



Christ
Presbyterian
Church

The Second Sunday after Easter

Saturday, April 10, 2021

5:00pm

Sunday, April 11, 2021

11:00am

Welcome

We're glad you're with us today. If you're visiting with us and you would like to connect, please fill out a Welcome Card on the table in the foyer and a staff member will follow up with you.

Chairs are placed throughout the sanctuary to promote social distancing. We ask that you wear your mask for the duration of the service. Please silence your mobile device.

Call to Worship – Psalm 102:12, 25-28

Leader: You, O LORD, sit enthroned forever; your renown endures through all generations.

All: In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. Like clothing you will change them and they will be discarded.

Leader: But you remain the same, and your years will never end.

All: The children of your servants will live in your presence; their descendants will be established before you.

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.

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth, over and around us lies;
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore, lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore, her pure sacrifice of love;
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,
for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:
Lord of all, to thee we raise, this our hymn of grateful praise.

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint, Music: Conrad Kocher; Arr. by W.H. Monk

Every Promise Of Your Word

From the breaking of the dawn to the setting of the sun,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Words of power, strong to save, that will never pass away,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
For Your covenant is sure,
And on this I am secure
I can stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I stumble and I sin, condemnation pressing in,
I will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
You are faithful to forgive that in freedom I might live,
So I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Guilt to innocence restored,
You remember sins no more
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

When I'm faced with anguished choice, I will listen for Your voice,
And I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Through this dark and troubled land
You will guide me with Your hand
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
And You've promised to complete
Ev'ry work begun in me
So I'll stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

Hope that lifts me from despair, love that casts out ev'ry fear,
As I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Not forsaken, not alone, for the Comforter has come,
And I stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.
Grace sufficient, grace for me,
Grace for all who will believe
We will stand on ev'ry promise of Your Word.

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Scripture Reading – Romans 7:21-23

I find this principle at work: When I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God's law; but I see another principle at work in the members of my body, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the principle of sin at work within my members.

Confession of Sin – (Adapted from Matthew Henry, c. 1712)

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father, have mercy on us, according to your steadfast love.

All: Our hearts have been slow to do good and quick to do evil. We've been cold in our love to You, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Leader: Forgive us all our sins, we pray, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Grant us mercy that, by the power of His resurrection, we may walk and serve you in newness of life. Amen.

Private Confession

Words of Encouragement — Romans 7:24

Leader: Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

All: Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Blessed Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine;
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

*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.

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.

Fanny Jane Crosby (1820-1915), Music: Phoebe Palmer Knapp (1839-1908)

Congregational Prayer

Children's Recessional

Sermon: The Hope of the Renewal of All Things

Scripture Reading – Matthew 19:23-30 [NIV]

²³ Then Jesus said to his disciples, “Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of heaven. ²⁴ Again I tell you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

²⁵ When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, “Who then can be saved?”

²⁶ Jesus looked at them and said, “With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.”

²⁷ Peter answered him, “We have left everything to follow you! What then will there be for us?”

²⁸ Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. ²⁹ And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or fields for my sake will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life. ³⁰ But many who are first will be last, and many who are last will be first.

Outline

1. The future hope of the renewal of all things
2. The present guarantee of the renewal of all things
3. The present implications of the hope of the renewal of all things

Figure A.

Isaiah 65:17-19 For behold, I create a heavens and a new earth, and the former things shall not be remembered or come into mind.... I will rejoice in Jerusalem and be glad in my people; no more shall be heard in it the sound of weeping and the cry of distress.

Revelation 21:1-4 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away.... And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God.... He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.

Figure B.

Biblical hope centers on the presence and dwelling of God in a renewed creation.... In the cosmic theophany on the final day, Christ will return bodily to dwell with, rule, and be worshiped by people from all tribes and nations.... This coming of God in Christ to renew the creation is the breathtaking Grand Canyon of Christian hope—so wide and deep and expansive that we are left with wonder. It's hard to take it in.

Todd Billings, *The End of the Christian Life: How Embracing Our Mortality Frees Us to Truly Live*, (Grand Rapids, Michigan: Brazos Press), 154-155.

Figure C.

Titus 3:4-6 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slave to various passions and pleasures.... But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration [*palingenesia*] and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Figure D.

<https://joshuaproject.net/resources/prayer>

<https://www.operationworld.org/prayer-resources>

Figure E.

Human beings are by nature ravenous creatures; a famished craving haunts every one of us. We were created for utter happiness, joy, and life. But ever since we lost Eden, we have never known a day of total fullness; we are never filled in any lasting way. People are like cut flowers—we appear to be well, but we are severed from the vine. We are desperate, lustful creatures. We look to a marriage (or the hope of marriage), a child, our work, food, sex, alcohol, adventure, the next dinner out, the new car—anything to touch the ache inside us. We are *ravenous* beings.

John Eldredge, *All Things New: Heaven, Earth, and the Restoration of Everything You Love*, (Nashville: Thomas Nelson, 2017), 6.

Figure F.

The race issue is just the flavor of the day. There will be another flavor next week or next month or next year or next decade and unless you are prepared to go all the way with that the revolution is going to come for you.

Carl Trueman, *Mortification of Spin Podcast*, March 3, 2021.

Figure G.

The names are as distant as they are familiar. So I grieve with and for the families of those who lost their loved ones... I also grieve because I fear for my loved ones. Even though I'm several thousand miles away and this incident seems so isolated, nevertheless for me, it hits close to home. I worry for my Korean-American wife, similar in age to those who were killed. I'm anxious for my daughters, ages 20 and 18, for the possibility (probability?) that they too might be numbered among the almost 3,800 who from March 2020 to February 2021 experienced anti-Asian incidents of harassment, discrimination, and acts of violence.

Julius Kim, *Reflections on the Killings in Atlanta*, The Gospel Coalition, March 20, 2021.

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.

This Is Amazing Grace

Who breaks the power of sin and darkness?
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

This is amazing grace
This is unfailing love
That You would take my place
That You would bear my cross
You laid down Your life
That I would be set free
Oh, Jesus, I sing for
All that You've done for me

Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King of Glory

Who rules the nations with truth and justice
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

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Benediction

Announcements

Online Giving via Credit or Debit Card

We are excited to announce that we are now set up to receive tithes and offerings online via credit or debit card! To give online, please go to <http://www.christ-pca.org/online-giving/>. The biggest benefit to giving online is that you can set up recurring payments so that you don't miss a month of giving. Other ways to give still include setting up a direct ACH payment from your bank or mailing a check to: Christ Presbyterian Church, PO Box 2864, Germantown, MD 20875. If you have any questions about giving to CPC or about CPC's financials, please contact Jeannine Shannon at treasurer@christ-pca.org.

Spring Covenant Kids

Tamika has sent out a SignUpGenius to request assistants for Josh Ruffa's current class. If you would be willing to serve on one Saturday between April 17 through May 29 then simply select your date on the online form.

Summer Covenant Kids

When the Commit documents were returned in January, three people offered to serve in Covenant Kids over the summer. However, the number of children coming on Saturday nights is increasing, and I anticipate that we'll need additional teachers and helpers. If you would be willing to teach or assist with a class from June 5 to August 28 then please let Tamika know at tamika@christ-pca.org.

Upcoming Dates

April 15: Women's Bible Study

April 21: Men's Ministry

Contact Us

Website: www.christ-pca.org

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCI9WqG5KVI-LwaduNj-UXrw>

Spotify: <https://open.spotify.com/playlist/2U2SRcwGNafd3ffrPEjnUF?si=UdZ5UhX2Qf66SDCwWyah5g>

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