



**Christ**  
Presbyterian  
**Church**

**Sunday, February 20, 2022**



## Welcome

Whether you're a regular part of our church family or are attending a service for the first time, we're glad that you're with us today.

Although the Montgomery County mask mandate will be lifted on February 21, masks remain required for public schools; we kindly ask that you wear a mask for the duration of the service.

## Reflection

Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs... With regard to dress, food and manner of life in general, they follow the customs of whatever city they happen to be living in, whether it is Greek or foreign. And yet there is something extraordinary about their lives... They live in poverty, but enrich many; they are totally destitute, but possess an abundance of everything.

*Letter to Diognetus, late 2nd century AD*

## Call to Worship – Revelation 5

Liturgist: Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll sealed with seven seals and a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" No one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll. The Lamb went and took the scroll from the hand of him who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb. And they sang a new song, saying,

*ALL: Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, and you made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth*

## Prayer of Adoration (Concluded by 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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.*

## All People that on Earth Do Dwell

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.

The Lord ye know is God indeed; without our aid he did us make;  
We are his folk, he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto;  
Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good, His mercy is forever sure;  
His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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## Praise to The Lord, The Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been, granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee;  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him.  
Let the amen sound from His people again; gladly for aye we adore Him.

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## Scripture Reading – Ephesians 2:11-14

<sup>11</sup> Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands—<sup>12</sup> remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world.<sup>13</sup> But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

## Confession of Sin

Liturgist: God of all nations, we praise you that in Christ the barriers that have separated humanity are torn down.

*ALL: Yet we confess our slowness to open our hearts and minds to people of other lands, tongues, and races.*

Liturgist: We have harbored sin in our hearts toward those who seem to be on the other side, the other team, the other party. We have not sought freedom for the oppressed, even though you have freed us. We have not bound up the broken even though you have healed us.

*ALL: We have relied on our own achievements, pedigree, and behavior more than the justifying work of Christ for our sense of significance and security. We have not honored the image of God in our brothers and sisters who look different from us.*

Liturgist: Merciful Father, forgive us our sins of prejudice and apathy toward the poor, the oppressed, and the brokenhearted.

*ALL: By your Spirit, help us to remember that our sins have been fully paid for by Christ's death and that we have power to live differently because of his resurrection. Gracious Father, move us toward the day when all are truly one in Jesus Christ. Amen.*

## Private Confession

## Words of Encouragement – Ephesians 2:17-22

Liturgist: And [Christ] came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

*ALL: In Christ we are joined together and grow into a holy temple in the Lord. In him, we also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.*

## I Will Glory In My Redeemer

I will glory in my Redeemer, whose priceless blood has ransomed me;  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails, and hung Him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who crushed the power of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the holy Judge, the Lamb who is my righteousness;  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.

I will glory in my Redeemer, my life He bought my love He owns.  
I have no longings for another, I'm satisfied in Him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, His faithfulness my standing place  
Though foes are mighty and rush up on me, my feet are firm held by His grace;  
My feet are firm held by His grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer, who carries me on eagle's wings;  
He crowns my life with loving kindness, His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
I will glory in my Redeemer, who waits for me at gates of gold;  
And when He calls me it will be paradise, His face forever to behold;  
His face forever to behold.

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## Congregational Prayer

### Scripture Reading – Genesis 39:1-20

<sup>1</sup> Now Joseph had been brought down to Egypt, and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, had bought him from the Ishmaelites who had brought him down there. <sup>2</sup> The LORD was with Joseph, and he became a successful man, and he was in the house of his Egyptian master. <sup>3</sup> His master saw that the LORD was with him and that the LORD caused all that he did to succeed in his hands. <sup>4</sup> So Joseph found favor in his sight and attended him, and he made him overseer of his house and put him in charge of all that he had. <sup>5</sup> From the time that he made him overseer in his house and over all that he had, the LORD blessed the Egyptian's house for Joseph's sake; the blessing of the LORD was on all that he had, in house and field. <sup>6</sup> So he left all that he had in Joseph's charge, and because of him he had no concern about anything but the food he ate.

Now Joseph was handsome in form and appearance. <sup>7</sup> And after a time his master's wife cast her eyes on Joseph and said, "Lie with me." <sup>8</sup> But he refused and said to his master's wife, "Behold, because of me my master has no concern about anything in the house, and he has put everything that he has in my charge. <sup>9</sup> He is not greater in this house than I am, nor has he kept back anything from me except you, because you are his wife. How then can I do this great wickedness and sin against God?" <sup>10</sup> And as she spoke to Joseph day after day, he would not listen to her, to lie beside her or to be with her.

<sup>11</sup> But one day, when he went into the house to do his work and none of the men of the house was there in the house, <sup>12</sup> she caught him by his garment, saying, "Lie with me." But he left his garment in her hand and fled and got out of the house. <sup>13</sup> And as soon as she saw that he had left his garment in her hand and had fled out of the house, <sup>14</sup> she called to the men of her household and said to them, "See, he has brought among us a Hebrew to laugh at us. He came in to me to lie with me, and I cried out with a loud voice. <sup>15</sup> And as soon as he heard that I lifted up my voice and cried out, he left his garment beside me and fled and got out of the house." <sup>16</sup> Then she laid up his garment by her until his master came home, <sup>17</sup> and she told him the same story, saying, "The Hebrew servant, whom you have brought among us, came in to me to laugh at me. <sup>18</sup> But as soon as I lifted up my voice and cried, he left his garment beside me and fled out of the house."

<sup>19</sup> As soon as his master heard the words that his wife spoke to him, "This is the way your servant treated me," his anger was kindled. <sup>20</sup> And Joseph's master took him and put him into the prison, the place where the king's prisoners were confined, and he was there in prison.

## **Children's Recessional**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Machiela, Room 135
- 1<sup>st</sup> – 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Mr. and Mrs. Haroun, Room 139
- PreK- Kindergarten: Mr. and Mrs. Lee, Room 178

## **Sermon – Exploitation**

Outline:

1. Exploitation based on race and social status
2. False accusations about the same
3. Exploitation turned to generosity by the greater Joseph

Figure A.

### Exploit

Noun: a notable deed or heroic act (the pilot's daring *exploit*)

Verb 1: to make use of (to *exploit* your opponent's weakness)

Verb 2: to make use of meanly or unfairly for one's own advantage  
(to *exploit* migrant farm workers by paying unfair wages)

Figure B.

Psalm 105:17-18 Joseph was sold as a slave. His feet were hurt with fetters; his neck was put in a collar of iron.

Figure C.

Genesis 43:32 (Amplified Version)

So the servants served Joseph by himself [in honor of his rank], and his brothers by themselves, and the Egyptians who ate with him by themselves, because [according to custom] the Egyptians could not eat food with the Hebrews, for that is loathsome to the Egyptians.

Figure D.

For that some should rule and others be ruled is a thing not only necessary, but expedient; from the hour of their birth, some are marked out for subjection, others for rule.

Aristotle, *Politics*, Book V, 350 B.C.

Figure E.

Which is your tendency:

Are you too slow to believe reports of exploitation and discrimination?

Or, are you too quick to believe them?

Figure F.

Genesis 41:42 Then Pharaoh clothed Joseph in garments of fine linen and put a gold chain about his neck.



## **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

Christ Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel, to receive the Holy Communion with us. Baptized children are welcome to receive Communion after they profess faith and are received as communicant members. If you are not able to receive Communion, please speak with Pastor Matt after the service to learn how to receive Jesus Christ.

## **Come People of the Risen King**

Come, people of the Risen King, who delight to bring Him praise;  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing, to the Morning Star of grace.  
From the shifting shadows of the earth, we will lift our eyes to Him,  
Where steady arms of mercy reach, to gather children in.

### *Refrain*

Rejoice, Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice; O Church of Christ, rejoice!

Come, those whose joy is morning sun, and those weeping through the night;  
Come, those who tell of battles won, and those struggling in the fight.  
For His perfect love will never change, and His mercies never cease,  
But follow us through all our days, with the certain hope of peace. *(Refrain)*

Come, young and old from every land - men and women of the faith;  
Come, those with full or empty hands - find the riches of His grace.  
Over all the world, His people sing - shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age: "Our God is all in all" *(Refrain)*

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## **Benediction – Romans 15:5-6**

May the God of encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another so that with one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

## **Announcements**

### *Generosity*

The Upcounty HUB provides food to about 1,300 households in our community each week. One of the coordinators of the Upcounty contacted CPC on Thursday to ask if we would consider donating diapers. If you would, please consider bringing a parcel of diapers next Sunday.

### *Youth Group*

During our study time last week, it seemed that the teens would benefit from a little accountability. It's easy for our private time with Jesus to get pushed to the wayside. To help promote this, I will collect their papers this week and return them next week. My goal is to help students meet with Jesus on their own, to deal with the sin of their hearts and to apply the Gospel afresh.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Wednesday, March 16, 8:00pm, Men's Ministry
- Saturday, April 2, 3:00pm, Baby shower for Ayoko Haroun at the Hillah residence
- Saturday, April 9, 10:00am, Diaper Drive & Egg Hunt at Gibbs ES
- Sunday, April 16, Easter Sunday