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**prelude**

PAT DOLAN

*As the music plays, please quietly prepare your heart and mind for worship, lifting your thoughts up from the cares of this world.*

*Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior, Who Turn'dst From Us the Wrath of God* – J.S. Bach/Busoni

*How Lovely Are the Messengers* – Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the Gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words;

Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.

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**preparing our hearts**

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

– Titus 2:11-14<sup>ESV</sup>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* May the glory of the LORD endure forever;

**All:** **May the LORD rejoice in his works,**

*Leader:* Who looks on the earth and it trembles,

**All:** **Who touches the mountains and they smoke!**

*Leader:* We will sing to the LORD as long as we live;

**All:** **We will sing praise to our God while we have being.**

*Leader:* May our meditations be pleasing to him,

**All:** **For we rejoice in the LORD.**

– Psalm 104:31-34<sup>ESV</sup>

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious, o'er all victorious,  
Come, and reign over us, Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend: Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success;  
Spirit of holiness, on us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour: Thou who almighty art, now rule in every heart,  
And ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,  
And to eternity love and adore.

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*Leader:* We do not approach you because we deserve your notice, for we are sinners; our need compels us, your promises encourage us, our broken hearts incite us, the Mediator draws us, your acceptance moves us. Look upon us and be merciful unto us; convince us of the penalty and pollution of sin; give us faith to believe, and, believing, to have life in Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, forever. Amen.

– Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, “God of All Sovereignty”

## THE APOSTLES’ CREED

**All: I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
And born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
And is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
The holy catholic Church\*,  
The communion of saints,  
The forgiveness of sins,  
The resurrection of the body,  
And the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* Here, “catholic” means “universal,” and refers to the Christian church in all places

## 10,000 REASONS (BLESS THE LORD)

*\* Chorus:*

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul; worship his holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul; I'll worship your holy name.

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning  
It's time to sing your song again  
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me  
Let me be singing when the evening comes.\*

You're rich in love and you're slow to anger.  
Your name is great and your heart is kind  
For all your goodness I will keep on singing,  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find\*

And on that day when my strength is failing;  
The end draws near and my time has come.  
Still my soul will sing your praise unending,  
Ten thousand years and then forever more. \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: “I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.”

– Isaiah 57:15 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** **Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful  
That your mercy is higher than the heavens,  
Wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.  
Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes,  
Our refusal to relieve the suffering of others,  
Our envy of those who have more than we have,  
Our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure,  
Our indifference to the treasures of heaven,  
Our neglect of your wise and gracious law.  
Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good,  
Love what you love, and do what you command,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself.

– 2 Corinthians 5:17-18 ESV

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**

ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; the bleeding sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my surety stands, before the throne my surety stands;  
My name is written on his hands. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Arise (arise), arise (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise.  
Arise (arise), arise (arise), Arise, arise my soul, arise.  
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede; his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race, his blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. \*

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry;  
“Let not that ransomed sinner die!” \*

My God is reconciled; his pardoning voice I hear.  
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba Father,” cry. \*

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*Leader:* Deuteronomy 5:1-22  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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prayer

*An officer of the church prays for the world, nation, community, and church.*

*Leader:* All these mercies we ask in the name of Jesus, who prayed saying,  
**All: Our Father who is in heaven, hallowed be your name;  
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,  
Do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil,  
For yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.**

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\*\* passing the peace

*Leader:* Jesus said, “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.” In a world filled with trouble, let us encourage one another to look to the one who has overcome the world. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

While your children are welcome and encouraged to worship with you, at this time they can be dismissed for an age-appropriate worship for ages 3–K.

If you would like to hear more about CPC or would like to let us know of a prayer need, please include your contact information or prayer request in the welcome pad when it comes around to you.

Series | “Romans, Part Four: Why We Serve”

Sermon | “Our Debt of Love”

October 14, 2018

**Romans 13:8-14** <sup>ESV</sup> | **8** Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. **9** For the commandments, “You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet,” and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” **10** Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

**11** Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. **12** The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. **13** Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. **14** But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Leader:* This is the Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God!**



1. What is our debt of love?
2. Why is our debt of love important?
3. How do we pay our debt of love?

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**\*\* the gospel charge**

*Leader:* In light of the Word we have heard, how ought we live?

**All:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

– John 13:34-35 ESV

## WELCOME TO HIS TABLE

*The Lord's Supper is a family meal for Christians – a time when we delight in Christ and in the good news that His work alone has made us right with God. All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior, belong to a church that embraces the gospel, and seek strength to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, please use this time to meditate on the following prayer.*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Please remain seated for communion. As a symbol of our unity in Christ, wait until everyone has been served the elements, and we will all partake together. Once you are finished with your cup, please pass it to the inside aisles and the ushers will retrieve them.*

*If you have a gluten allergy, there are gluten-free wafers available in the center of the bread trays. During the celebration of communion, we will sing the printed hymns.*

**NOTE TO PARENTS:** *To receive communion, a child must have been baptized, publicly professed their faith in Christ, and been formally received as a communing member by the elders of this church or the governing body of the church to which you belong. We look forward to welcoming your children to the table when they come to this point and ask that you speak to the pastor when you feel your child is ready to begin the process of becoming a communing member.*

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## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

And as they were eating, he took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to them, and said, “Take; this is my body.” And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And he said to them, “This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many.”

– Mark 14:22-24<sup>ESV</sup>

*Minister:* Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

*Minister:* Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**All: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Minister:* It is very good and right, our duty and privilege, to at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Hear us then, as we pray.

**All: Father, we give you thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ, for his willing obedience and suffering during his life on earth, and for his sacrifice of his body and blood on the cross. As we partake of these, your gifts of the bread and the cup, give us assurance that we are made whole by his body and our sins are pardoned through his blood. Fill our minds with your peace and turn our eyes to heaven, where Christ is at your right hand interceding for us. Enable us to offer up ourselves in service to Christ and unite us with each other through your Spirit so that we may continue in the living hope of our Savior’s coming in glory. Hear us now through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Minister:* The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

## HOW SWEET AND AWESOME IS THE PLACE

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,  
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,  
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?

“Why was I made to hear your voice, and enter while there’s room,  
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”

‘Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;  
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;  
Send your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see your churches full, that all the chosen race  
May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing your redeeming grace.

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## THERE IS A REDEEMER

There is a Redeemer, Jesus God's own Son  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One

Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names  
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh! for sinners slain \*

*\* Chorus:*

Thank you, O my Father! for giving us your Son  
And leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done

When I stand in glory I will see his face  
There I'll serve my King forever in that holy place \*

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O LOVE THAT WILL NOT LET ME GO

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to thee;  
My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine's blaze its day  
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;  
I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red —  
Life that shall endless be.

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**announcements**

*Please note the announcements found on Pages 17-20 of your bulletin.*

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**\*\* benediction**