

# Lord's Day Worship April 27, 2025

#### **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: Here Is Love Vast As the Ocean, original words in Welsh by

William Rees (1802–83), translated by William Edwards (1848–1929), additional words by Matt Boswell, Keith Getty, Kirsten

Getty (2024), music composed by Robert Lowry (1876)

Here is love vast as the ocean,
Loving-kindness as the flood,
When the Prince of Life, our ransom,
Shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember?
Who can cease to sing His praise?
He can never be forgotten
Throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion
Fountains opened deep and wide
Through the floodgates of God's mercy
Flowed a vast and gracious tide
Grace and love like mighty rivers
Poured incessant from above
Heav'n's peace and perfect justice
Kissed a quilty world in love.

# CALL TO WORSHIP: ROMANS 10:9–17

Leader: Because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and

believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved...For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." <sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach

the good news!"

Church: <sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of

Christ.

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

### **PSALM OF ADORATION**

# Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



### 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: NICENE CREED<sup>2</sup>

All: We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds: God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God; begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made; who, for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate: He suffered and was buried; and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven. and is seated at the right hand of the Father; and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And we believe one holy catholic<sup>3</sup> and apostolic church.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Nicene Creed (AD 325, 381) is the ancient church's statement on what the Scriptures teach about God: that he is a Trinity of God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit: co-equal and co-eternal persons inside the Godhead.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> The word "catholic" derives from the Greek word *katholikos*, which means universal. The catholic church is the universal church, which is invisible, consisting of all Christians in every church that have been, are, or shall be gathered under Christ the Head. See Westminster Confession of Faith 25:1. The Nicene Creed

We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins; and we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### READING OF THE LAW: EXODUS 20:1–20

Minister: And God spoke all these words, saying, <sup>2</sup> "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

Church: "You shall have no other gods before me.

Minister: "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup> You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

Church: "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Minister: "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. <sup>9</sup> Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, <sup>10</sup> but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the LORD your God. On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates. <sup>11</sup> For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day. Therefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

Church: "Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

Minister: "You shall not murder.

Church: "You shall not commit adultery.

Minister: "You shall not steal.

Church: "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: "You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor's."

predates the church's division into the Western (Roman Catholic) Church and the Eastern (Orthodox) Church or the Reformation of the Western Church that came much later.

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

All: Almighty, everlasting God and Father,
we acknowledge and confess
that we indeed were conceived and born in sin
and, therefore, inclined to do evil, and slow to do good;
that we unceasingly transgress your holy commandments,
and corrupt ourselves more and more.
But we are sorry for this and desire your grace and help.
Therefore, have mercy upon us, most gracious and merciful Father,
through your Son our Lord Jesus Christ.
Grant to us and increase in us your Holy Spirit,
so that we may recognize our sin and unrighteousness,
feel true contrition and grief for them,
die to them completely, and
please you wholly in a new, godly life. Amen.

Martin Bucer (1491-1551)<sup>5</sup>

### Assurance of Pardon: Hebrews 10:12–17

But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, <sup>13</sup> waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. <sup>14</sup> For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. <sup>15</sup> And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

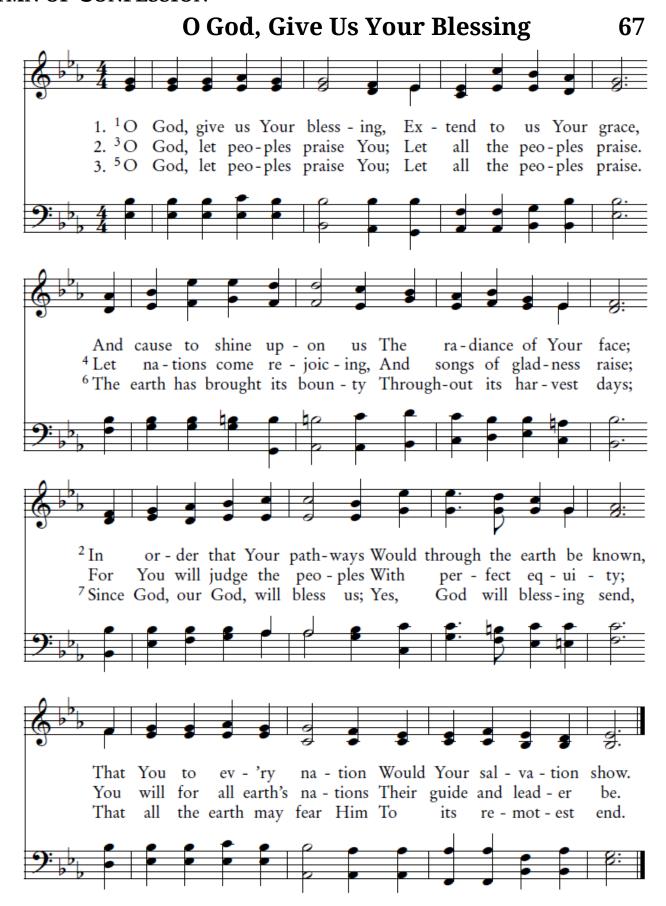
16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord:
I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

<sup>17</sup> then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

<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 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.-

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Jonathan Gibson, *Be Thou My Vision: A Liturgy for Daily Worship* (Wheaton, Crossway: 2021).

# **HYMN OF CONFESSION**



Samuel S. Wesley, 1825 AURELIA 76.76 D

### **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 use this time to greet those around you.

### **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).

# **NEW TESTAMENT READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:1–6**

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

<sup>2</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>3</sup>I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, <sup>4</sup> always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, <sup>5</sup> because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

#### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

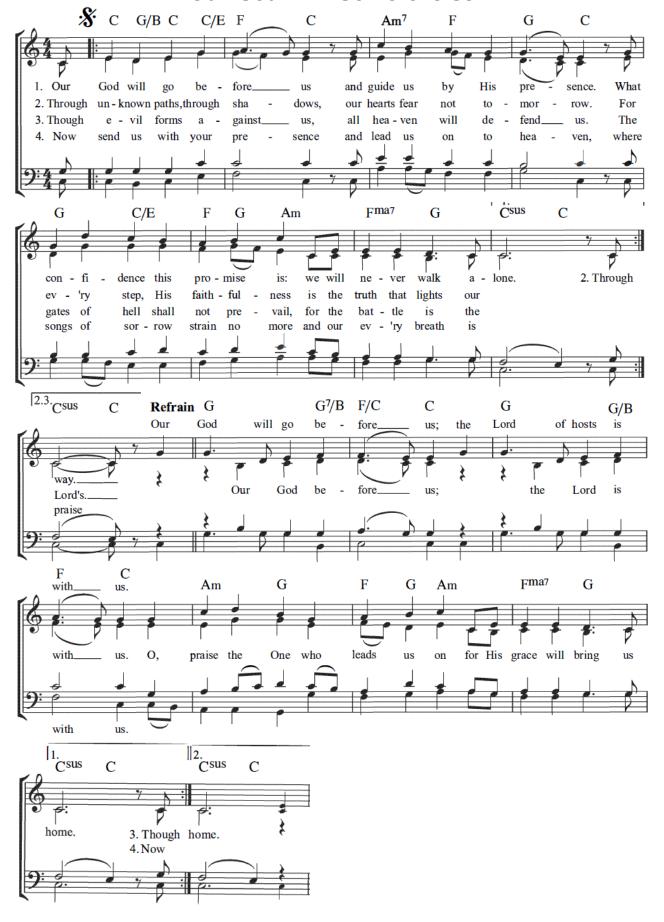
### The Transforming Power of Fellowship in Christ

By Jason Kueh

Pastor at Shin-Urayasu Grace Church, a partnership between the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA) and the Presbyterian Church in Japan (PCJ)

### **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

### Our God Will Go Before Us



### SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### Meditation: How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place by Isaac Watts (1707) set to ST COLUMBA

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, while everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?

"Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there's room, when thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?" 'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come; send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race may, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

**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



### 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: Brett Bloom, Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Nathanel Achor, Gunnar Conrow, David Och, Christopher Robertson, Wade Woo, Chuck Virts
- 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.
- boxes were used in Old Testament synagogues (Luke 21:1–4). The early 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, and with the increasing use of electronic giving, many churches are returning to the Biblical precedent of offering boxes.



- First Sunday Fellowship Meals on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- Sunday School. On all Sundays not the first of the month, we offer Sunday School after
  worship starting at 11:05 AM for children ages 0-3 in the nursery, Pre-K to K next to the nursery,
  1st to 5th grades meet in the pods outside the nursery before breaking into their 2 classes,
  Middle and High School meet in the band room on the other side of the sanctuary wall, and the
  adults meet in sanctuary.
- 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.
- Men's Breakfast meets on the second Saturday of each month.
- Women's Fellowship. The Women's Bible Study 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 <u>Andy Young</u>.
- 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.
- Reformed University Fellowship-International at University of Alabama, Birmingham. Our own Joanna will be serving as an intern for <u>RUF-I at UAB</u>.

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

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

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