

## ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP OF GOD

April 28, 2024

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP:** *“There is none like you among the gods, O Lord, nor are there any works like yours. All the nations you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name. For you are great and do wondrous things; you alone are God.” (Psalm 86:8-10)*

### PRAYER

#### **SONGS: “Great and Marvelous”**

Great and marvelous are your works, Lord God, Almighty.  
Just and true are your ways, O Lord, the King of ages.  
Who shall not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name.  
For you alone are holy, for you alone are holy,  
For you alone are holy, Almighty God.

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#### **“Come Thou Fount”**

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise his name, I'm fixed upon it – the name of God's redeeming love  
  
Hither to thy love has blessed me – thou hast brought me to this place;  
And I know thy hand will bring me safely home by thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God.  
He to rescue me from danger bought me with his precious blood.  
  
Oh to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let thy goodness, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to thee;  
Prone to wander, Lord I feel it -- prone to leave the God I love  
Here's my heart, oh take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

#### **HYMN #667: “God Is My Strong Salvation”**

God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?  
In darkness and temptation my light, my help is near.

Though hosts encamp around me, firm to the fight I stand;  
What terror can confound me, with God at my right hand?

Place on the Lord reliance, my soul, with courage wait;  
His truth be your affianced, when faint and desolate.

His might your heart shall strengthen, his love your joy increase;  
Mercy your days shall lengthen; the Lord will give you peace.

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Heidelberg Catechism Questions 62-64

**62. Q. But why can our good works not be our righteousness before God, or at least a part of it?**

A. Because the righteousness which can stand before God's judgment must be absolutely perfect and in complete agreement with the law of God, whereas even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.

**63. Q. But do our good works earn nothing, even though God promises to reward them in this life and the next?**

A. This reward is not earned; it is a gift of grace.

**64. Q. Does this teaching not make people careless and wicked?**

A. No. It is impossible that those grafted into Christ by true faith should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness.

**SCRIPTURE READING: Deuteronomy 7:1–11**

**PRAYER**

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

**MESSAGE: “Chariots of Iron” – Joshua 16:1 – 17:18**

**HYMN #2: “O Worship the King” (Verses 1, 2, 3, 5)**

O worship the King all-glorious above,  
O gratefully sing his pow'r 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 pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
And round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

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!

**BENEDICTION**

**“Chariots of Iron” – Joshua 16:1 – 17:18**  
**Rev. Steve Page (1833)**

<sup>16:1</sup> The allotment of the people of Joseph went from the Jordan by Jericho, east of the waters of Jericho, into the wilderness, going up from Jericho into the hill country to Bethel. <sup>2</sup> Then going from Bethel to Luz, it passes along to Ataroth, the territory of the Archites. <sup>3</sup> Then it goes down westward to the territory of the Japhletites, as far as the territory of Lower Beth-horon, then to Gezer, and it ends at the sea. <sup>4</sup> The people of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, received their inheritance. <sup>5</sup> The territory of the people of Ephraim by their clans was as follows: the boundary of their inheritance on the east was Ataroth-addar as far as Upper Beth-horon, <sup>6</sup> and the boundary goes from there to the sea. On the north is Michmethath. Then on the east the boundary turns around toward Taanath-shiloh and passes along beyond it on the east to Janoah, <sup>7</sup> then it goes down from Janoah to Ataroth and to Naarah, and touches Jericho, ending at the Jordan. <sup>8</sup> From Tappuah the boundary goes westward to the brook Kanah and ends at the sea. Such is the inheritance of the tribe of the people of Ephraim by their clans, <sup>9</sup> together with the towns that were set apart for the people of Ephraim within the inheritance of the Manassites, all those towns with their villages. <sup>10</sup> However, they did not drive out the Canaanites who lived in Gezer, so the Canaanites have lived in the midst of Ephraim to this day but have been made to do forced labor.

<sup>17:1</sup> Then allotment was made to the people of Manasseh, for he was the firstborn of Joseph. To Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, were allotted Gilead and Bashan, because he was a man of war. <sup>2</sup> And allotments were made to the rest of the people of Manasseh by their clans, Abiezer, Helek, Asriel, Shechem, Hopher, and Shemida. These were the male descendants of Manasseh the son of Joseph, by their clans. <sup>3</sup> Now Zelophehad the son of Hopher, son of Gilead, son of Machir, son of Manasseh, had no sons, but only daughters, and these are the names of his daughters: Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. <sup>4</sup> They approached Eleazar the priest and Joshua the son of Nun and the leaders and said, “The Lord commanded Moses to give us an inheritance along with our brothers.” So according to the mouth of the Lord he gave them an inheritance among the brothers of their father. <sup>5</sup> Thus there fell to Manasseh ten portions, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is on the other side of the Jordan, <sup>6</sup> because the daughters of Manasseh received an inheritance along with his sons. The land of Gilead was allotted to the rest of the people of Manasseh. <sup>7</sup> The territory of Manasseh reached from Asher to Michmethath, which is east of Shechem. Then the boundary goes along southward to the inhabitants of En-tappuah. <sup>8</sup> The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh, but the town of Tappuah on the boundary of Manasseh belonged to the people of Ephraim. <sup>9</sup> Then the boundary went down to the brook Kanah. These cities, to the south of the brook, among the cities of Manasseh, belong to Ephraim. Then the boundary of Manasseh goes on the north side of the brook and ends at the sea, <sup>10</sup> the land to the south being Ephraim's and that to the north being Manasseh's, with the sea forming its boundary. On the north Asher is reached, and on the east Issachar. <sup>11</sup> Also in Issachar and in Asher Manasseh had Beth-shean and its villages, and Ibleam and its villages, and the inhabitants of Dor and its villages, and the inhabitants of En-dor and its villages, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its villages, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its villages; the third is Naphath. <sup>12</sup> Yet the people of Manasseh could not take possession of those cities, but the Canaanites persisted in dwelling in that land. <sup>13</sup> Now when the people of Israel grew strong, they put the Canaanites to forced labor, but did not utterly drive them out. <sup>14</sup> Then the people of Joseph spoke to Joshua, saying, “Why have you given me but one lot and one portion as an inheritance, although I am a numerous people, since all along the Lord has blessed me?” <sup>15</sup> And Joshua said to them, “If you are a numerous people, go up by yourselves to the forest, and there clear ground for yourselves in the land of the Perizzites and the Rephaim, since the hill country of Ephraim is too narrow for you.” <sup>16</sup> The people of Joseph said, “The hill country is not enough for us. Yet all the Canaanites who dwell in the plain have chariots of iron, both those in Beth-shean and its villages and those in the Valley of Jezreel.” <sup>17</sup> Then Joshua said to the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and Manasseh, “You are a numerous people and have great power. You shall not have one allotment only, <sup>18</sup> but the hill country shall be yours, for though it is a forest, you shall clear it and possess it to its farthest borders. For you shall drive out the Canaanites, though they have chariots of iron, and though they are strong.”

# **Announcements**

## **April 28 – May 4, 2024**

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### **Children's Ministry Hosting Mother's Day Tea**

Mothers, daughters, grandmothers, and women of all ages are invited to join us on May 11 from 10:00 - 11:30 am for a "mom and me" Mother's Day Tea. We will be painting teacups, building bouquets, and learning about what it means to be a daughter of the King. Children are encouraged to attend. Please sign up if you plan to join us.

### **35th Annual Church Picnic**

On Sunday, May 19, immediately after the worship service, we are celebrating CCC's 35th anniversary with food, family, and games. Registration is open on our website at [ccctitusville.org](http://ccctitusville.org) and there is also a sign-up sheet in the foyer. The church will provide barbecue and beverages. We ask that you please bring a dish to share. Last names starting with A-M can bring desserts and N-Z can bring side dishes. We would like this event to also be an outreach to neighborhoods surrounding the church and encourage you to invite others to join us for worship and the picnic.

### **Summer Bible Club**

Join us this summer June 3-7 from 9:00 am–12 noon as we train to run the race of faith at Olympion, our Olympics themed summer Bible club. At Olympion, you will meet Joshua, a great Bible champion, and be challenged to put your trust in Jesus Christ, the ultimate victor. You can register on the church website to join us in the arena as a coach or an athlete. Olympion runners, take your mark! Get set! GO!!!  
Please note: Classes are full for 2 – 5-year-olds.  
Still have openings 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades.

### **Nursery Volunteer Reminders:**

**4/28/24** Carrie Schoonmaker & Kelly Hauptfear

**5/5/2024** Cathy Grossman & Kim Morrison

### **Children's Church Volunteer Reminders:**

**4/28/24** Carolyn Levi & Ruth Rovillo

**5/5/2024** Kathy Carr & Carolann Morgan

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*Please join us for this week's activities!*

**SUNDAY**

**9:00 am: Sunday School**

**10:00 am: Worship Service**—Church Building

*(Nursery – for infants and toddlers up to age 3, east side of the building.)*

**5:00 pm: Young Families' Small Group**—Church Building

**TUESDAY**

**1:00 pm: Women's Bible Study**—Church Building

**WEDNESDAY**

**7:00 pm: Prayer Meeting**—Church Building

**THURSDAY**

**6:30 pm: College and Career Group**—Home of Steve Page

**FRIDAY**

**6:30 am: Men's Bible Study**—Church Building