



January 15, 2023

Welcome

Thank you for joining us for this service of worship. If you have elementary age children, they will be invited to instructional time tailored to their ages prior to the sermon. At the conclusion of the service, please join us for a time of refreshments.

Call to Worship – Psalm 92

Minister: It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High.

All: To proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night! For you make me glad by your deeds, O Lord; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

Minister: How great are your works, O Lord, how profound your thoughts!

All: You, O Lord, are exalted forever. The Lord is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him.

Prayer of Adoration

Psalm 92 (O Most High)

It is good to praise You Lord, and make music to Your name, O Most High. *(repeat)*

To proclaim Your love in the morning, and Your faithfulness at night. *(repeat)*

Chorus

Oh, I sing for joy at the sound of Your name, and the works of Your hands.

Oh, You make me glad; and, for all of my life, let my song to You rise

Oh, Most High.

It is good to praise You Lord, oh, Most High

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n, to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion; pure, un-bound-ed love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy sal-va-tion, enter ev'ry trembling, ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into ev'ry troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning, Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty, at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love, Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love in wonder, love and praise!

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Confessional Reading – Isaiah 30:15

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength."

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above, echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *[Refrain]*

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. *[Refrain]*

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Congregational Prayer

Children's Recessional

Greet your Neighbor

Sermon – A life of prayer in 2023

Scripture Reading – Matthew 6:5-13

⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. ⁹ Pray then like this:

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
¹⁰ Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread,
¹² and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.
¹³ And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

Outline:

1. Obstructions to prayer
2. Inducements to prayer

Figure A.

“Prayer is illogical . . . If God has a plan, why try to thwart it?”

Hemant Mehta, “Should Atheists Prayer?” NY Times, June 27, 2013

Figure B.

Jeremiah 29:10-14 ¹⁰ This is what the LORD says: “When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my good promise to bring you back to this place. ¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. ¹² Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. ¹³ You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. ¹⁴ I will be found by you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you,” declares the LORD, “and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile.”

Figure C.

“Prayer starts the promises of God on their way to fulfillment!”

John C. Miller, Professor, Westminster Seminary

Figure D.

Isaiah 7:2, 12 The heart of Ahaz and the heart of his people shook as the trees of the forest shake before the wind. . . . But Ahaz said, "I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test."

2 Kings 16:8 Ahaz also took the silver and gold that was found in the house of the LORD and in the treasures of the king's house and sent a present to the king of Assyria.

Figure E.

“I began to pray. – I could not utter the cry of faith; I could not draw near to a reconciled God, and call him Father. My prayer was like the cry of the ravens, which yet the Lord does not disdain to hear. I now began to think of that Jesus whom I had so often derided.”

The Works of John Newton, Vol. 1, p. 47 (Banner of Truth, 2015 ed.)

Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, we confess our lack of prayer.

All: We confess our unbelief and our proud self-sufficiency.

Leader: We glory this day in our Christ our Savior.

All: He has atoned for our iniquity; he has paid our debt. In Him, we stand before you pardoned, cleansed, justified, and sanctified.

Leader: We ask that you send the Holy Spirit afresh into our hearts.

All: Grant us confidence in your love. Strengthen us to pray your promises. May we pray without ceasing in 2023. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Upon a Life I Have Not Lived

Upon a life I have not lived, upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; another's death, I stake my whole eternity.

Not on the tears which I have shed, not on the sorrows I have known,
Another's tears; another's griefs, on these I rest, on these alone.

Chorus

O Jesus, Son of God, I build on what Thy cross has done for me;
There both my death and life I read, my guilt, and pardon there I see.

Lord, I believe; O deal with me, as one who has Thy word believed!
I take the gift, Lord, look on me, as one who has Thy gift received.

I taste the love the gift contains, I clasp the pardon which it brings,
And pass up to the living source, above, whence all this fullness springs. (*Chorus*)

Upon a life I have not lived, upon a death I did not die,
Another's life; another's death, I stake my whole eternity.

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Benediction

Announcements

New to CPC?

If you're new to CPC, there are couple of ways to connect. You can text Pastor Matt (301 768 9700) your email address to receive our weekly updates. Matt and Katy also host lunches on Sunday afternoons. Their home is within walking distance from Gibbs.

Youth Group

The Youth Group will meet tonight from 5:00-7:30pm.

Stewardship Forms

Communicant Members are asked to complete the 2023 Stewardship Forms by Sunday, January 22.

Upcoming Events

- The Gaithersburg/Clarksburg CG will meet on January 22, February 5, 19, March 5, 19, April 2, 16, 30.
- The Rockville/Olney CG will meet on January 27, February 10 and 24.
- The Germantown CG will meet next on Wednesday, January 18.