

Prelude

Come, Now is the Time to Worship

Philip Keveren

As we prepare to worship God, we are invited to a time of music and quiet meditation to bring ourselves into the space, remove the distractions in our minds, and encounter our Creator.

[We Come Together to Worship](#)

Welcome and News for the Pews

Jesus teaches us through his words and actions that God welcomes all as God's children. All levels of faith, doubt, and questioning, you belong here! Bring your whole selves into this community and journey through this life of faith together, supporting and loving each other at each step down the path.



CPC is committed to being a fully inclusive congregation in open, loving dialogue.

**Call to Worship*

All heaven and earth proclaim the majesty of God's creative power!

Praise God for the amazing and awesome beauty.

God has given to us codes by which to live together in harmony and peace.

In these commandments, God has summed up the ways we must respect one another.

Rejoice in the goodness of God.

Praise God for God's complete and steadfast love for us. Amen.

**Hymn*

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

GtoG #267

[Invitation to Experience the Grace of God](#)

**Call to Confession*

We are good at rules: making them and then breaking them. Paul reminds us that, when we gain Christ Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we receive exactly what we need— forgiveness, grace, hope. Let us confess our sins to God, that we might know God's healing love for us!

**Prayer of Confession: Laying Down Our Burdens before Christ*

Silent Confession

Eternal God, if we were to name all the gods we have before you we would be here a very long time. We elevate politicians into saviors, though they are as broken as we are. We misuse your name so much during the day, we have trouble speaking to you in prayer at night. We are so busy we do not notice how creation witnesses to your goodness and grace.

Forgive us, God our Hope. Help us to let go of what we value most, so we may open our emptiness, our hearts, our lives to the healing and loving presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

**Assurance of God's Love and Forgiveness*

Friends, hear the Good News! Persistently, patiently, lovingly, God pours out grace and joy into our lives, healing our brokenness, forgiving our sin.

Loved, we are sent to love; Forgiven, we are freed to forgive; Graced, we can offer our gifts to everyone we meet. Thanks be to God. Amen.

[We Listen for the Voice of God](#)

Children's Message

Anthem

We Thank You, Lord

Don Besig

Chancel Choir

Prayer for God's Wisdom and Understanding

Compassionate God, all creation delights in your radiant presence of your Word. May the authority of your Spirit bring understanding into our confused minds and truth into our troubled hearts, that we may praise and serve Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

1st Reading Ephesians 5:3-20

2nd Reading Exodus 20:3-6

Message

No False Idols

Hymn

O God, Who Gives Us Life

GtoG #53

[We Respond to God](#)

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

Anthem

Great Day!

Bill Ingram

Jubilee Ringers

**Rededication of Our Lives to Service*

O God, Jesus taught that where our treasure is, there will our hearts be also. In this hour, we come bringing our treasures—all that we have and all that we are. We come seeking your treasure—treasure that does not fade, decay, or disappoint. Share with us the treasure of heaven, that we may boldly share it with others.

Amen.

**Hymn*

Let All Things Now Living

GtoG #37

[God Sends us Out!](#)

**Charge and Benediction*

May the holy wisdom of God guard your ways and guide your paths. May the living truth of God enlighten your hearts and open your minds. And may the living Spirit of God give you life, and life to the full!

And all God's people joyfully say...

Amen!

**Sharing God's Peace*

You are invited to share the peace of Christ with one another. Please be aware that people will have different levels of comfort. Some might want a wave from a distance, others an elbow touch or handshake, others may be ready to hug. Please ask first!

Postlude

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Lloyd Larson

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Great Day! Bill Ingram

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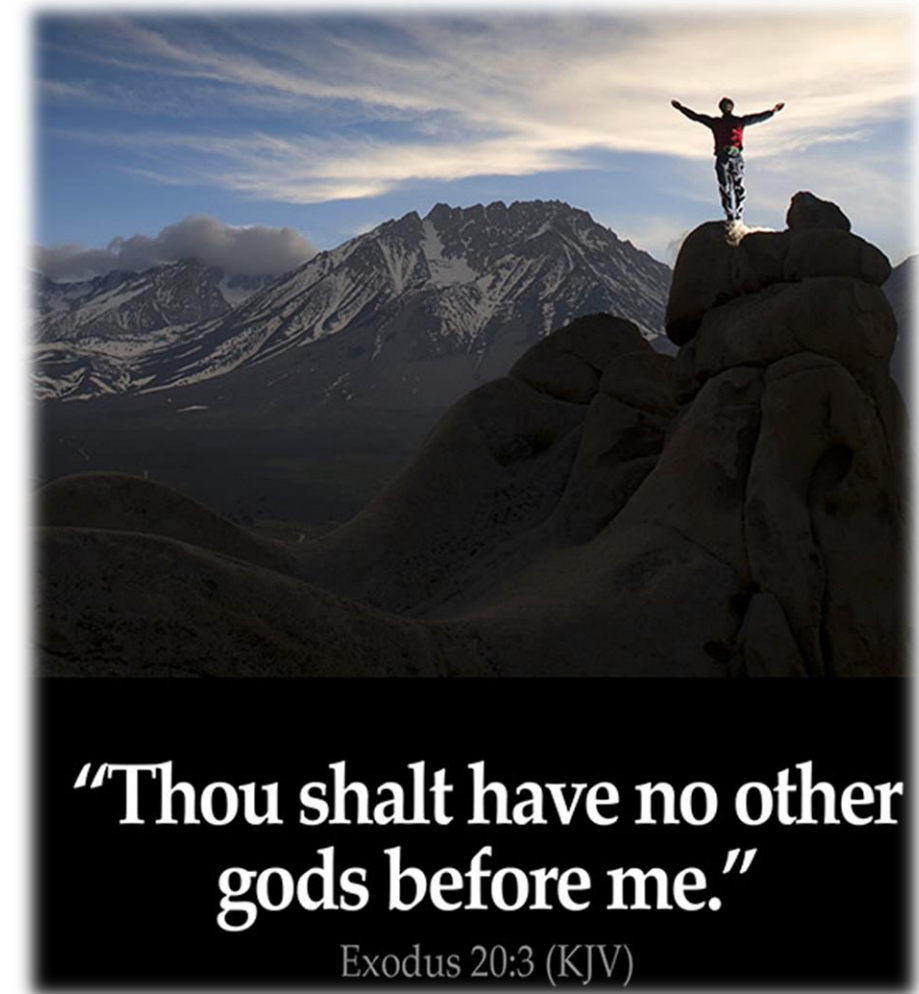
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**“Thou shalt have no other
gods before me.”**

Exodus 20:3 (KJV)

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Welcome to Worship!

“Our Mission is to be an inviting and serving congregation that is comforted and challenged by the Gospel of Christ and the inclusive love of God.”