

Proclaiming a Hope

Building a Home

Launching a Healing

The Lord's Day, March 30, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word and Prayer

March 30, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

*Arise, My Soul, Arise



*Call to Worship1

Psalm 68:1-6, 19-20, 26

Elder: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who

hate him shall flee before him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the

wicked shall perish before God!

People: But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God;

they shall be jubilant with joy!

Elder: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who

rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before

him!

People: Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in his

holy habitation. God settles the solitary in a home; he leads out the prisoners to prosperity, but the rebellious dwell in a

parched land.

Elder: Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears us up; God is our

salvation. Our God is a God of salvation, and to GOD, the Lord,

belong deliverances from death.

All: "Bless God in the great congregation, the LORD, O you who

are of Israel's fountain!"

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Hymn No. 92

Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1529, arr. Tommy Bailey Lyrics: Martin Luther, 1529, tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

*Praver of Adoration & Invocation

*Affirmation of Faith

Romans 8:18, 2 Corinthians 4:6, 16-18

Elder: Church, what can we say about the trials and sufferings we face

in this life?

All:

[We] consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us... For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ... So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

 $^{^1}$ We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.



Call to Confession Micah 7:1-4

¹Woe is me! For I have become as when the summer fruit has been gathered, as when the grapes have been gleaned: there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fig that my soul desires. ²The godly has perished from the earth, and there is no one upright among mankind; they all lie in wait for blood, and each hunts the other with a net. ³Their hands are on what is evil, to do it well; the prince and the judge ask for a bribe, and the great man utters the evil desire of his soul; thus they weave it together. ⁴The best of them is like a brier, the most upright of them a thorn hedge. The day of your watchmen, of your punishment, has come; now their confusion is at hand.

Confession of Sin

All: O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger, nor discipline me in your wrath! There is no soundness in my flesh because of your indignation; there is no health in my bones because of my sin. For my iniquities have gone over my head; like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me. My wounds stink and fester because of my foolishness. But for you, O LORD, do I wait; it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer. I confess my iniquity; I am sorry for my sin. Do not forsake me, O LORD! O my God, be not far from me!

Silent Confession

*Assurance of Forgiveness

Micah 7:7-10

⁷But as for me, I will look to the LORD; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. ⁸Rejoice not over me, O my enemy; when I fall, I shall rise; when I sit in darkness, the LORD will be a light to me. ⁹I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause and executes judgment for me. He will bring me out to the light; I shall look upon his vindication.

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Hymn No. 499

Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1830 Lyrics: Augustus M. Toplady, 1776, alt. Thomas Cotterill, 1815

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Andy Edwards

Offertory

"Psalm 27 (The Lord Is My Light)"

Music & Lyrics: Jordan Kauflin, Matt Merker and Laura Story

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

**Children's Church Dismissal: During the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.

Pastoral Prayer

Elder James Harper

Members of the Week:

Andy & Nicolee Anderson, Charlie

Lindsey & Katie Anderson

Missionaries of the Week:

Reclaimed: Mark, MS

Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

3rd & 4th Grade: Fowler & Billy Staines; Sarah & Sumner Abraham

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Clay & Anna Dabbs

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

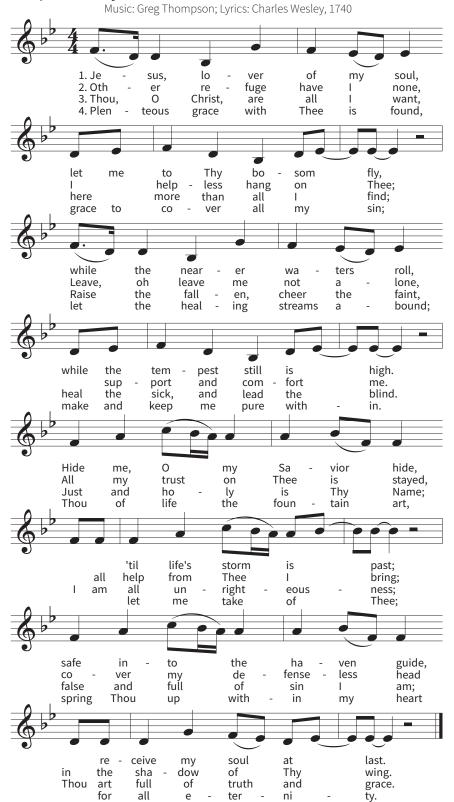
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Elder: The Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God!

^{**}Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

*Jesus, Lover of My Soul



*Benediction²

^{*}Please stand, if able.

² Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

Sern	non Notes	"Friend of Darkness"	Psalm 88
1.	Depression and Expe	erience	
2.	Depression and Disco	onnection	
3.	Depression and Con	nection	

Musicians & AVL Team

Gabbie Bowden, vocals; Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Noel Childress, guitar & vocals; Amanda Fliflet, sound engineer; Jiwon Lee, violin; Shane McMullen, bass; Andy Paney, piano; Matthew Parks, cello; Tripp Sanders, lights & projections; Daniel Spears, percussion; Jonathan Watts, banjo & mandolin

ANNOUNCEMENTS



To wrap up the Women's Spring Bible Study, we will have a salad lunch on Wednesday, April 9 from 11:15am-12:30pm. Bring your favorite salad to share! Don't attend morning study? Come join us for lunch anyway! Childcare will be extended until 12:30pm for those with littles wanting to stay for lunch.



All 7th-12th graders are invited to join us at Lake Forest Ranch for our youth Spring Retreat April 11-13th! Come hear John Crosby preach God's Word, enjoy fun games, and compete to put your name on the plunger helmet (iykyk)! The sign up deadline is March 31st! Use your phone's camera to scan the QR code above to register.



VBS registration will open Monday, March 31st, at 8:00am on the church center app for members. Registration will open to the public on April 14th. If you are interested in volunteering to help with VBS (June 2-6th) reach out to Elizabeth at elizabeth@cpcoxford.org.

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