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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.*

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* – Martin Luther / David Cherwien

*Fughette on “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Our Word”* – Joseph Klug (tune), Luther (text) / Johann Christoph Bach

*Long Hast Thou Stood, O Church of God* – Ludwig Lindeman / Davis

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**preparing our hearts**

For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”

– Galatians 5:13-14<sub>ESV</sub>

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!

**All:** **Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!**

*Leader:* Know that the LORD he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his;

**All:** **We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

*Leader:* Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

**All:** **Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

– Psalm 100:1-4<sub>ESV</sub>

## O WORSHIP THE KING

O worship the King, all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his power and his love;  
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,  
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,  
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,  
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold—  
Almighty, your power has founded of old;  
Established it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain;  
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,  
In you do we trust, nor find you to fail.  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end;  
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

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*Leader:* The Sabbath reminds us of your rest from creation, of the resurrection of our Savior, of his entering into repose. Your house is ours, but we are unworthy to meet you there and are unfit for spiritual service. But encouraged by your all-sufficient grace, let us go to your house with a living hope of meeting you, knowing that here you will come to us and give us peace. Through Christ our Savior, Amen.

– Adapted from *The Valley of Vision*, “The Lord’s Day Morning”

## 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

## GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father.  
There is no shadow of turning with thee:  
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not;  
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be. \*

*\* Chorus:*

Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see:  
All I have needed thy hand hath provided –  
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. \*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside. \*

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!

– Psalm 139:23-24 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:** Holy God, whose glory fills the earth, have mercy on me, a sinner.  
My sins are many, and nothing I have done  
And nothing I have left undone escapes your sight.

Though I am a sinner, I allow sin to remain,  
Tolerating it, ignoring it, and even enjoying what it brings.  
Though I know it harms me and brings destruction, I entertain it still.  
Though it harms your children, and  
Though it grieves you to see them court the disaster sin brings;  
I choose not to confront, not to counsel, and not to address their sins  
Out of fear and convenience and misplaced priorities.  
Forgive me for my lack of love for you and for my brothers and sisters.  
Teach me to speak truth in love into their lives.

By your grace, Lord, teach me to love righteousness  
Because it looks like the Lord I love.  
Teach me to hate sin and its effects in me and others.  
Give me courage to flee sin in my life and chase it away  
When it threatens your children.  
All this I pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.

**All:** **But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him.**

– Psalm 103: 8,10, 17a<sub>ESV</sub>

## LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies  
Called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with his blood, he has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood,  
He who washed us with his blood, soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice, join and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more  
He who washed us with his blood, he who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou hast washed us with thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, thou art worthy Lamb of God

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*Leader:* Psalm 34:1-15  
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.

*When instructed, greet those around you, saying, “The peace of Christ be with you.” When the music begins, please be seated and prepare yourself for the hearing of God’s Word.*

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

Sermon | “Christian Liberty”

October 28, 2018

**Romans 14:13-23** <sup>ESV</sup> | 13 Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. 14 I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean. 15 For if your brother is grieved by what you eat, you are no longer walking in love. By what you eat, do not destroy the one for whom Christ died. 16 So do not let what you regard as good be spoken of as evil. 17 For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 Whoever thus serves Christ is acceptable to God and approved by men. 19 So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.

20 Do not, for the sake of food, destroy the work of God. Everything is indeed clean, but it is wrong for anyone to make another stumble by what he eats. 21 It is good not to eat meat or drink wine or do anything that causes your brother to stumble. 22 The faith that you have, keep between yourself and God. Blessed is the one who has no reason to pass judgment on himself for what he approves. 23 But whoever has doubts is condemned if he eats, because the eating is not from faith. For whatever does not proceed from faith is sin.

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

**All:** Thanks be to God!

1. Liberty's Freedom
2. Liberty's Limitations
3. Liberty's Love

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## **\*\* the gospel charge**

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

**All:** “All things are lawful,” but not all things are helpful. “All things are lawful,” but not all things build up. Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor. So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

– 1 Corinthians 10:23-24, 31<sub>ESV</sub>

## 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.*

**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.

*During the celebration of communion, while the music plays, please reflect on your understanding of and readiness for the Lord’s Table.*

## HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

*\* Chorus:*

Hail to the Lord's anointed, great David's greater Son!

Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

His reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;

To take away transgression and rule in equity.\*

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;

To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,

Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.\*

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;

Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

Kings shall fall down before him, and gold and incense bring;

All nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing;\*

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;

His Name shall stand forever; that Name to us is Love.\*

"Hail to the Lord's Anointed," Words: James Montgomery, Music (alt lyrics): Sandra McCracken.

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**announcements**

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

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**\*\* benediction**