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Proclaiming a **Hope**

Building a **Home**

Launching a **Healing**

The Lord's Day, October 18, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word, Prayer and Sacrament of Baptism

October 18, 2026 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*Who Is Like the Lord Our God? (Psalm 113)

Music & Lyrics: Wendell Kimbrough and Bruce Benedict

1. Our Fa - ther, He lifts from the ash - es;
2. Though e - qual to God in His glo - ry,
3. O Saints, fix your eyes on the Sa - vior

He rais - es the poor and the lost.
Christ Je - sus be - came like a slave;
and count all your right - eous - ness lost.

He seats them to dine at his ta - ble,
He hum - bled Him - self in o - be - dience
Be found in His love and His fa - vor,

to feast with - out mon - ey or cost.
to Death, and the Cross, and the Grave.
and share in His death on the cross.

The lone - ly He set - tles in fam - 'lies;
Vic - tor - ious, He rose to the high - est;
That all of His pow - er in vic - t'ry,

the bar - ren, a mo - ther He makes.
in glo - ry, the Sav - ior was raised.
im - part - ed to you, may a - bound;

O hap - py the heart of the stran - ger
His name a - bove all names ex - al - ted;
and shar - ing the suff - 'rings of Je - sus,

who's wel - comed by this King of Grace.
the heav - ens in and earth sing of His praise.
you share in His glo - ry and crown.

Refrain: Who is like the LORD our God?

Who with glo - ry fills the sky?



Welcome & Announcements

Clint Wilcke

*Call to Worship¹

Psalm 36:5-10

Elder: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.

Elder: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

People: They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

Elder: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

All: Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!

*Be Thou My Vision

Hymn No. 642

Music: SLANE, Traditional Irish melody, arr. Rend Collective

Lyrics: Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent., tr. Mary E. Byrne and Eleanor H. Hull

*Prayer of Adoration & Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith

Adapted from 1 Peter 1:3-7

Elder: Church, what is our hope as God's people?

All: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for us, who by God's power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this we rejoice, though now we have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of our faith may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

Call to Confession

Isaiah 1:2-4

²Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth; for the LORD has spoken: "Children have I reared and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. ³The ox knows its owner, and the donkey its master's crib, but Israel does not know, my people do not understand." ⁴Ah, sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, offspring of evildoers, children who deal corruptly! They have forsaken the LORD, they have despised the Holy One of Israel...

Silent Confession

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

Confession of Sin

All: O God, I am in constant clamor while I am in this life. Let Your watchful eye ever be upon me for my defense. Save me from the power of my worldly and spiritual enemies and from all painful evils to which I have exposed myself. Until the day of life dawns above, let there be unrestrained fellowship with Jesus. Until fruition comes, may I enjoy the earnest of my inheritance and the first fruits of the Spirit. Until I finish my course with joy, may I pursue it with diligence, in every part display the resources of the Christian, and adorn the gospel of Jesus, my Savior, my King. Amen.

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 40:28-31

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. ²⁹He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength. ³⁰Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; ³¹but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

***All Things New Again**

Music & Lyrics: Joe Deegan

1. For be - hold, He will cre - ate
2. For be - hold, the sun will rise
3. For be - hold, the ho - ly moun-tain,

a new hea - vens and new earth.
o - ver waste - lands and dead and dry;
where the wolf and lamb shall graze,

He will drive a - way our sor - row and our pain,
in its place shall spring a ri - ver full of life.
where we lay our heads and fin - ally find our home,

and this mo - men - ta - ry grief,
Ev - 'ry wrong will be un - done,
where the songs we sang in sha - dows

ev - though hea - vy as it seems,
will 'ry be thirs - ty soul shall come,
will be sung to God's own face,

will be crushed by glo - ry's great e - ter - nal weight.
where and drink from liv - ing wa - ter with - out price.
His smile will be the thing we trea - sure most.

*Please stand, if able.

3x: repeat



Chorus: He will make all things new a-gain. He will keep
all His pro-mis-es. He will love all who come to Him.
And He will make all things new a - gain.

Covenant Baptism

10:45 a.m. service
Henry Haynes Robison
Covenant Child of Walker & Shelby Claire

The Blessing

10:45 a.m. service
Music & Lyrics: Michael Card



1. The Lord Lord be bless you and keep you.
2. The Lord be gra - cious to you.
The Lord make His face shine u - pon you,
The Lord turn His face to - wards you,
and give you peace, and give you peace,
and give you peace for - ev - er.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Andy Edwards

Offertory

"Patient Kingdom"

Music & Lyrics: Gareth Davies-Jones, Sandra McCracken, and Sarah Masen

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 service for 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.*

***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!*

Pastoral Prayer

Elder Errol Castens

Members of the Week:

Matt & Emily McCrory; Charlotte, Millie, Beau and Hattie
Erin McDonald; Blessid, Messiah, Achilles, Genesis and Abraham

Missionaries of the Week:

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

Teacher of the Week:

5th & 6th Grade: Amber & Sam Holdiness, Fowler & Billy Staines

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Alan & Pamela Grafton

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

Hebrews 12:1-11

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"Life Is a Race"

Les Newsom

Steadfast: Enduring Faith for Weary People

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

***Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus**

Hymn No. 481

Music: LEMMEL, Helen H. Lemmel, 1922; Lyrics: Helen H. Lemmel, 1922

***Benediction²**

¹**Please stand, if able.*

²*Just 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.*

1. Join the Race

2. Not Like Your Mothers

3. Not Like Your Fathers

Musicians & AVL Team

Gabbie Bowden, vocals; Randall Bryant, guitar & vocals; Connor Carlisle, cello;
Casey Castaldo, lights & projections; Noel Childress, mandolin; Amanda Fliflet, percussion;
Greg Johnson, bass; Allison Lavender, violin; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer;
Caroline Newton, vocals; Andy Paney, piano

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



We're heading back to Yakima this **Spring Break 2027** to serve alongside Sacred Road Ministries! If you're interested in learning more about the trip, join us for an **interest meeting following the 10:45am service on November 1st**. We'll share more about what the trip will look like, what to expect, and how you can get signed up. We'd love for you to come, ask questions, and see if this opportunity is a good fit for you. If you have any questions before the meeting, feel free to reach out to SR at sydneyraines@cpcoxford.org.



Join us on **October 29th** for the Crosstown Classic Cornhole Tournament, a men's event for college-aged and older! Enjoy dinner catered by Old Taylor Grocery at 5:30pm, followed by the start of the cornhole tournament at 6:00pm. The event will be held in the Grace Bible Gym, and there is no cost to attend. Come enjoy a great evening of food, fellowship, and friendly competition! Scan the QR to register.



FINANCIAL UPDATE

Fiscal Year	September 2025 - August 2026
Operating Revenue	\$2,673,000.00
Operating Expenses	\$2,440,000.00
Debt Reduction	(\$186,350.00)
Surplus	\$233,000.00

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