

# Lord's Day Worship August 10, 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: I Will at All Times Bless the LORD, Psalm 34 of David (EUPHEMIA)

# CALL TO WORSHIP: PSALM 30:1-2, 4-5

Minister: I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

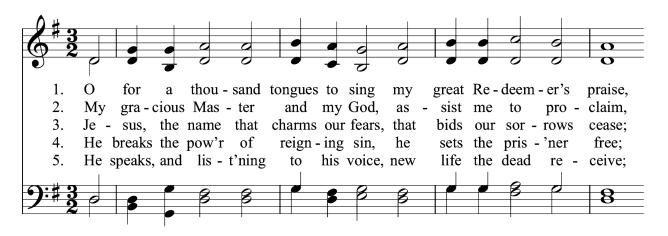
- <sup>2</sup>O Lord my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.
- <sup>4</sup> Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.
- <sup>5</sup> For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime.

Church: Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.

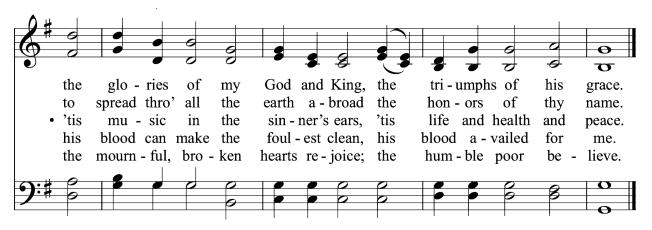
# **HYMN OF ADORATION**

# O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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



- 6. Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ; ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.
- 7. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n; by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

Charles Wesley, 1739; alt. Alt. 1961

AZMON C.M. Carl G. Gläser, 1828 Arr. by Lowell Mason, 1839

# 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.

<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.

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

# OLD TESTAMENT READING: ISAIAH 42:1–9

Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him;

he will bring forth justice to the nations.

- <sup>2</sup>He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;
- <sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench; he will faithfully bring forth justice.
- <sup>4</sup>He will not grow faint or be discouraged till he has established justice in the earth; and the coastlands wait for his law.
- <sup>5</sup>Thus says God, the Lord, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it:
- 6 "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations,
- to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness.

8 I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols.
9 Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them."

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

All: O Lord, in Whose hands are life and death, by Whose power I am sustained, and by whose power I am spared, look down upon me with pity.

Forgive me that I have until now so much neglected the duty which you have assigned to me, and suffered the days and hours of which I must give account.

Make me to remember, O God, that every day is Your gift, and ought to be used according to Your command.

Grant me, therefore, so to repent of my negligence, that I may obtain mercy from You, and pass the time which you shall yet allow me in diligent performance of Your commands, through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Samuel Johnson (1709–1784)

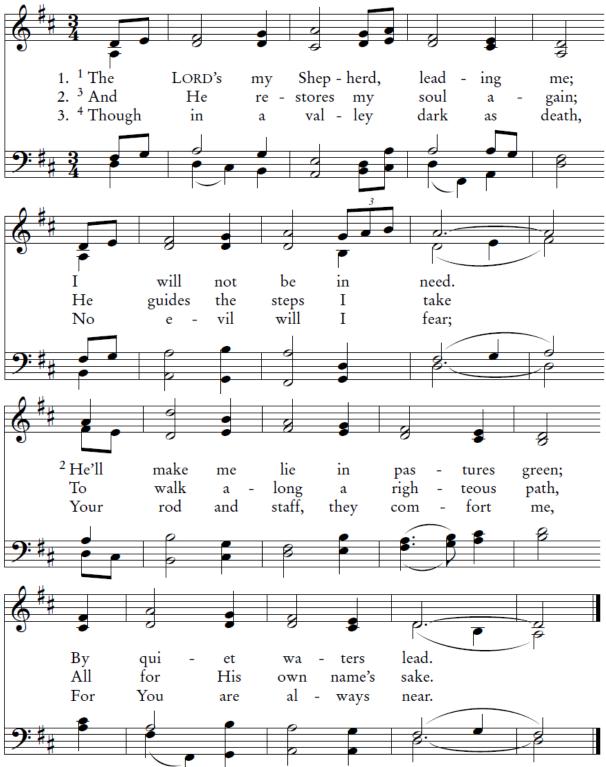
# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON: 1 PETER 2:24–25**

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

<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.

# **PSALM OF CONFESSION**

# The LORD'S My Shepherd, Psalm 23



- 4. <sup>5</sup> A feast You have prepared for me In sight of all my foes; And You anoint my head with oil, My full cup overflows.
- 6 What love and goodness all my life Will follow after me; And in the LORD's house evermore My dwelling place will be.

## **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.

## **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: LUKE 18:31–43**

And taking the twelve, he said to them, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written about the Son of Man by the prophets will be accomplished. <sup>32</sup> For he will be delivered over to the Gentiles and will be mocked and shamefully treated and spit upon. <sup>33</sup> And after flogging him, they will kill him, and on the third day he will rise." <sup>34</sup> But they understood none of these things. This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.

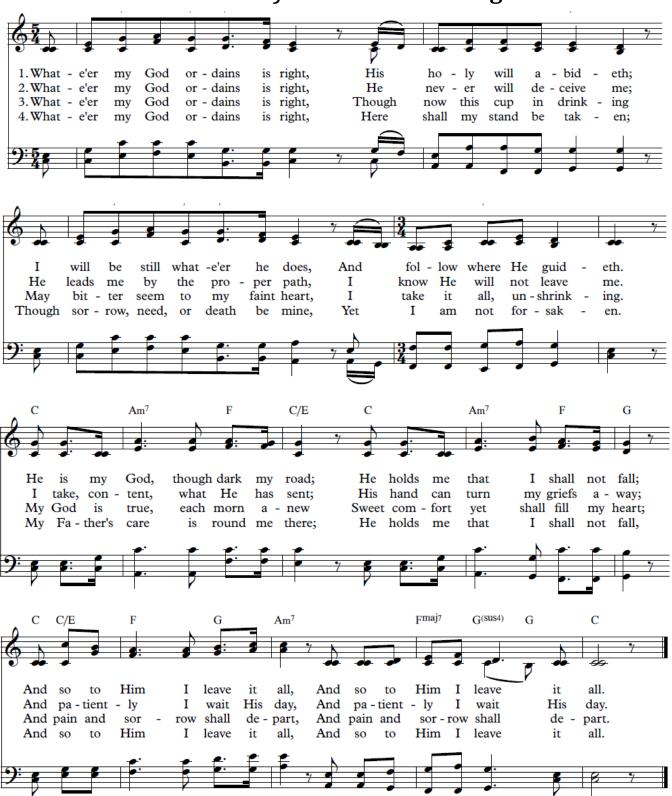
As he drew near to Jericho, a blind man was sitting by the roadside begging. <sup>36</sup> And hearing a crowd going by, he inquired what this meant. <sup>37</sup> They told him, "Jesus of Nazareth is passing by." <sup>38</sup> And he cried out, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>39</sup> And those who were in front rebuked him, telling him to be silent. But he cried out all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!" <sup>40</sup> And Jesus stopped and commanded him to be brought to him. And when he came near, he asked him, <sup>41</sup> "What do you want me to do for you?" He said, "Lord, let me recover my sight." <sup>42</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Recover your sight; your faith has made you well." <sup>43</sup> And immediately he recovered his sight and followed him, glorifying God. And all the people, when they saw it, gave praise to God.

# PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Waiting upon the Lord:
Considering why the Lord May Delay
Porter Harlow
Minister

# **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

# Whate'er My God Ordains is Right



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Music: Matt Merker, Keith Getty

# SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

The Lord Jesus Christ invites all of His followers to commune with Him at His table. If you have publicly professed your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and are a communing member in good standing with one of His faithful churches, then you are invited.

Each row will be invited to come forward. You may put your hands out, and the server will put the bread into your hands. Partake of the bread, then move to receive and partake of the cup.

If you have children who have not yet professed faith and been admitted as communing members of a Christian church, you are invited to bring them up with you, not to receive the Supper, but so that our officers may pray for the Lord's covenant blessings upon them as members of the household of God.

If you are not yet a follower of Christ, we are glad that you are here, but God's Word says in 1 Corinthians 11 that you should not partake of this meal until you become His follower and recognize what this meal represents: His sacrifice for the sins of those who follow him. Instead of receiving the meal, we invite you to remain in your seat during the meal and receive Christ as he has made come to you in the reading and preaching of His Word today. If you would like to become a member of this church and celebrate this meal with us in the future, please speak to our pastor or one of our elders. They would love to hear your story!

# Meditation: *Great is Thy Faithfulness*, by Thomas O. Chisholm (1923) set to the tune FAITHFULNESS by William Runyon (1923)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
As thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is thy faithfulness,
Great is thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hast provided;
Great is thy faithfulness,
Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine and ten thousand beside.
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Morning by morning new mercies I see.
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Lord unto me.

# **Sermon Notes**

Waiting upon the Lord: Considering Why the Lord May Delay Luke 18:31–43

I. He May Suddenly Display His Power (Luke 2:36–38)
II. He May Be Changing Us (Luke 18:35–43)
III. He May Be Changing Others (Luke 18:1–8)
IV. He May Answer—Differently (Psalm 30)
V. He Is Not Unmoved (v.31–34)

#### 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 Elders: Porter Harlow and Robert Hasler
- Ruling Elders: Brett Bloom, Scott Hatch, Kevin Horrigan, David Hudak, and Philip Lee
- Deacons: Nathanael Achor, Gunnar Conrow, David Och, Christopher Robertson, Wade Woo, Chuck Virts
- Women's Ministry Leadership Team: Bethany Fernandez, Kristy Hatch, and Lee Ann Hudak

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 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.

#### **Recurring Events**

- First Sunday Fellowship Meals on the first Sunday of the month after worship.
- Sunday School. Sunday School is on Summer Vacation, but during the school year 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 (schedule subject to change in summer)
  - 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 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.
- Reformed University Fellowship-International at University of Alabama, Birmingham. Our own Joanna Woo is serving as an intern for RUF-I at UAB.

## **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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