Children 0-3 meet in the nursery. Pre-K to 5th graders meet in the pod outside the nursery before breaking into their classes. 6th to 12th meets in the band room. Adult Sunday School meets in the cafeteria.
- Small Groups
  - Wednesday Small Group meets weekly at 7:30 pm in the Hudak home.
  - o Friday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Fridays at 6:00 pm in a rotating home.
  - o Sunday Small Group meets on 2d and 4th Sundays at 4:00 pm in a rotating home.
- Church Fellowship Meals on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- Men's Breakfast meets on the second Saturday of each month.
- Women's Fellowship. The Women's Ministry meets on the third Saturday of each month.

**Missions We Support.** Please pray for the missions we support.

- Church Planting in DC Area. One Voice Fellowship, pastored by Chris Sicks, is a multilingual church on mission to reach ethnic and religious minorities in Falls Church.
- Church Planting in Dearborn, Michigan. Jerry Riendeau is preparing to plant in Dearborn, Michigan, home to the largest Arabic speaking population outside the Middle East.
- Church Planting in England. Oxford Presbyterian Church is a church being planted by in Oxford, England, by Andy Young.
- Church Planting in Japan. <u>Jason & Ai Kueh</u> are PCA missionaries planting in Shin-Urayasu, a Tokyo suburb. Jason is also ordained in the Presbyterian Church in Japan.
- **Church Planting in East Asia.** We support a PCA missionary who is training pastors in East Asia as part of a church planting movement underway there.
- **Reformed University Fellowship-International at GMU.** Pastor <u>Matthew DeLong</u> and staff member <u>Janelle Grove</u> are on mission to reach international students at GMU.

#### **Mercy Ministries We Support**

- The Lamb Center is a daytime homeless shelter sharing the love of Christ in Fairfax.
- Assist Pregnancy Center. <u>Assist</u> has a mission "to promote life through Christ to those vulnerable to abortion."

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