

Convergent Worship

September 19, 2021
10:30 am



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A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Ordinary Time



Worship Notes

If you are tuning in to Cherry Creek, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us on this Sunday morning. Lyrics for some songs are available at the end of this bulletin.

How we participate in the baptism of others. One of the reasons that baptism is performed as an element of our corporate worship rather than in a private ceremony is because Scripture tells us that part of baptism's significance is its marking of our entrance into the church—the body of Christ, God's people (1 Cor 12:13). We worship as we witness baptisms because we say in our heart to those baptized, "Welcome to our family." In fact, our witness to baptism goes beyond welcome to commitment. As we watch, we say by our very presence, "I commit myself to you as my brother/sister, to pray for you and to walk with you in life's journey of following Christ." How rich and meaningful this ceremony is!

Giving: In response to God's goodness, we are called to offer our whole selves—heart and mind, soul, and strength—in joyful adoration in our daily lives. One way we do that is through giving financially, which you can do in person after the service, by mail or online here: <https://www.elexiogiving.com/App/Giving/cherrycreekpres>

"Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"
Hymn-writer John Wilbur Chapman (1859-1918) was an ordained Presbyterian minister, having served in Indiana, Ohio, New York, and Pennsylvania. This hymn is by far his most well-

God Gathers Us

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship & Invocation

Today's Music

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing - Trad.

Lord, I Need You - Maher

Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners - arr. Red Mountain Music

This I Believe (The Creed) - Hillsong

Gloria Patri - arr. Hicks

Doxology - OLD 100TH

Speak, O Lord - Getty/Townend

Before the Throne of God Above - Bancroft/Cook

Worship Through Giving

Commissioning of Emory & Lizzy Widener - EPC World Outreach

EPC Outreach Department Representatives: Jason & Katie Dunn, Dave & Mindy Fenska, and Shawn & Lisa Stewart

We Join in Christ's Baptism

Sacrament of Baptism

Nathaniel, Madison & Abbilynn McInturff (Parents: Sean & Jenny)

God Reveals His Word to Us

Song of Illumination

Sermon Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Scripture: 1 Corinthians

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks Be to God!

Series: This is Us

Message: The Big Picture

We Go Forth in Joy

Benediction

Postlude

Prayer for the Week

Oh God, enlighten my mind with truth;
Inflame my heart with love;
Inspire my will with courage;
Enrich my life with service;
Pardon what I have been;
Sanctify what I am;
Order what I shall be,
And Thine shall be the glory and mine the eternal salvation.
Through Jesus Christ my Lord, Amen.
(John H. Vincent)

known work. Notice the overall humble demeanor of the text. We approach Almighty God cautiously in worship, and yet we find that someone stands in the gap to mediate our relationship with the Father—Jesus, the “lover of our souls!” Christ has reconciled us through the cross, and our relationship is brought to beautiful restoration. Finally, observe the careful construction of the hymn’s reflection and response. Verses 1-4 allow us to reflect on all the ways Christ is a Friend, Strength, Help, and Guide. Then verse 5 bursts forth in an appropriately instantaneous response:

*Jesus! I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He has granted me forgiveness
I am His, and He is mine*

O, that this response would well up again in us day after day, when we wake up and recall all that Christ is and all that He has done for us!

Prayer chain If you would like to be kept up-to-date on prayer needs in our church body, please sign up for the CCPC Prayer chain at ccpcprays@cherrycreekpres.org

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