

Announcements

- Tonight:** **Prayer & Praise:** We gather at 5:00pm for our regular prayer service. Tonight's message is on *1 Corinthians 15:57*.
- October 30:** **Wednesday Night Bible Study:** All are welcome from 7:00pm-8:00pm in the West Hall for our normal weekly Bible study.
- November 3:** **Core Seminars:** Choose 1 of 7 classes at 9:30am: Unity & Diversity; Old Testament 1; Living as a Church; Man and Woman in Christ; Suffering; Missions; and Membership Matters.
Children's Ministry Training: How to care for children in each developmental stage. All are welcome. Room 1 at 9:30am.
Morning Service is at 10:30am; our sermon is on *Romans 4:16-17*.
- 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 Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur (that is, cast lots), to crush and to destroy them. But when it came before the king, he gave orders in writing that his evil plan that he had devised against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. Therefore they called these days Purim, after the term Pur.

Esther 9:24-26a

We gather this morning to praise our victorious God.

Welcome
Scriptural Call to Worship Psalm 24

Church Statement of Faith Article IX: Of God’s Purpose of Grace

Hymn “I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art”
Hymn “Not in Me”
Hymn “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”

Prayer of Praise

Corporate Scripture Reading John 11:21-27

Prayer of Confession
Scriptural Assurance of Pardon Psalm 130:7-8

Children in kindergarten through 3rd grade participating in Praise Factory should exit during this hymn:
Hymn “Come, Ye Sinners (I Will Arise)”

Responsive Scripture Reading Romans 8:31-39

Pastoral Prayer & Prayer of Petition
Hymn “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

Prayer of Thanks
Offertory

Message
Esther 1-10 (Pew Bible p. 410)
When God is Hidden...
God’s Purposes Prevail
Five studies in Esther

Hymn “Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

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:* Mark Dever

Final Hymn

Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right

1. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, His ho - ly will a - bid - eth;
 2. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, He nev - er will de - ceive me;
 3. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, Though now this cup in drink - ing
 4. What - e'er my God or - dains is right, Here shall my stand be tak - en;

I will be still what - e'er he does, And fol - low where He guid - eth.
 He leads me by the pro - per path, I know He will not leave me.
 May bit - ter seem to my faint heart, I take it all, un - shrink - ing.
 Though sor - row, need, or death be mine, Yet I am not for - sak - en.

He is my God, though dark my road; He holds me that I shall not fall;
 I take, con - tent, what He has sent; His hand can turn my griefs a - way;
 My God is true, each morn a - new Sweet com - fort yet shall fill my heart;
 My Fa - ther's care is round me there; He holds me that I shall not fall;

And so to Him I leave it all, And so to Him I leave it all.
 And pa - tient - ly I wait His day, And pa - tient - ly I wait His day.
 And pain and sor - row shall de - part, And pain and sor - row shall de - part.
 And so to Him I leave it all, And so to Him I leave it all.

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Symmetry in the Book of Esther¹

- A The Greatness of Ahasuerus (1:1-2)
- B Two Feasts of the Persians: for All Nobles, for Susa (1:3-8)
- C Esther Identifies as a Gentile (2:10-20)
- D Elevation of Haman (3:1)
- E Anti-Jewish Edict with Feast to Celebrate (3:12-15)
- F Fateful Exchange of Mordecai and Esther (4:1-17)
- G First Banquet of Esther, Haman, and King (5:6-8)
- H Zeresh advises Mordecai's death (5:14)
- I Mordecai's Reward; Haman's Humiliation (6:1-12)
- H' Zeresh predicts Haman's ruin (6:13)
- G' Second Banquet of Esther, Haman, and King (7:1)
- F' Fateful Exchange of Ahasuerus and Esther (7:2-6)
- E' Pro-Jewish Edict with Feast to Celebrate (8:9-14)
- D' Elevation of Mordecai (8:15)
- C' Gentiles Identify as Jews (8:17)
- B' Two Feasts of the Jews: for All Jews, for Susa (9:20-32)
- A' The Greatness of Ahasuerus and Mordecai (10:1-3)

1. O land of rest, for thee I sigh! When will the mo-ment come When I shall
 2. To Je - sus Christ I fled for rest; He bade me cease to roam, And lean for
 3. I sought at once my Sav-ior's side, No more my steps to roam: With Him I'll

lay my ar - mor by And dwell in peace at home? We'll work till
 com - fort on His breast Till He con - ducts me home. We'll work
 brave death's chill - ing tide, And reach my heav'n - ly home. We'll work

Je - sus comes, We'll work till Je - sus comes We'll work till
 We'll work We'll work

Je - sus comes, And we'll be gath - ered home.

¹ Adapted from Jon D. Levenson, *Esther* (Westminster John Knox, 1997), page 8.

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1. Hark, I hear the harps e - ter - nal, ring - ing
 2. And my soul, though stain'd with sor - row, fad - ing
 3. Some have cross'd be - fore us safe - ly to that
 4. Might - y Je - sus, bear us o - ver, there to

on the far - ther shore, As I near those swol - len
 as the light of day, Pas - ses swift - ly o'er those
 land of per - fect rest. Can you hear them sing - ing
 kneel be - fore thy throne. May we join Thy saints for -

wat - ers, with their deep and sol - emn roar.
 wat - ers to that ci - ty far a - way.
 faint - ly in the man - sions of the blest?
 e - ver prais - ing Thee, and Thee a - lone:

Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

lu - jah, praise the Lamb. Hal - le - lu - jah, Hal - le -

lu - jah, glo - ry to the great I AM!

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1. Praise to the Lord, the Al-might - y, the King of cre - a - tion!
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly reign - eth,
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de - fend thee;
 4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me a - dore Him!

O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and sal - va - tion!
 Shel - ters thee un - der His wings, yea, so gen - tly sus - tain - eth!
 Sure - ly His good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at - tend thee.
 All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be - fore Him.

All ye who hear, Now to His tem - ple draw near;
 Hast thou not seen How thy de - sires e'er have been
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do,
 Let the A - men Sound from His peo - ple a - gain,

Praise Him in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
 Grant - ed in what He or - dain - eth?
 If with His love He be - friend thee.
 Glad - ly for aye we a - dore Him.

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Article IX: Of God's Purpose of Grace

We believe that Election is the eternal purpose of God, according to which He graciously regenerates, sanctifies, and saves sinners;

that being perfectly consistent with the free agency of man, it comprehends all the means in connection with the end;

that it is a most glorious display of God's sovereign goodness, being infinitely free, wise, holy and unchangeable;

that it utterly excludes boasting, and promotes humility, love, prayer, praise, trust in God, and active imitation of his free mercy;

that it encourages the use of means in the highest degree;

that it may be ascertained by its effects in all who truly believe the Gospel;

that it is the foundation of Christian assurance;

and that to ascertain it with regard to ourselves demands and deserves the utmost diligence.

1. I greet Thee, who my sure Re - deem - er art,
 2. Thou art the King of mer - cy and of grace,
 3. Thou art the life, by which a - lone we live,
 4. Our hope is in no oth - er save in Thee;

My on - ly Trust and Sav - ior of my heart,
 Reign - ing om - nip - o - tent in ev - ery place:
 And all our sub - stance and our strength re - ceive;
 Our faith is built up - on Thy prom - ise free;

Who pain didst un - der - go for my poor sake;
 So come, O King, and our whole be - ing sway;
 Sus - tain us by Thy faith and by Thy pow'r,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray Thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 Shine on us with the light of Thy pure day.
 And give us strength in ev - ery try - ing hour.
 That in Thy strength we ev - er - more en - dure.

Hymn

Not In Me



1. No list of sins I have not done, no list of vir - tues I pur - sue,
 2. No hum - ble dress, no fer - vent prayer, no lift - ed hands, no tear - ful song,
 3. No sep - a - ra - tion from the world, no work I do, no gift I give



No list of those I am not like can earn my - self a place with you.
 No rec - i - ta - tion of the truth, can jus - ti - fy a sin - gle wrong.
 Can cleanse my con - science, cleanse my hands; I can - not cause my soul to live.



O God! Be mer - ci - ful to me; I am a sin - ner through and through.
 My right - eous - ness is Je - sus' life; my debt was paid by Je - sus' death.
 But Je - sus died and rose a - gain; the pow'r of death is ov - er - thrown!



My on - ly hope of right - eous - ness is not in me, but on - ly you.
 My wear - y load was borne by him and he a - lone can give me rest.
 My God is mer - ci - ful to me and mer - ci - ful in Christ a - lone.



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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Romans 8:31-39

Leader: What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

Congregation: He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect?

Congregation: It is God who justifies.

Leader: Who is to condemn?

Congregation: Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?

Congregation: Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?

Leader: As it is written, “For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

All: No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

1. Je - sus, keep me near the cross, There a pre - cious foun - tain,
 2. Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, Love and mer - cy found me;
 3. Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes be - fore me;
 4. Near the cross! I'll watch and wait, Hop - ing, trust - ing ev - er,

Free to all, a heal - ing stream, Flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
 There the Bright and Morn - ing Star Shed His beams a - round me.
 Help me walk from day to day With its shad - ow o'er me.
 Till I reach the gold - en strand, Just be - yond the riv - er.

In the cross, in the cross Be my glo - ry ev - er,

Till my ran - somed soul shall find Rest be - yond the riv - er.

John 11:21-27

Martha said to Jesus,

“Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.

But even now I know that whatever you ask from God,

God will give you.”

Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”

Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again

in the resurrection on the last day.”

Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life.

Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live,

and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die.

Do you believe this?”

She said to him, “Yes, Lord;

I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God,

who is coming into the world.”

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

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.