

Pre-service Song

Christ Our Hope In Life and Death

What is our hope in life and death?
Christ alone, Christ alone.
What is our only confidence?
That our souls to Him belong.
Who holds our days within His hand?
What comes, apart from His command?
And what will keep us to the end?
The love of Christ, in which we stand.

Chorus

O sing hallelujah!
Our hope springs eternal;
O sing hallelujah!
Now and ever we confess
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul?
God is good, God is good.
Where is His grace and goodness known?
In our great Redeemer's blood.
Who holds our faith when fears arise?
Who stands above the stormy trial?
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh
Unto the shore, the rock of Christ? (Chorus)

Unto the grave, what will we sing?
"Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"
And what reward will heaven bring?
Everlasting life with Him.
There we will rise to meet the Lord,
Then sin and death will be destroyed,
And we will feast in endless joy,
When Christ is ours forevermore. (Chorus)

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Call To Worship

We confess the supremacy of God in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Call to Worship

Zechariah 9:9; John 12:12-14 (ESV)

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!
Behold, your king is coming to you;
righteous and having salvation is he,
humble and mounted on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

The large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out,

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion, behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Our Sung Call to Worship

Rejoice the Lord is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King:
Your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks and sing,
And triumph evermore:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior, reigns,
The God of Truth and love;
When He had purged our stains,
He took His seat above:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His Kingdom cannot fail,
He rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell
Are to our Jesus giv'n;
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope!
Our Lord the Judge shall come
And take His servants up
To their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

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Confession

We confess our need for mercy through both responsive reading and song.

Our Spoken Confession

Romans 7:18-25 (ESV)

For I know that nothing good dwells in me,
that is, in my flesh.
For I have the desire to do what is right,
but not the ability to carry it out.

**For I do not do the good I want,
but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.
Now if I do what I do not want,
it is no longer I who do it,
but sin that dwells within me.**

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being, but I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

**Wretched man that I am!
Who can deliver me from this body of death?
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!
So then, I myself serve the law of God with my mind,
but with my flesh I serve the law of sin.**

Time of silent confession.

Our Sung Confession

Gethsemane Hymn

To see the King of heaven fall
In anguish to His knees,
The Light and Hope of all the world
Now overwhelmed with grief.
What nameless horrors must He see,
To cry out in the garden:
"Oh, take this cup away from Me!
Yet not My will but Yours
Yet not My will but Yours."

To know each friend will fall away,
And heaven's voice be still,
For hell to have its vengeful day
Upon Golgotha's hill.
No words describe the Saviour's plight
To be by God forsaken,
Till wrath and love are satisfied,
And every sin is paid,
And every sin is paid.

What took Him to this wretched place,
What kept Him on this road?
His love for Adam's cursed race,
For every broken soul.
No sin too slight to overlook,
No crime too great to carry,
All mingled in this poisoned cup,
And yet He drank it all
The Saviour drank it all,
The Saviour drank it all.

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Assurance and Peace

We profess our assurance of salvation and peace in Christ through both responsive reading and song.

Remember the Gospel

Heidelberg Catechism Question 1

Remember the Gospel!

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul
both in life and in death,**

to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.

He has fully paid for all my sins
with his precious blood,
and has set me free
from all the power of the devil.

He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together
for my salvation.

Therefore, by his Holy Spirit,
he also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for him.

Our Sung Profession of Assurance
Man of Sorrows

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,
By His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God
Has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused,
Beaten, mocked, and scorned,
Bowing to the Father's will,
He took a crown of thorns.

Chorus

**Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, hallelujah,
Praise and honor unto Thee.**

Sent of heaven, God's own Son
To purchase and redeem.
And reconcile the very ones
Who nailed Him to that tree. (Chorus)

Now, my debt is paid, it is paid in full
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now, the curse of sin has no hold on me.
Whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed. (Repeat)

**Oh, that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me.
Now my soul cries out, hallelujah,
Praise and honor unto Thee.**

See the stone is rolled away,
Behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah, God be praised,
He's risen from the grave. (Chorus)

Praise and honor unto Thee.

Thanksgiving and Petition

We Give Thanks in Prayer and Offer Petitions to God

We express our gratitude to God our Father for Christ's work on the cross for us and bring our requests before him. In bringing our requests, we confess that we believe God truly is a good father, who cares about our needs and gives us what he knows is best.

We Give Thanks by Giving

We give financial offerings to support the work of the church because of our gratitude to God. By giving we confess we are trusting in God's provision for us as well.

You may give electronically at gabcames.org/giving/ or place your offering in the boxes at the back of the sanctuary or send a check in the mail.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 39 (ESV)

To the choirmaster: to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.

- ¹ I said, "I will guard my ways,
that I may not sin with my tongue;
I will guard my mouth with a muzzle,
so long as the wicked are in my presence."
² I was mute and silent;
I held my peace to no avail,
and my distress grew worse.
³ My heart became hot within me.
As I mused, the fire burned;
then I spoke with my tongue:
⁴ "O LORD, make me know my end
and what is the measure of my days;
let me know how fleeting I am!
⁵ Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.
Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! *Selah*
⁶ Surely a man goes about as a shadow!
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;
man heaps up wealth and does not know who will gather!
⁷ "And now, O LORD, for what do I wait?
My hope is in you.
⁸ Deliver me from all my transgressions.
Do not make me the scorn of the fool!
⁹ I am mute; I do not open my mouth,
for it is you who have done it.
¹⁰ Remove your stroke from me;
I am spent by the hostility of your hand.
¹¹ When you discipline a man
with rebukes for sin,
you consume like a moth what is dear to him;
surely all mankind is a mere breath! *Selah*
¹² "Hear my prayer, O LORD,
and give ear to my cry;
hold not your peace at my tears!
For I am a sojourner with you,
a guest, like all my fathers.
¹³ Look away from me, that I may smile again,
before I depart and am no more!"

This is the word of the Lord.

**The grass withers and the flower falls
but the word of the Lord endures forever.**

Sermon

Psalm 39 - "The Song of Steadfast Sojourners" - Pastor Michael Felkins

Sermon Discipleship Questions

1. What encouraged you?
2. What convicted you?
3. Is there anything in your life that needs to change?

Liturgy for Baby/Child Dedication

God has established a testimony in Jesus Christ, our Savior.
He has commanded us to teach our children to love Christ,
that the next generation might know Him
and arise and speak of Him to their children,
so that they should set their hope in Jesus Christ
and not forget the works of God,
but love Him with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength.

—Questions for Parents—

Parents, do you commit

to trust God's promises made to you and your children in His Word,
to seek God and gospel change in the way you live and parent your children,
to teach God's Word to them and live life in light of the gospel in your home,
to pray for them and teach them to pray, and
to partner with our church by seeking their help and accountability and leading your children to do the same?

—Parents' Response—

With God's help, we will

**impress on our children what we have heard and known,
teach them to love God with all of their heart, soul, mind and strength, and
tell of the glorious deeds of the Lord Jesus—
of His perfect life, His death on the cross and of His resurrection from the dead.**

—Charge to the Church—

Church, will you commit

to seek God and seek gospel change in the way you live before these children,
to pray for these children to love Jesus and trust in Him,
to teach them the gospel through both your words and your example,
to partner with these parents through both correction and encouragement,
to pray for these parents, and
to walk with them through the joys and trials of parenting?

—Church's Response—

**We, as Christ's church,
with joy and thanksgiving,
and by God's help
promise to love, encourage and support you,
as you follow Christ and train your children in the word of God.**

Sending

Having heard and confessed the Gospel, we are sent into the world on mission in Christ, which we express in spoken word.

Blessing

2 Thessalonians 3:5 (ESV)

**May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God
and to the steadfastness of Christ.**

Amen.

Scripture text for next Sunday: Psalm 40