

Sunday, March 30, 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 Christ, Our King, Creator, Lord** *(Duke Street)*

O Christ, our King, Creator, Lord; Savior of all who trust Thy Word,
To them who seek Thee ever near, now to our praises bend Thine ear.

*In Thy dear cross a grace is found; it flows from every streaming wound,
Whose power our inbred sin controls, breaks the firm bond, & frees our souls.*

Now in the Father's glory high, great Conqueror, ne'er more to die;
Us by Thy mighty power defend, and reign through ages without end.

***Call to Worship – Psalm 104:30–33**

Elder – *When You send forth Your Spirit, they are created, and You
renew the face of the ground.*

Congregation – **May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may
the LORD rejoice in His works,**

Elder – *Who looks on the earth and it trembles, Who touches the
mountains and they smoke!*

Congregation – **I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will
sing praise to my God while I have being.**

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

Song – Blessing, Honor, Glory to the Lamb

Blessing, honor, glory to the Lamb,
Holy, righteous, worthy is the Lamb.

*Death could not hold Him down – For He is risen!
Seated upon His throne, He is the Lamb of God.*

Old Testament Law – Genesis 2:4–7

(The account of the formation of man as he receives the "breath of life.")

Old Testament Prophet – Isaiah 26:1–8

(A future song of Judah for salvation, peace, and the desires of the heart.)

New Testament Gospel – John 14:25–27

(Christ promises His followers the Holy Spirit and the rule of peace over their hearts.)

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New Testament Epistle – 2 Timothy 3:16–4:5

(The gospel: The death, burial, & resurrection of Christ is the core teaching of the church.)

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

Offertory – In Christ Alone

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

In Christ alone my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song.
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought & storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all – Here in the love of Christ I stand.

*In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love & righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross, as Jesus died,
The wrath of God, was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid – Here in the death of Christ I live.*

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His & He is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

*No guilt in life, no fear in death – this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home – Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.*

Affirmation of Faith – 2nd Helvetic Confession (1561)

Chapter 11: Christ Is Truly Risen from the Dead.

We believe and teach that the same Jesus Christ our Lord, in His true flesh in which He was crucified and died, rose again from the dead, and that not another flesh was raised other than the one buried, or that a spirit was taken up instead of the flesh, but that He retained His true body. Therefore, while His disciples thought they saw the spirit of the Lord, He showed them His hands and feet which were marked by the prints of the nails and wounds, and added, "*See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself; handle me, and see, for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have.*" [Luke 24:39]

***Song – Amidst Us Our Belovèd Stands** *[Hamburg]*

Amidst us our Belovèd stands, and bids us view His piercèd hands;
Points to the wounded feet & side, blest emblems of the Crucified.

*If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not Him;
O may His love the scales displace, and bid us see Him face to face!*

Thou glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, Thy present smile all heav'n imparts!
Oh lift the veil, if veil there be, let every saint Thy beauties see!

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Sermon: The Point and Purpose

(Text: John 20:19 – 31; message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach)

Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer

Elder's Response

***Song of Preparation – O Breath of God** *(Maryton)*

O breath of God, breathe on us now, and move within us while we pray.
The Spring of our new life art Thou, the very light of our new day.

*Christ is our Advocate on high; Thou art our Advocate within.
O plead the Truth, and make reply, to every argument of sin.*

Be with me when no other friend, the mystery of my heart can share;
And be Thou known, when fears transcend, by Thy blessed name of Comforter.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The presiding minister will give direction for participation in this meal.
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.}

***Song of Response – Jesus, I Come to Thee** *[verse 4]*

Out of the fear & dread of the tomb – Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home – Jesus, I come to Thee.

*Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold!*

Jesus, I come to Thee – Jesus, I come to Thee.

***Closing Prayer & Hymn – O Love of God**

The love of God is greater far, than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star, and reaches to the lowest hell;
*The guilty pair, bowed down with care; God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, and pardoned from his sin.*

*O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure; the saints and angels' song.*

Could we with ink the ocean fill & were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill & every man a scribe by trade,
*To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.*

Refrain

***Doxology**

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

***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 as everyone assembled here is invited to our All-Church Picnic ♦