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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.*

*Allemande* – Gottlieb Theophil Muffat (1690-1770)

*The Church's One Foundation* – Samuel Wesley (1766-1837) / Chris Rice

The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is his new creation, by water and the word:  
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

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**preparing our hearts**

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

– Psalm 63:1-4 ESV

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**\*\* call to worship**

*Leader:* For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

**All:** **I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

*Leader:* For the LORD God is a sun and shield;

**All:** **The LORD bestows favor and honor.**

*Leader:* No good thing does he withhold from those who walk uprightly.

**All:** **O LORD of hosts, blessed is the one who trusts in you!**

–Psalm 84:10-12 ESV

\*\* Please stand if you are able

## CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! How the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own!  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King throughout eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds yet visible above in beauty glorified.  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious to the strife for those he came to save;  
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high;  
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time,  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity!

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## **\*\*prayer of invocation**

*Leader:* To you, O LORD, we lift up our souls and in you we trust; none who wait for you shall be put to shame; Make us to know your ways, O LORD; teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation; for you alone we will wait.

—Based on Psalm 25:1-5 ESV

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## **\*\* affirmation of faith**

### 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

## MIGHTY GOD WHILE ANGELS BLESS THEE

Mighty God, while angels bless thee, may a mortal sing thy Name?  
Lord of men as well as angels, thou art every creature's theme.  
Lord of every land and nation, Ancient of Eternal Days,  
Sounded through the wide creation, be thy just and endless praise.

For the grandeur of thy nature, grand beyond a seraph's thought;  
For created works of power, works with skill and kindness wrought;  
For thy providence that governs through thine empire's wide domain,  
Wings an angel, guides a sparrow; blessed be thy gentle reign.

But thy rich, thy free redemption, dark through brightness all along, –  
Thought is poor, and poor expression – who dare sing that wondrous song?  
Brightness of the Father's glory shall thy praise unuttered lie?  
Break, my tongue, such guilty silence, sing the Lord who came to die;

From the highest throne of glory, to the cross of deepest woe,  
All to ransom guilty captives – flow my praise, forever flow.  
Go, return, immortal Savior, leave thy footstool, take thy throne;  
Thence return and reign forever, be the kingdom all thine own.

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## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

*Leader:* Keep back your servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me! Then I shall be blameless and innocent of great transgression.

– Psalm 19:13 ESV

Let us confess our sins to the Lord.

**All:**     **O my Savior, help me.**  
          **I am slow to learn, prone to forget, and weak to climb.**  
          **I am in the foothills when I should be on the heights.**  
          **I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days,**  
          **My poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race,**  
          **My sullied conscience, my wasted hours, my unspent opportunities.**  
          **I am blind while the light shines around me:**  
          **Take the scales from my eyes;**  
          **Grind to dust my heart of unbelief.**  
          **Make it my highest joy to study you, meditate on you, gaze on you,**  
          **Sit like Mary at your feet, lean like John on your breast,**  
          **Appeal like Peter to your love, count like Paul all things but rubbish.**  
          **I believe, help my unbelief. In Jesus' Name I pray, Amen.**

*Please reflect and silently confess your sins.*

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE \*\*

*Leader:* For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly... God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

– Romans 5:6 ESV

**All:**     **We give thanks to you, O Lord!**

HIS LOVE CAN NEVER FAIL

I do not ask to see the way my feet will have to tread;  
But only that my soul may feed upon the living Bread.  
'Tis better far that I should walk by faith close to his side;  
I may not know the way I go, but oh, I know my Guide. \*

*\* Chorus:*

His love can never fail, his love can never fail,  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail.

And if my feet would go astray, they cannot, for I know  
That Jesus guides my faltering steps, as joyfully I go.  
And tho' I may not see his face, my faith is strong and clear,  
That in each hour of sore distress my Savior will be near. \*

I will not fear, tho' darkness come abroad o'er all the land,  
If I may only feel the touch of his own loving hand.  
And tho' I tremble when I think how weak I am, and frail,  
My soul is satisfied to know his love can never fail. \*

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*Leader:* Ephesians 6:10-20  
This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God!**

*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.

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**sermon**

**Series** | “Joshua: Promise. Faith. Courage.”

WHIT ANDERSON

**Sermon** | “Wood Cutters and Water Carriers for the Lord”

**August 19, 2018**

**Joshua 9** ESV | 1 As soon as all the kings who were beyond the Jordan in the hill country and in the lowland all along the coast of the Great Sea toward Lebanon, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, heard of this, 2 they gathered together as one to fight against Joshua and Israel.

3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and to Ai, 4 they on their part acted with cunning and went and made ready provisions and took worn-out sacks for their

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donkeys, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended, 5 with worn-out, patched sandals on their feet, and worn-out clothes. And all their provisions were dry and crumbly. 6 And they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and to the men of Israel, “We have come from a distant country, so now make a covenant with us.” 7 But the men of Israel said to the Hivites, “Perhaps you live among us; then how can we make a covenant with you?” 8 They said to Joshua, “We are your servants.” And Joshua said to them, “Who are you? And where do you come from?” 9 They said to him, “From a very distant country your servants have come, because of the name of the Lord your God. For we have heard a report of him, and all that he did in Egypt, 10 and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites who were beyond the Jordan, to Sihon the king of Heshbon, and to Og king of Bashan, who lived in Ashtaroth. 11 So our elders and all the inhabitants of our country said to us, ‘Take provisions in your hand for the journey and go to meet them and say to them, “We are your servants. Come now, make a covenant with us.”’ 12 Here is our bread. It was still warm when we took it from our houses as our food for the journey on the day we set out to come to you, but now, behold, it is dry and crumbly. 13 These wineskins were new when we filled them, and behold, they have burst. And these garments and sandals of ours are worn out from the very long journey.” 14 So the men took some of their provisions, but did not ask counsel from the Lord. 15 And Joshua made peace with them and made a covenant with them, to let them live, and the leaders of the congregation swore to them.

16 At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors and that they lived among them. 17 And the people of Israel set out and reached their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kiriath-jearim. 18 But the people of Israel did not attack them, because the leaders of the congregation had sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel. Then all the congregation murmured against the leaders. 19 But all the leaders said to all the congregation, “We have sworn to them by the Lord, the God of Israel, and now we may not touch them. 20 This we will do to them: let them live, lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath that we swore to them.” 21 And the leaders said to them, “Let them live.” So they became cutters of wood and drawers of water for all the congregation, just as the leaders had said of them.

22 Joshua summoned them, and he said to them, “Why did you deceive us, saying, ‘We are very far from you,’ when you dwell among us? 23 Now therefore you are cursed, and some of you shall never be anything but servants, cutters of wood and drawers of water for the house of my God.” 24 They answered Joshua, “Because it was told to your servants for a certainty that the Lord your God had commanded his servant Moses to give you all the land and to destroy all the inhabitants of the land from before you – so we feared greatly for our lives because of you and did this thing. 25 And now, behold, we are in your hand. Whatever seems good and right in your sight to do to us, do it.” 26 So he did this to them and delivered them out of the hand of the people of Israel, and they did not kill them.

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27 But Joshua made them that day cutters of wood and drawers of water for the congregation and for the altar of the Lord, to this day, in the place that he should choose.

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

**All: Thanks be to God!**

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## sermon notes

1. Need for God's Wisdom
2. Concern for God's Honor
3. Hope for the Condemned

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## \*\* the gospel charge

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

**All: Put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds and put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.**

– Ephesians 4:22-24<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. 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.

## BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea:  
A great High Priest whose name is Love who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands; my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heaven he stands,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart; no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on him and pardon me; to look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ my Savior and my God; with Christ my Savior and my God.

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## WHEN I SURVEY THE WONDROUS CROSS

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were an offering far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

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MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who bore my pain;  
Who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again.  
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness, and clothed me with his light,  
And wrote His law of righteousness with power upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who walks beside;  
Who floods my weaknesses with strength and causes fears to fly;  
Whose every promise is enough for every step I take,  
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to him who reigns above;  
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love.  
For every day I have on earth is given by the King.  
So I will give my life, my all, to love and follow him.

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**announcements**

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

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**\*\* benediction**