

Announcements

- Today:** **College & Intern Lunch:** All students and interns are invited to lunch, after the morning service downstairs in Room 1.
- Tonight:** **Prayer & Praise:** We gather at 5:00pm for our regular prayer service. Tonight's message is on *Matthew 2:16*.
The Lord's Supper: We will be celebrating the Lord's Supper in the evening service. Please prepare your hearts to take it in a worthy manner.
- October 9:** **Special Lecture (Talking with Catholics About Jesus):** Mark Gilbert will give a lecture aimed at equipping Christians to share the gospel with our Roman Catholic friends from 7-8pm. Mark is an ordained Anglican Minister from Sydney, Australia. The first 150 in attendance will receive a free copy of one of Mark's books, *Stepping Out In Faith: Former Catholics Tell Their Stories*.
- October 13:** **Core Seminars:** Choose 1 of 7 classes at 9:30am: Following Jesus; New Testament; Global Christian History; Dating; Stewardship; Christians and Government; and Membership Matters.
Morning Service is at 10:30am; our sermon is on *Esther 5:1-8:2*.
- General Info:** **"How do I get involved at CHBC?"** Begin with becoming a member. To start the process, attend the Membership Matters classes at 9:30am on Sundays (Room 3). Please e-mail christian.lawrence@capbap.org with any questions.
For Children: Nursing Mom's room is on the 2nd floor. *Ages Pre-K & below* childcare is on the 2nd & 3rd floors; *Grades K-3* "Praise Factory" is on the 4th floor.
For Families: Room 4 is available downstairs in case the *nursery is closed* or you have a *crying/fussy baby*. Room 5 is available for *families with sick children*. Service audio is provided.
Youth Ministry: Meetings take place most Fridays from 7:00-9:15pm in the church basement. All 7th-12th graders welcome. More info: email mark.feather@capbap.org
- Giving:** You can give online at www.capbap.org/give

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For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?"

Esther 4:14

We gather this morning to praise our faithful God.

Welcome

Scriptural Call to Worship

Psalm 16:11

The Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

Hymn

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Hymn

“I Will Call Upon the Lord”

Prayer of Praise

Scripture Reading

Joel 2:12-17

Prayer of Confession

Scriptural Assurance of Pardon

1 John 2:1

Children in kindergarten through 3rd grade participating in Praise Factory should exit during this hymn:

Hymn

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Hymn

“O Christ, What Burdens Bowed Thy Head”

Corporate Scripture Reading

Luke 14:25-27

Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Petition

Hymn

“Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken”

Prayer of Thanks

Offertory

Message

Esther 3-4 (Pew Bible p. 411)

When God is Hidden...

God’s Enemies Will Conspire

Five studies in Esther

Hymn

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Benediction

Silence for Reflection and Preparation: *After the benediction, we will spend the next few moments silently reflecting on our time together this morning. When the piano resumes to mark the conclusion of the service, we invite all to stay around for conversation; refreshments are provided throughout the building.*

Preacher: Jamie Dunlop

Service Leader: Steven Wall

1. A might-y for-tress is our God, A bul-wark nev-er
 2. Did we in our own strength con-fide, Our striv-ing would be
 3. And tho' this world, with dev-ils filled, Should threat-en to un-
 4. That word a-bove all earth-ly pow'rs, No thanks to them, a-

fail-ing; Our help-er He, a-mid the flood
 los-ing; Were not the right Man on our side,
 do us, We will not fear, for God hath willed
 bid-eth; The Spir-it and the gifts are ours

Of mor-tal ills pre-vail-ing: For still our an-cient foe
 The Man of God's own choos-ing: Dost ask who that may be?
 His truth to tri-umph thro' us: The Prince of Dark-ness grim,
 Thro' Him who with us sid-eth: Let goods and kin-dred go,

Doth seek to work us woe; His craft and pow'r are great,
 Christ Je-sus, it is He; Lord Sa-ba-oth, His name,
 We trem-ble not for him; His rage we can en-dure,
 This mor-tal life al-so; The bod-y they may kill:

And, armed with cru-el hate, On earth is not his e-qual.
 From age to age the same, And He must win the bat-tle.
 For lo, his doom is sure, One lit-tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a-bid-eth still, His king-dom is for-ev-er.

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1. Come, ye sin - ners, poor and need - y, Weak and wound-ed, sick and sore;
 2. Come, ye thirst- y, come, and wel- come, God's free boun- ty glo - ri - fy;
 3. Come, ye wea - ry, heav - y - la - den, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;
 4. Let not con-science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond-ly dream;

Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, love, and pow'r.
 True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - 'ry grace that brings you nigh.
 If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er come at all.
 All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him.

I will a - rise and go to Je - sus, He will em - brace me in His arms;

In the arms of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thou - sand charms.

Preparation Music

Where Shall I Be?

1. When judg - ment day is draw - ing nigh, Where shall I be?
 2. When wick - ed men His wrath shall see, Where shall I be?
 3. When heav'n and earth as some great scroll, Where shall I be?
 4. All trou - ble done, all con - flict past, Where shall I be?

When God the works of men shall try, Where shall I be?
 And to the rocks and moun-tains flee, Where shall I be?
 Shall from God's ho - ly pres-ence roll, Where shall I be?
 Our en - e - my o'er-come at last, Where shall I be?

When east and west the fire shall roll, Where shall I be?
 When hills and moun-tains flee a - way, Where shall I be?
 When all the saints re-deemed shall stand, Where shall I be?
 When Christ shall reign from shore to shore, Where shall I be?

How will it be with my poor soul; Where shall I be?
 When all the works of man de - cay, Where shall I be?
 For - ev - er blest at God's right hand, Where shall I be?
 And peace a - bide for - ev - er - more, Where shall I be?

Hymn

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

1. Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, all to leave and fol - low Thee;
 2. Let the world de - spise and leave me, they have left my Sav - ior, too;
 3. Man may trou - ble and di - stress me, t'will but drive me to Thy breast.
 4. Haste thee on from grace to glo - ry, armed by faith, and winged by prayer;

Des - ti - tute, de - spised, for - sak - en, Thou, from hence, my all shall be.
 Hu-man hearts and looks de - ceive me, Thou art not, like man, un - true;
 Life with tri - als hard may press me; heav'n will bring me swee - ter rest.
 Heav'n'se - ter - nal days be - fore thee, God's own hand shall guide thee there;

Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, all I've sought or hoped or known;
 And while Thou shalt smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love, and might,
 Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me, while Thy love is left to me;
 Soon shall close thy earth - ly mis - sion, swift shall pass thy pil - grim days;

Yet how rich is my con - di - tion: God and heav'n are still my own!
 Foes may hate, and friends may shun me: show Thy face and all is bright.
 Oh t'were not in joy to charm me, were that joy un - mixed with Thee.
 Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion, faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

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 Music: Welsh Tune "Suo Gan," arr. John Hywel (used with permission)

Luke 14:25-27

Now great crowds accompanied him,

and he turned and said to them,

“If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters,

yes, and even his own life,

he cannot be my disciple.

Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of four systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the treble clef and a piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are: "O where shall I be when the first trumpet sounds, O where shall I be when it sounds so loud? When it sounds so loud as to wake up the dead? O where shall I be when it sounds?"

Explanatory note: This hymn reflects a sense of joyful expectation for the day when Christ returns to bring final deliverance for his people. Although the hymn writer phrases his longing as a question, the song does not convey doubt or dread. Rather, in asking, “Where shall I be?” the believer wonders with a sense of hope about how amazing it will be for God’s people to witness God’s final judgment and to enter his presence when the last day comes. As we sing this song, remember that Jesus urges his followers to be always wakeful and ready for his return (Matthew 25:1-13), and rejoice that there is no condemnation for all who are found “in Christ” on that final day (Romans 8:1).

Preparation Music

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1. Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, O God, my Fa-ther, There is no
 2. Sum-mer and win-ter, and spring-time and har-vest, Sun, moon, and
 3. Par-don for sin and a peace that en-dur-eth, Thine own dear

shad-ow of turn-ing with Thee; Thou chang-est not, Thy com-
 stars in their cours-es a-bove Join with all na-ture in
 pres-ence to cheer and to guide; Strength for to-day and bright

pas-sions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou for-ev-er wilt be.
 man-i-fold wit-ness To Thy great faith-ful-ness, mer-cy, and love.
 hope for to-mor-row, Bless-ings all mine, with ten thou-sand be-side!

Great is Thy faith-ful-ness! Great is Thy faith-ful-ness!

Morn-ing by morn-ing new mer-cies I see; All I have need-ed, Thy

hand hath pro-vid-ed; Great is Thy faith-ful-ness, Lord, un-to me!

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Hymn

O Christ, What Burdens Bowed Thy Head

1. O Christ, what bur-dens bowed thy head! Our
 2. Death and the curse were in my cup: O
 3. Je-ho-vah lift-ed up his rod: O
 4. Je-ho-vah bade his sword a-wake: O
 5. For me, Lord Je-sus Thou hast died, And

load was laid on Thee; Thou stood-est in the
 Christ, 'twas full for Thee! But Thou hast drained the
 Christ, it fell on Thee! Thou wast sore strick-en
 I have died 'gainst Thee! Thy blood the flam-ing
 Thou'rt ris'n, my bands are

sin-ner's stead, Didst bear all ill for me.
 last dark drop, 'Tis emp-ty now for me.
 of Thy God; There's not one stroke for me.
 blade must slake, Thy heart its sheath must be.
 all un-tied, And now Thou livest in me;

A vic-tim led, Thy blood was shed!
 That bit-ter cup, Thy love drank it up,
 Thy tears, Thy blood, be-neath it flowed;
 All for my sake, my peace to make:
 When pu-ri-fied, made white, and tried,

Now there's no load for me.
 Now bless-ings draught for me.
 Thy bruis-ings heal-eth me.
 Now sleeps that sword for me.
 Thy glo-ry then for me.

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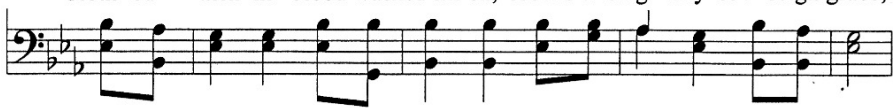
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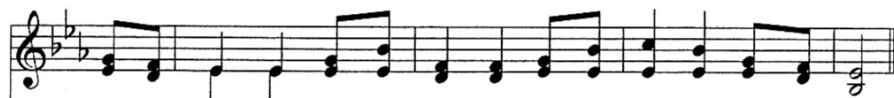
1. Come, Thou Fount of ev - 'ry bless - ing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
2. Here I raise mine Eb - e - ne - zer; Hith - er by Thy help I'm come;
3. O to grace how great a debt - or Dai - ly I'm con - strained to be!
4. O that day when freed from sinn - ing, I shall see Thy love - ly face;



Streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, Call for songs of loud - est praise:
And I hope by Thy good plea - sure, Safe - ly to ar - rive at home:
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fet - ter, Bind my wan - d'ring heart to Thee:
Cloth - ed then in blood washed lin - en, How I'll sing Thy sov - reign grace;



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, Sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger, Wan - d'ring from the fold of God;
Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Come, my Lord no long - er tar - ry, Take my ran - somed soul a - way;



Praise the mount! I'm fixed up - pon it, Mount of Thy re - deem - ing love.
He to res - cue me from dan - ger, In - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it, Seal it for Thy courts a - bove.
Send thine an - gels now to car - ry Me to realms of end - less day.



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The Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

We believe in one God, the Father, Ruler of all, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And we believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all time; Light from Light, true God from true God; begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father, through Whom all things were made; Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made a man. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried, and rose on the third day, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. He shall come again with glory to judge the living and the dead; His kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son, Who is worshiped and glorified together with the Father and the Son, and Who spoke through the Prophets.

And we believe that there is one holy, universal, and apostolic church. We confess one baptism for the remission of sins, and we look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Explanation of the Nicene Creed (381 A.D.)

Belief in God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit is an essential part of biblical faith. Knowing God, and continually affirming this faith, is part of what it means to be a Christian.

In 381 A.D., in the city of Constantinople, a group of elders formed a council to write a statement reaffirming their faith in Father, Son and Spirit. This statement, commonly known as the Nicene Creed of 381 A.D., declares Biblical truths such as 1) Jesus is God; 2) Jesus died on the cross and rose from the dead; 3) the Holy Spirit is Lord as well; 4) there is one universal church; and 5) the dead will be resurrected. Later, this creed was amended to make clear that the Spirit proceeds from both the Father and the Son. The phrase, "We confess one baptism for the remission of sins," does not mean that baptism leads to forgiveness of sins but that the Christian gospel depicted by baptism is the only gospel that truly saves (see Eph 4:5). This creed was an appropriate response to false teaching of the past, and it remains a useful means to guard against false teaching that might occur in the future.

This morning, we confess our faith aloud through these words of the Nicene Creed because we believe Jesus Christ is God, our Savior, Lord and Creator, and we believe the Holy Spirit is our Lord and the giver of eternal life. At Capitol Hill Baptist Church, we know that what we believe about God matters, and so we join saints throughout the centuries who have confessed the same biblical truth.

Hymn

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

1. How deep the Fa-ther's love for us, how vast be-yond all mea - sure
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on his shoul - ders.
 3. I will not boast of an - y - thing; no gifts, no pow'r no wis - dom.

That he should give his on - ly Son to make a wretch his trea - sure.
 A - shamed, I hear my mock ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers.
 But I will boast in Je - sus Christ, his death and res - ur - rec - tion.

How great the pain of sear-ing loss; the Fa - ther turns his face a-way
 It was my sin that held him there un - til it was ac - com - plished;
 Why should I gain from his re ward? I can - not give an an - swer.

As wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring ma - ny sons to glo - ry.
 His dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 But this I know with all my heart; his wounds have paid my ran - som.

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Hymn

I Will Call Upon the Lord

Men: 1. I will call up-on the Lord Who is worthy to be praised
 2. I will look up-on the Lord Who is all my righteousness.
 3. I will wait up-on the Lord Who will fill me with new strength.

Women: 1. I will call up-on the Lord Who is worthy to be
 2. I will look up-on the Lord Who is all my righteous
 3. I will wait up-on the Lord Who will fill me with new

So shall I be saved from my en - e - mies.
 He will make His face to shine on me... The
 I will fly with wings like an ea - gle.

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 strength. I will fly with wings like an ea - gle.

Lord liv - eth and bless - ed be the Rock and let the God of my sal - va - tion be ex - al - ted; The

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