

COLBERT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Most of all, love each other as if your life depended on it.

Love makes up for practically anything.

~1 Peter 4:8, The Message

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you!

WELCOME

GATHERING MUSIC

Great Are You, Lord

You give life, You are love, You bring light to the darkness.
You give hope, You restore every heart that is broken; and great are You, Lord.

It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise, we pour out our praise.
It's Your breath in our lungs, so we pour out our praise to You only.

And all the earth will shout Your praise; our hearts will cry, these bones will sing,
"Great are You, Lord!"

By Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard. CCLI# 6460220**

ENTERING INTO GOD'S PRESENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, you summon the day to dawn, you teach the morning to waken the earth.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the valleys shall sing for joy, the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

For you the monarchs of the earth shall bow,
the poor and persecuted shall shout for joy.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

Your love and mercy shall last forever, fresh as the morning, sure as the sunrise.
Great is your name. Great is your love.

SONGS OF PRAISE

All My Ways Are Known To You

In days of peace and days of rest, in times of loss and loneliness,
Though rich or poor, your word is true, that all my ways are known to you.

No trial has come beyond your hand, no step I walk beyond your plan.
The path is dark outside my view, still all my ways are known to you.

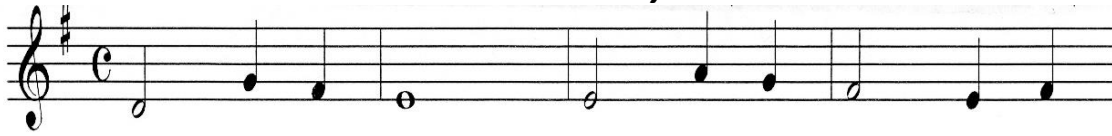
Chorus: And oh what peace that I have found, wherever I may be,
For all my ways are known to you. Hallelujah, they are known to you!

I do not fear the final night, for death will be the door to life.
You take my hand and lead me through, for all my ways are known to you.
(Chorus)

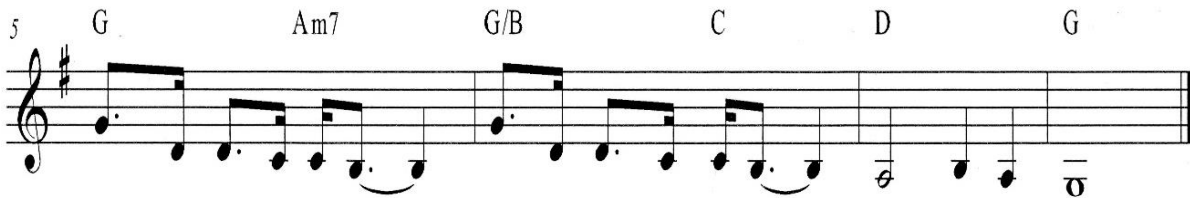
Bridge: Open up my eyes so I may see that you have made these ways for me.
Open up my eyes so I may see that you my God will walk with me.

By Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, Dustin Smith. CCLI# 7073327**

Teach Us Your Ways



1. Teach us Your ways, teach us Your ways. As we
 2. Teach us to give, teach us to give, give our -
 3. Teach us to weep, teach us to weep. Let us
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah! Let us



learn from one a-noth-er,___ learn to love each-oth-er,___ teach us Your ways.
 selves for one a-noth-er,___ learn to help each-oth-er:___ teach us to give.
 weep with one a-noth-er,___ learn to love each-oth-er:___ teach us to weep.
 learn from one a-noth-er,___ learn to love each-oth-er:___ teach us Your ways.

By Isaac Wardell, Leslie Jordan, Orlando Palmer, and Paul Zach. CCLI# 7133715**

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
 That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
 How great the pain of searing loss; the Father turns His face away,
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many ones to glory.

Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
 Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
 It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
 His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom;
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
 Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer.
 But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.

By Stuart Townend. CCLI#155810 **

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

SONG OF RESPONSE

Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost, but now I'm found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear, the hour I first believed.

Refrain: My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Savior has ransomed me.
And like a flood His mercy rains, unending love, amazing grace.

The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures. (*Refrain*)

The earth will soon dissolve like snow, the sun forbear to shine.
But God, who called me here below, will be forever mine.
You are forever mine.

By Chris Tomlin, John Newton, Louie Giglio. CCLI# 4768151**

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

GRATITUDE TO GOD AND OTHERS

Thank you to Lesley Groe

OFFERTORY

Hymn of Heaven

By Bill Johnson, Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport and Phil Wickham, CCLI #7168994**

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!
Amen.

*Children may be dismissed at this time for Children's Worship
and will return after the sermon.*

HEARING GOD'S WORD FOR OUR TIME AND PLACE

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FIRST LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:1-9 (MSG)

This is the commandment, the rules and regulations, that God, your God, commanded me to teach you to live out in the land you're about to cross into to possess. This is so that you'll live in deep reverence before God lifelong, observing all his rules and regulations that I'm commanding you, you and your children and your grandchildren, living good long lives. Listen obediently, Israel. Do what you're told so that you'll have a good life, a life of abundance and bounty, just as God promised, in a land abounding in milk and honey.

Attention, Israel! God, our God! God the one and only! Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love him with all that's in you, love him with all you've got! Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.

SECOND LESSON: 1 John 4:7-21 (MSG)

My beloved friends, let us continue to love each other since love comes from God. Everyone who loves is born of God and experiences a relationship with God. The person who refuses to love doesn't know the first thing about God, because God *is* love—so you can't know him if you don't love. This is how God showed his love for us: God sent his only Son into the world so we might live through him. This is the kind of love we are talking about—not that we once upon a time loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as a sacrifice to clear away our sins and the damage they've done to our relationship with God.

My dear, dear friends, if God loved us like this, we certainly ought to love each other. No one has seen God, ever. But if we love one another, God dwells deeply within us, and his love becomes complete in us—perfect love! This is how we know we're living steadily and deeply in him, and he in us: He's given us life from his life, from his very own Spirit. Also, we've seen for ourselves and continue to state openly that the Father sent his Son as Savior of the world. Everyone who confesses that Jesus is God's Son participates continuously in an intimate relationship with God. We know it so well, we've embraced it heart and soul, this love that comes from God.

God is love. When we take up permanent residence in a life of love, we live in God and God lives in us. This way, love has the run of the house, becomes at home and mature in us, so that we're free of worry on Judgment Day—our standing in the world is identical with Christ's. There is no room in love for fear. Well-formed love banishes fear. Since fear is crippling, a fearful life—fear of death, fear of judgment—is one not yet fully formed in love. We, though, are going to love—love and be loved. First we were loved, now we love. He loved us first. If anyone boasts, "I love God," and goes right on hating his brother or sister, thinking nothing of it, he is a liar. If he won't love the person he can see, how can he love the God he can't see? The command we have from Christ is blunt: Loving God includes loving people. You've got to love both.

SERMON: Practice Makes Perfect

SILENCE

The ushers will direct the children back to their families at this time.

SONG OF RESPONSE

Let Us Be Known

*Qué la alegría sea nuestro motor: En cada hogar y corazón canta al Señor
Qué de nuestras vidas, bondad y esperanza. Qué la alegría sea nuestro motor
Por la gloria del Padre, por la gloria de Jesús
Por la gloria del Espíritu, qué la alegría sea nuestro motor*

Let us be known by our love: let every word and ev'ry deed honor the Son.
Let our light shine in every eye. Let us be known by our Love!
For the glory of the Father, for the glory of the Son,
For the glory of the Spirit, let us be known by our love!

By Matt Armstrong, Micah Massey, Nate Moore, and Ryan Flanigan, CCLI#7055575**

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who
have sinned against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,
for Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Go, My Friends, in Grace

Go, my friends, in grace, beneath the blessed sky.
Where you go, God is there, beneath the blessed sky.

Walk, my friends, in peace, within this fallen world.
Where you walk, God is there, within this fallen world.

Serve, my friends, in love, your neighbors and your foes.
Where you serve, God is there, in neighbors and in foes.

Come again, my friends, to worship and to pray.
When we meet, God is here, Benedictus Deus.

Words: David Wright; Music: James E. Clemens, © 2004 ***

**CHARGE
BLESSING**

THANKS TO THIS MORNING'S LEADERS IN WORSHIP

Musicians	Josh Creasey, Elizabeth Peterson, Mark Baird, Jeff Forsyth, Jadyynn Price, Richelle Harget, Kent McDonald
Ushers	Steve and Beth Melville
Liturgist	Lesley Groe
Sound and Video Techs	Marissa Kuuskvere, Kirk Anders, Belinda Cron, Howard Cron, Bob Perry
Pastor	Heather Thomsen Tang
Pastor	Eric Peterson

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News and Notes



Special Congregational Meeting

The Session has called a Special Congregational Meeting on April 28th, immediately following worship (around 10:45), for the purpose of electing church officers who are being recommended to you by the Church Nominating Committee. Zoom will be available for those who aren't able to attend in person.

New Hope Resource Center

The following items are needed and your donations are greatly appreciated:
Men's pants (size 32, 34, 36), Men's underwear, dish soap, liquid hand soap, toilet paper, paper towels.

Live Wires

On April 26th at 12pm, Live Wires will be hosting a potluck, plant exchange, and give away. Bring your extra plant starters!

New Membership Classes

New members class Tuesday, May 7th from 6:30-8:30 pm,
or Saturday, May 11th from 9:30-11:30 am,
with an option for childcare if requested.

Please use the QR code to sign up or email Heather, heather@colbertpres.org



“At The Weaving Of Creation” Book Launch

You’re invited to celebrate the release of Ben Brody’s new book of hymn tunes at a launch party on Sunday, April 21st at 4:00 pm at CPC. Ben will lead us through several hymns and there will be a reception afterward.

“House of 49 Doors: Entries in a Life” Reading and Fundraiser

Come celebrate Laurie Klein’s new book and support Habitat for Humanity on Sunday, April 28th at 2:00 pm. Laurie will be reading portions of her book and donating a free book for each contribution made to Habitat for Humanity.

Ben Brody will be joining in providing music for this event.

Big Table Fundraiser Breakfast:

Your Missions Committee is sponsoring a table at the Big Table Fundraiser Breakfast, on April 25th at the Davenport from 7:30-9:00am.

Big Table is a non-profit that ministers to the hospitality sector. If you are interested in learning more about this organization and would like to make a donation (either financial or volunteer assistance), we would love to have you join us at our table. Contact Deanna Bax, deannabax84@gmail.com or 509-599-7422.

Adult Ed Hour
Immediately following worship

Sermon Discussion Group

Small group discussion around the morning's Scripture lessons.
Facilitator: Jack Lewis

Meet in the Ponderosa Room

A Cloud of Witnesses: following Jesus through history

Engage questions, issues, and figures for church history with an eye toward their relevance for the twenty-first century. Each week we will read a very short text together as a conversation starter. No reading is required ahead of time.

Facilitator: Aaron Griffith

Meet in the Tamarack Room

CPC Book Group

Join us in reading *Blood Brothers*, by Elias Chacour, this spring. If you love to read and talk about books, please join us. All are welcome whether you have read the chapters we are discussing or not.

Facilitator: Wendy Olson

Meet in the Conversation Room

Household Habits

We will loosely follow Meredith Miller's book, *Woven*. The primary focus of this group is relationship building and mutual encouragement, with some content in the mix!

Facilitator: Heather Thomsen Tang

Meet in the Sanctuary

Youth Group Breakfast Club

Fellowship time and pancakes!

Facilitator: Marissa Kuuskvere

Meet in the Youth House

Elders

Sarah Crecelius (2025)
Josiah Hunter (2025)
Joyce McNamee (2025)
Lila Spotts (2025)
Karen Anders (2026)
Wendy Olson (2026)
Rich Stevens (2026)
Vacancy
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Jack Lewis (2027)
Walt Seidel (2027)
Deanna Bax (2027)
Barb Murphy

Elder for Children's Ministry
Elder for Youth Ministry
Elder for Fellowship
Elder for Caregiving
Elder for Worship
Elder for Strategic Planning
Elder for Stewardship/ Finance
Elder for Outreach
Elder for Buildings and Grounds
Elder for Adult Ministry
Elder for Personnel
Elder for Mission/Social Justice
Clerk of Session

Deacons

Cookie Billups
Kelsey Cook
Margaret Dingle and Liz Todd
Lesley Groe
Beth and Steve Melville
Penny and John Nelson

Lorrie Perry
Karen Simpson
Shelley Stevens
Mary and Elmer Swanson
Thereza Vahlstrom and Holly Ziegler
Karen Meyers-Deacon at Large
Vacancy

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