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Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, April 27, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word, Prayer and Sacrament of Baptism

April 27, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

The Second Sunday of Easter

***Come, People of the Risen King**

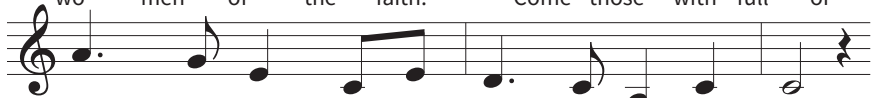
Music & Lyrics: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend



1. Come peo - ple of the ris - en King who de -
2. Come those whose joy is morn - ing sun and those
3. Come young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and



light to bring Him praise. Come all and tune your
weep - ing through the night. Come those who tell of
wo - men of the faith. Come those with full or



heart to sing to the morn - ing star of grace.
bat - tles won and those strug - gling in the fight.
emp - ty hands. Find the rich - es of His grace.



From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will
For His per - fect love will nev - er change and His
Ov - er all the world His peo - ple sing, shore to



lift our eyes to Him, where stead - y arms of
mer - cies nev - er cease but fol - low us through
shore we hear them call the truth that cries through



mer - cy reach to gath - er chil - dren in.
all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
ev - 'ry age, "Our God is all in all!"



Refrain: Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice!



One heart, one voice, O church of Christ, re - joice!

Welcome & Announcements

Clint Wilcke

***Call to Worship¹**

Psalm 86:8-13a

Elder: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Elder: There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.

People: For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.

Elder: Teach me your way, O LORD, that I may walk in your truth; unite my heart to fear your name.

All: I give thanks to you, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify your name forever. For great is your steadfast love toward me...

***O Worship the King, verses 1-5**

Hymn No. 2

Music: LYONS, Johann Michael Haydn, 1737-1806; Lyrics: Robert Grant, 1833

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

Calvin's Catechism #74

Elder: How does the resurrection of Jesus Christ benefit us?

All: First, by the resurrection, righteousness was fully acquired for us. Secondly, it is also a sure pledge to us that we shall rise again one day in immortal glory. Thirdly, if we truly participate in His resurrection, even now we are raised in newness of life, to serve God and to live a holy life according to His pleasure.

***Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest)**

Music & Lyrics: Stuart Townend and Aaron Keyes

1. My soul finds rest in God a - lone,
2. Find rest, my soul, in God a - lone
3. I'll set my gaze on God a - lone,

my Rock and my sal - va - tion;
a - mid the world's temp - ta - tions;
and trust in Him com - plete - ly;

a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes,
when e - vil seeks to take a hold
with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul,

and I will not be sha - ken.
I'll cling to my sal - va - tion.
and He will prove His mer - cy.

Though lips may bless and hearts may curse,
Though rich - es come and rich - es go,
Though life is but a fleet - ing breath,

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.



and don't a lies, set sigh like your too ar - rows, heart up - to pierce on mea - me, them; sure,

I'll the my fix fields of my heart hope in right - eous - ness: which I sow death

I'll are and look har - I vest - am him ed His who in for - hears hea - ven. ev - er.

Chorus: O praise Him, hal-le - lu - jah, my de-light and my re - ward; ev - er - last - ing, ne-ver fail - ing, my Re-deem-er, my God.

Call to Confession

Hebrews 3:12-15

¹²Take care, brothers, lest there be in any of you an evil, unbelieving heart, leading you to fall away from the living God. ¹³But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin. ¹⁴For we have come to share in Christ, if indeed we hold our original confidence firm to the end. ¹⁵As it is said, “Today, if you hear his voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.”

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: Most merciful Father, You are the only true God who has revealed Yourself in Your word, yet we have not placed our trust in You alone. We confess that we have not looked to You for every good thing, and we have not loved You, feared You, and honored You with all our hearts. You have created us in Your image, but we have instead placed our identity in earthly things. We have made idols out of our families, homes, reputation, work, and wealth. Forgive us for having these other gods before You, and through the Holy Spirit, help us to walk humbly with You, giving You all thanks and praise, and yielding to You all obedience and submission. In Your holy Son Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

2 Timothy 2:8, 11-13

⁸Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel,... ¹¹The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with him, we will also live with him; ¹²if we endure, we will also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; ¹³if we are faithless, he remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

***Steadfast**

Music & Lyrics: Joshua Silverberg, Leslie Jordan, and Sandra McCracken



1. I will build my house, whe-ther storm or drought,
2. By the word You spoke all the star-ry host
3. I will not trust in the strength of kings;



on the Rock that does not move.
are called out by name each night.
on Your prom-ise I will stand.



I will set my hope in Your love, O Lord,
In Your watch-ful care, I will rest, se-cure
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,



and Your faith-ful-ness will prove:
as You lead us with Your light.
"Hal-le-lu-jah to the Lamb!"



Chorus: You are stead-fast,



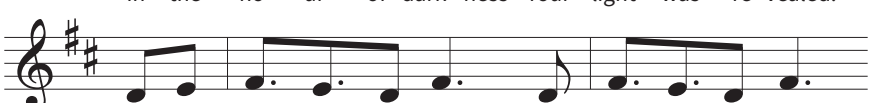
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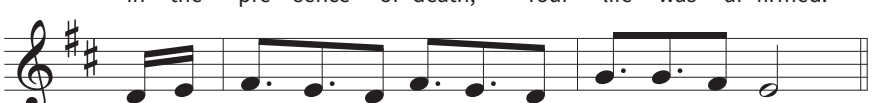
Bridge: In the mo-ment of emp-ti-ness, all was ful-filled.



In the ho-ur of dark-ness Your light was re-vealed.



In the pre-sence of death, Your life was af-firmed.



In the ab-sence of hol-i-ness, You are still God.

Reception of New Members

8:30 a.m. service

David & Stacey Fiser and Scott & Kelly Harrison

10:45 a.m. service

Dylan & Staten Carter (Hallie), Tori Duncan, Katie Frazer, Christine Justice
(Wilder and Eleanor), Ferriday Green, Bates Moody, Katie Rogers and
Dennis & Jane Sims

Covenant Baptism

10:45 a.m. service

Hallie Grace Carter
Covenant Child of Dylan & Staten

***Jesus Loves Me, This I Know, verse 1**

Hymn No. 189

10:45 a.m. service

Music: William B. Bradbury, 1861; Lyrics: Anna B. Warner, 1859

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Alan Grafton

Offertory

"Abide With Me"
Reformed Ramblers
Music: Justin Smith; Lyrics: Henry Lyte

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Johnny Barrett

Members of the Week:

Kevin & Camden Batte; Libby, James and Annie
Bret & Lindsay Beauchamp; Mattie and Luly

Missionaries of the Week:

Nelly Vos: MTW - Marseilles, France
Alan & Ann Cochet: MTW - Aix-en-Provence, France
Baldwin & Laura Smith: Agape Italia - Rome, Italy

Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

3-Year-Olds: Gray & Eden Flora, Allison Ferris & Morgan Hart

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Andy & Dana Edwards

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. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 145:1-21

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Power of Praise (Psalm 145)"

Les Newsom

Psalms: Songs of the Heart

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

***To God Be the Glory**

Hymn No. 55

Music: William H. Doane, 1875; Lyrics: Fanny J. Crosby, 1875, alt.

**Please stand, if able.*

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

***Benediction²**

Sermon Notes

"The Power of Praise"

Psalm 145

1. The Object of Praise

2. The Nature of Praise

3. The Future of Praise



The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of John Servati
by his sister, Sarah Abraham and her family.

Musicians & AVL Team

Denease Bishop, vocals; Gabbie Bowden, violin; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals;
Noel Childress, guitar; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Wayne Irby, mandolin & vocals;
Greg Johnson, bass; Jonathan Klingler, lights & projections; Andy Paney, piano;
Daniel Spears, percussion

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²Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Making Sense of the World

Biblical Worldview, Engaging Culture & Hope

May 3 | 10am - 2pm



Ladies, please join us for our women's spring event as Sara Irby teaches on Biblical Worldview. All truth is God's truth. For Christians, scripture is the starting point for comprehending all reality. So, in a broken world searching for meaning, grounding ourselves in God's creative and redemptive work enables us to make sense of the world, order our lives accordingly, and engage in our cultural moment. Lunch will be provided. No childcare. Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code above to register.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Summer kickoff

@ CIRCLE & SQUARE

Men, join us for our Summer Kickoff at Circle Square on Monday, May 12th from 5:30-7:00pm. We are going to springboard off men's retreat and chart a path forward this summer for our men that want to continue to grow in their love for Jesus and others. If you couldn't make the retreat, we still want you there! Appetizers provided.



CHRIST PRES VBS
UPWARD BOUND

JUNE 2 - 6, 2025

We need volunteers for Vacation Bible School! You can serve every day or just the days you are available. We are looking for Grade Leaders, Lesson Teachers, Snack Helpers, Recreation Helpers and much more! If you are available to help, please contact Elizabeth Adrian at elizabeth@cpcoxford.org.

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