

ORDER FOR THE CELEBRATION AND WORSHIP OF GOD

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GATHERING SONGS: “In Christ Alone”

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all – here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
For ev'ry sin on him was laid – here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am his and he is mine – bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death – this is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man; can ever pluck me from his hand;
'Til he returns or calls me home – here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

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“O Praise the Name..”

I cast my mind to Calvary where Jesus bled and died for me.
I see his wounds, his hands, his feet. My Savior on that cursed tree.

His body bound and drenched in tears, they laid him down in Joseph's tomb.
The entrance sealed by heavy stone. Messiah still and all alone.

Chorus: O praise the name of the Lord our God, O praise his name forevermore.
For endless days we will sing your praise. Oh Lord, oh Lord our God.

On the third day at break of dawn, the Son of heaven rose again.
O trampled death, where is your sting? The angels shout for Christ the King. (chorus)

He shall return in robes of white, the blazing sun shall pierce the night.
And I will rise among the saints, my gaze transfixed by Jesus' face. (chorus x2)

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP: “As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God?” (Psalm 42:1-2). “Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:1-3a).

HYMN: # 660 “O God Beyond All Praising”

PRAYER

CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there He will come 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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 63

SONGS: “All I Have is Christ” (see announcement page)

“My Worth is Not in What I Own” (see announcement page)

PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CHILDREN DISMISSED TO CHILDREN'S CHURCH

MESSAGE: “We Worship What We Most Desire”

HYMN: # 662 “As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams”

BENEDICTION

The Session has called for a meeting of the congregation on July 1, immediately following the morning worship service, for the purpose of dissolving the pastoral relationship with Dan Thompson and for the establishment of a pastor search committee to begin the work of seeking a new pastor for Christ Community. Dan will work through July, but this formal step of “dissolution of pastoral relationship” needs to be taken and sent to the Central Florida Presbytery for action at its August meeting.

The elders have sought advice about the process of seeking a pastor. They have consulted instructions available through the PCA and have also sought advice from a sister PCA church in Orlando that is presently seeking a pastor. The PCA Book of Church Order gives instruction about this process: *“A church shall proceed to elect a pastor in the following manner: The Session shall call a congregational meeting to elect a pulpit committee which may be composed of members from the congregation at large or the Session, as designated by the congregation. The pulpit committee shall, after consultation and deliberation, recommend to the congregation a pastoral candidate who, in its judgment, fulfills the Constitutional requirements of that office and is most suited to be profitable to the spiritual interests of the congregation.”*

We have been encouraged to keep the committee small – no more than seven members. And we’ve been encouraged to include two elders, one deacon, one leader from the women’s ministry, and then have the congregation nominate and elect three more members for the committee from the congregation at large, at least one more of which must be a woman.

The work of this committee will be to consider and interview prospective pastors and their wives, to talk to references, etc., so they can eventually set before the congregation a recommendation for pastor at CCC. A new pastor is not chosen by the Session alone or appointed by the Presbytery. He must be approved by the Presbytery, but it is the congregation’s right to choose its own pastor.

With all this in mind, we ask that you consider people in the congregation you think would be good members for this kind of committee. They need to be members of CCC. It would be good if they have been members for more than a year or two and

have been involved in the life of the church to a degree that they know people in the church family. They need to have an understanding of this church’s theological views and an understanding of the kind of person a pastor needs to be (see I Timothy 3:1-7, II Timothy 4:1-5, Titus 1:5-2:2, and I Peter 5:1-4).

We will accept nominations for committee members through June 26. To nominate someone, you must first ask them if they would be willing to serve and receive their permission for you to nominate them. We will gather the names of those you nominate, present a ballot of nominees to you and have an election by secret ballot (vs. a raising of hands) from those nominees at the July 1 meeting. The Session is tasked with overseeing this process, but we want the congregation to be involved in this way.

If you have recommendations for a man you would like the committee to consider as a pastoral candidate, you can give that name to the chairman of the search committee after it has been formed.

One of the first orders of this committee’s business will be to define, in cooperation with the Session, a profile of the pastor we are looking for, a profile of this church family to give to prospective candidates, and to define some selection criteria. We ask that all of you join in regular prayer for God to lead this committee in its work. Ask God to give them insight and wisdom. Ask God to bring to mind good questions as they interview candidates. Ask God to preserve the fellowship and unity of this church family as we go through this process. And ask God to lead us soon to a new pastor for this congregation.

To nominate someone for the Pastor Search Committee, please fill out the following section and give this to the office administrator (Debbie Andrews) or put it in the offering plate before June 26.

I would like to nominate _____ to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. I have talked to him/her and have received his/her permission to place his/her name in nomination.

Signed: _____

Date: _____