

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP OF GOD

May 12, 2024

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: *“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling...“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!” The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.” (Psalm 46:1-3, 10-11)*

PRAYER

SONGS: “O Righteous God”

Oh, Righteous God who searches minds and hearts,
Bring to an end the violence of my foes.

And make the righteous more secure, Oh, Righteous God. (Repeat)

Sing praise to the name of the Lord most high.

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Give thanks to the Lord who rescues me, Oh, Righteous God.

Oh, Lord my God, I take refuge in You. Save and deliver me from all my foes.

My shield is God the Lord Most High, Oh, Lord, my God.

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“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high;
Hide me, O my savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;
Safe into the haven guide, O receive my soul at last!

Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on thee;
Leave, ah! Leave me not alone, still support and comfort me!
All my trust on thee is stayed, all my help from thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of thy wing.

Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in thee I find:
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name; I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am, thou art full of truth and grace.

Plenteous grace with thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within:
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of thee;
Spring thou up within my heart, rise to all eternity.

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HYMN #48: “O Lord Most High with All My Heart”

O Lord Most High, with all my heart your wondrous works I will proclaim;
I will be glad and give you thanks and sing the praises of your name.

The Lord, the everlasting King, is seated on his judgment throne;
The righteous Judge of all the world will make His perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove, a refuge strong for all oppressed,
A safe retreat, where weary souls in troubled times may surely rest.

Sing praises to the Lord Most High, to him who does in Zion dwell;
Declare his mighty deeds abroad, his deeds among the nations tell.

CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Questions 27-28

27. Q. What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is His almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

28. Q. What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love; for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Samuel 22:1-7, 32-51

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

MESSAGE: “The Character of God” – Joshua 20:1–21:45

HYMN #98: “Now Thank We All Our God”
(See Insert)

BENEDICTION

“The Character of God” – Joshua 20:1–21:45
Rev. Daniel Levi (1835)

^{20:1}Then the Lord said to Joshua, ²“Say to the people of Israel, ‘Appoint the cities of refuge, of which I spoke to you through Moses, ³ that the manslayer who strikes any person without intent or unknowingly may flee there. They shall be for you a refuge from the avenger of blood. ⁴ He shall flee to one of these cities and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city and explain his case to the elders of that city. Then they shall take him into the city and give him a place, and he shall remain with them. ⁵ And if the avenger of blood pursues him, they shall not give up the manslayer into his hand, because he struck his neighbor unknowingly, and did not hate him in the past. ⁶ And he shall remain in that city until he has stood before the congregation for judgment, until the death of him who is high priest at the time. Then the manslayer may return to his own town and his own home, to the town from which he fled.’” ⁷ So they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill country of Ephraim, and Kiriath-arba (that is, Hebron) in the hill country of Judah. ⁸ And beyond the Jordan east of Jericho, they appointed Bezer in the wilderness on the tableland, from the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead, from the tribe of Gad, and Golan in Bashan, from the tribe of Manasseh.

^{21:41} The cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the people of Israel were in all forty-eight cities with their pasturelands.⁴² These cities each had its pasturelands around it. So it was with all these cities. ⁴³ Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land that he swore to give to their fathers. And they took possession of it, and they settled there.⁴⁴ And the Lord gave them rest on every side just as he had sworn to their fathers. Not one of all their enemies had withstood them, for the Lord had given all their enemies into their hands. ⁴⁵ Not one word of all the good promises that the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

Announcements

May 12 – May 18, 2024

Story Group

A new story group will begin meeting Tuesdays, 6-8 pm, starting on June 18. Please see Betsy Page or Jordan Carr for more details. Postcards about the group are in the foyer.

35th Annual Church Picnic

On Sunday, May 19, immediately after the worship service, we are celebrating CCC's 35th anniversary with food, family, and games. Registration is open on our website at ccctitusville.org and there is also a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The church will provide brisket, pulled pork, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, bread, and beverages. We ask that you please bring a dish to share. Last names starting with A-M can bring desserts and N-Z can bring additional side dishes. We would like this event to also be an outreach to neighborhoods surrounding the church and encourage you to invite others to join us for worship and the picnic.

Summer Bible Club

Join us this summer June 3-7 from 9:00 am–12 noon as we train to run the race of faith at Olympion, our Olympics themed summer Bible club. At Olympion, you will meet Joshua, a great Bible champion, and be challenged to put your trust in Jesus Christ, the ultimate victor. You can register on the church website to join us in the arena as a coach or an athlete. Olympion runners, take your mark! Get set! GO!!!

Please note: Classes are full for 2 – 5-year-olds.

Still have openings 1st – 6th grades.

Nursery Volunteer Reminders:

5/12/2024 Kitty Putnam

5/19/2024 Debbie Cox

Children's Church Volunteer Reminders:

5/12/2024 Carol Charvet

5/19/2024 Amy Scheick and Carolann Morgan

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Please join us for this week's activities!

SUNDAY

10:00 am: Worship Service—Church Building

(Nursery – for infants and toddlers up to age 3, east side of the building.)

TUESDAY

1:00 pm: Women's Bible Study—Church Building

1:00 pm: Old Horses Bible Study

WEDNESDAY

7:00 pm: Prayer Meeting—Church Building

THURSDAY

6:30 pm: College and Career Group—Home of Steve Page

FRIDAY

6:30 am: Men's Bible Study—Church Building