

Sunday, March 2, 2008  
MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE 9:45AM

**Welcome to Communion Presbyterian!**

*(Announcements)*

- ♦ Welcome to the worship and celebration of our Risen Savior, Jesus Christ! ♦
- ♦ We invite our visitors to sign the Guest Book located on the entry table. Please also visit our information counter. ♦
  - ♦ Children are invited to stay for the entire service; however, we also provide childcare for those who desire it. Please consult an attendant wearing a blue smock for assistance. ♦
- ♦ Today we will observe the Lord's Supper. This sacrament communicates the "true communion" that believers have with God and each other. By participating with us, you are proclaiming to be a baptized and professing disciple of Jesus Christ and a member in "good standing" of a Christian church, a repentant sinner, and a "hope-filled" saint; possessing the faith of a humble child – trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. ♦
  - ♦ May the Lord be honored among us this day. ♦

**Preparation for Worship & Canto**

**\*Opening Hymn – O Worship the King # 2**

O worship the King, all glorious above,  
O gratefully sing His power and His love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

*O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light, Whose canopy space,  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.*

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail,  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

**\*Call to Worship – Psalm 36:7–10**

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

**Congregation** – **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.*

**Congregation** – **O, continue Your steadfast love to those who know You, and Your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

**\*Prayer of Adoration, Confession, and Assurance of Pardon**

**Song – Here I Am to Worship**

Light of the world, You step down into darkness;  
Opened my eyes let me see.  
Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
Hope of a life spent with You.

*Here I am to worship; here I am to bow down;  
Here I am to say that you're my God.  
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
Altogether wonderful to me.*

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King of all days, O so highly exalted;  
Glorious in heaven above.  
Humbly You came to the earth You created.  
All for love's sake became poor.

*[Refrain on previous page, then closing refrain below.]*

*Come to the light, 'tis shining for thee; sweetly the light has dawned upon me.  
Once I was blind, but now I can see: the Light of the world is Jesus!*

**Old Testament Law – Exodus 4:1–12**

*(The call and commissioning of Moses is accompanied with signs and wonders!)*

**Old Testament Prophet – Isaiah 6:1–10**

*(The call and commissioning of Isaiah is accompanied with visions!)*

**Reader** – *The word of the Lord.*      **Congregation** – **Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn – Thou Hast Made the Blind to See**

*(Hamburg)*

Lord, Thou hast made the blind to see,  
The deaf to hear, the dumb to speak,  
The dead to live; and lo, I break  
The chains of my captivity.

*Praise God for what He's done for me!  
Once I was blind, but now I see;  
I on the brink of ruin fell,  
Glory to God! His praise I will tell.*

**New Testament Gospel – Luke 13:1–5**

*(Jesus states that tragedies in life are not a punishment for sin; yet all must repent.)*

**New Testament Epistle – 2 Corinthians 4**

*(Jesus Christ has given us light so that we might endure even dark days.)*

**Reader** – *The word of the Lord.*      **Congregation** – **Thanks be to God.**

**Offertory – Beautiful One** *[Congregation will join in as directed...]*

*[Presenting an offering to the Lord is a meaningful act of worship. It demonstrates the sacrifice of thankful hearts by those who have been blessed by Divine provisions! Please pass the offering basket throughout your section toward the back. Thank you.]*

You've opened my eyes to Your wonders anew,  
You've captured my heart with this love,  
'Cause nothing on earth is as beautiful as You.      *[repeat]*

*Beautiful One, I love You,  
Beautiful One, I adore,  
Beautiful One, my soul must sing!*      *[repeat]*

**Affirmation of Faith – Genevan Confession (1536); "Natural Man"**

**We acknowledge man by nature to be blind, darkened in understanding, and full of corruption and perversity of heart, so that of himself he has no power to be able to comprehend the true knowledge of God as is proper, nor to apply himself to good works. But on the contrary, if he is left by God to what he is by nature, he is only able to live in ignorance and to be abandoned to all iniquity. Hence he has need to be illumined by God, so that he come to the right knowledge of his salvation, and thus to be redirected in his affections and reformed to the obedience of the righteousness of God.**

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**\*Hymn – Amazing Grace**

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now I'm found- was blind, but now I see.

*'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.*

Through many dangers toils and snares I have already come.  
Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

**Sermon: John, Chapter 9: A Man Born, Blind**

*(Text: John 9; message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach)*

**Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer & Elder's Response**

**\*Hymn of Preparation – I Spurned His Grace**

*(Maydup)*

I spurned His grace; I broke His laws;  
But Jesus undertook my cause.  
Bad as I was, He cleansed my soul,  
Healed my disease, and made me whole.

*The Lord has pardoned all my sin,  
And now to praise Him I'll begin;  
To praise the Lord, is good and right  
For grace and faith and truth and light!*

Praise God for what He's done for us!  
He's turned our hearts to praise Him thus,  
And now He cries, "Go on, go on!  
I'll crown you when your work is done."

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

Receive the bread and cup by approaching the table from the center and moving to the outside. Partake at the table, or upon returning to your seat. Please return the empty cup to the front basket when you have finished. Thank you.  
*{Wine is located on the table edge nearest to the cross. Grape juice is on the outside.}*

**\*Closing Song – The Spirit Breathes Upon the Word** *(Ortonville)*

The Spirit breathes upon the Word, and brings the truth to sight;  
Precepts & promises afford, a sanctifying light, a sanctifying light.

*My soul rejoices to pursue the steps of Him I love,  
Till glory breaks upon my view, in brighter worlds above,  
in brighter worlds above!*

**\*Closing Prayer & Song of Simeon**

*Lord, bid Your servant go in peace, Your word is now fulfilled.  
These eyes have seen salvation's dawn, this child so long foretold.*  
This is the savior of the world, the nations' promised light.  
God's glory dwelling in our midst, the joy of Israel.

**Benediction & Threefold "Amen"**

*\*Those who are able, please stand.*      *– CCLI #2831635*  
♦ Please remember to silence all your communication devices. Thank you ♦  
♦ Please join us after the service for fellowship & refreshments followed by Sunday School for all ages. ♦