

Sunday, April 13, 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 – How Welcome Was the Call** *(Festal Song)*

How welcome was the call, and sweet that festal day,  
When Jesus deigned in Cana's hall to bless the marriage day.

*How happy was the bride, and glad the bridegroom's heart,  
For He Who tarried for their side made grief and ill depart.*

His gracious pow'r divine, the water vessels knew;  
Fill us with joy, as mystic wine, Thy servants long for You.

**\*Call to Worship – Joel 2:16–19**

**Elder** – *Gather the people, consecrate the assembly; bring together the elders, gather the children, those nursing at the breast.*

**Congregation** – **Let the bridegroom leave his room and the bride her chamber.**

**Elder** – *Let the priests, who minister before the LORD, weep between the temple porch and the altar. Let them say, 'Spare Your people, O LORD. Do not make Your inheritance an object of scorn, a byword among the nations. Why should they say among the peoples, 'Where is their God?''*

**Congregation** – **Then the LORD will be jealous for His land and take pity on His people. The LORD will reply to them: 'I am sending you grain, new wine and oil, enough to satisfy you fully; never again will I make you an object of scorn to the nations.'**

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

**Song – You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)** *[Men sing bold, women – italics]*

You are Holy (ECHO) You are Mighty (ECHO) You are Worthy (ECHO) Worthy of praise (ECHO)  
I will follow (ECHO) I will listen (ECHO) I will love You (ECHO) All of my days (ECHO)

**I will sing to and worship** *You are Lord of lords, You are King of kings*  
**The King who is worthy** *You are mighty God, Lord of ev'rything*  
**I will love and adore Him** *You're Emmanuel, You're the Great I Am*  
**I will bow down before Him** *You're the Prince of Peace who is the Lamb*  
**I will sing to and worship** *You're the living God, You're my saving grace*  
**The King who is worthy** *You will reign forever, You're the Ancient of Days*  
**I will love and adore Him** *You are Alpha, Omega, Beginning and End*  
**I will bow down before Him** *You're my Savior, Messiah, Redeemer and Friend*

You are my Prince of Peace, and I will live my life for You...

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**Old Testament Law – Numbers 6:13–20**

*(The one who took Nazirite vows would conclude the established time with an offering and wine.)*

**Old Testament Prophet – Isaiah 61**

*(The announcement of the Messiah's mission concludes with joy of a wedding ceremony.)*

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

**Psalm – 19:1,3–5** *(Azmon)*

The heavens and the firmament do wondrously declare,  
God's glory and omnipotence, His works and what they are.

*There is no language, tongue, or speech, where their sound is not heard,  
In all the earth and coasts thereof, their knowledge is conferred.*

In them the Lord made for the sun a place of great renown;  
Who like a bridegroom ready trimmed duly from his chamber comes.

**New Testament Gospel – John 3:28–36**

*(John the Baptist testifies to his role as being an "attendant" to Jesus Christ.)*

**New Testament Epistle – Hebrews 10:19–22**

*(The New Covenant is compared and contrasted with the ceremonies, sacrifices & washings of the Old.)*

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**Offertory – Take My Life and Let it Be**

*[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.]*

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.  
Take my moments & my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.

*Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from Thee.  
Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect and use every power as You choose.*

*Here am I (echo), all of me (echo),  
Take my life (echo), it's all for Thee (echo).*

Take my will and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is Thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord; I pour at Your feet it's treasure store.  
Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.

*[Refrain]*

*Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to Thee.*

**Affirmation of Faith – Canon of Dordt (1619)**

**Christ's Death and Human Redemption Through It:** *The fulfillment of God's Plan*

This plan, arising out of God's eternal love for His chosen ones, from the beginning of the world to the present time, has been powerfully carried out and will also be carried out in the future; the gates of hell seeking vainly to prevail against it. As a result, the chosen are gathered into one, all in their own time, as the church of believers founded on Christ's blood; a church which steadfastly loves, persistently worships, and – here and in all eternity – praises Him as her Savior who laid down His life for her on the cross, as a bridegroom for His bride.

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**\*Song – All Who Are Thirsty**

All who are thirsty, all who are weak, come to the fountain;  
Dip your heart in the stream of life.  
Let the pain & the sorrow, be washed away, in the waves of His mercy,  
As deep cries out to deep. *We sing...*

*Come Lord Jesus, come!* *[3xs]*

**Sermon:** **Vintage Wedding**

*(Text: John 2:1 – 11; message by: Rev. Kent Moorlach)*

**Pastoral Prayer with Lord's Prayer, and Elder's Response**

**\*Song of Preparation – How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That he should give His only son, to make a wretch His treasure,  
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turned His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One, bring many sons to glory.

*Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers,  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished,  
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.*

I will not boast in anything: no gifts, no power, no wisdom,  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ; His death and resurrection,  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,  
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

**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.*

**\*Hymn – Thy Mercy, My God**

Thy mercy, my God, is the theme of my song,  
The joy of my heart. and the boast of my tongue;  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last,  
Hath won my affections, and bound my soul fast.

*Without Thy sweet mercy I could not live here;  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair;  
But, through Thy free goodness, my spirits revive,  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive.*

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own,  
And the covenant love of Thy crucified Son;  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy, and pardon, and righteousness mine.

**\*Closing Prayer; Doxology; Benediction & Three-fold Amen**

*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!*

*\*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 children and adult Sunday School classes. ♦