



Central College
Presbyterian Church

March 11, 2018
8:00, 9:30 and 11:00 am



And He shall
REIGN
Forever and **EVER**

The Mystery of the Kingdom

We welcome you to worship this morning!

The ☩ indicates everyone standing, when possible.

Call to Worship

Leader:
Nico Ranalli

Call to Worship:
from Psalm 27

The prelude is a treatment of the opening hymn tune by organist Mark Meuser. Though the tune may not be familiar to everyone, it is a standard in many churches. It is by American composer Karen Lafferty (1948-). As you listen, you will hopefully hear the tune in various forms and keys.

Please sign the attendance pad in the pocket on each pew. (In the balcony, pass it across both aisles as well.) The ushers receiving the offerings will collect the pages.
Thank you.

Gathering in Shared Worship

Prelude **Improvisation on "Seek Ye First"** Mark Meuser
Mark Meuser, organist

Introit (9:30/11:00)
God Is So Good arr. Rawlinson
Children's Chime Choir

Welcome and Announcements

☩ Responsive Call to Worship

Leader: The LORD is our light and our salvation—whom shall we fear?

People: *The LORD is the stronghold of our lives—of whom shall we be afraid?*

Leader: Let us ask one thing from the LORD, this only let us seek:

People: *That we may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of our lives, to gaze on the beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.*

Leader: Hear our voice when we call, LORD; be merciful to us and answer us.

People: *Our hearts say of you, "Seek his face!" Your face, LORD, we will seek.*

Leader: Remain confident of this: we will see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living.

People: *We wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD.*

☩ **Hymn** **Seek Ye First** 333 (alt. vs. 2)

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God
And His righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Man shall not live by bread alone
But by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you
Seek and ye shall find.
Knock and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Humbly Bowing Before God

Unison and Silent Prayers of Confession

O Lord, save us from hardness of heart, where your word cannot take root. O Lord, save us from shallowness of mind, where your word withers away. O Lord, save us from the deceitfulness of riches, where your word is choked by everyday cares. But Lord, grant that our hearts may be fertile soil, where your word flourishes and yields a harvest, bringing salvation to us and those about us. *Amen.*

Response Open My Eyes, that I May See

Open my eyes, that I may see
Glimpses of truth Thou has for me;
Place in my hands the wonderful key
That shall unclasp, and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear
Voices of truth Thou sendest clear;
And while the wave notes fall on my ear,
Everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear
Gladly the warm truth everywhere;
Open my heart, and let me prepare
Love with Thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
Ready, my God, Thy will to see;
Open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Call to Confession:

1 John 1:6

Affirmation of Grace:

2 Corinthians 4:6

Anthem (9:30/11:00)

This Little Light of Mine
Children's Bell Choir

arr. W. Moats

Message for Young Disciples (9:30)

Lord, Teach Us to Pray

**Presentation of God's Tithes
and Our Offerings**

✝ Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. *Amen.*

Offering A Man Went Forth to Die
Chancel Choir

William Hooper

Hearing and Proclaiming God's Word



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Scripture Readers:

8:00-Larry Grant

9:30-Bea Uhl

11:00-Carole Cole

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:1-35

Message The Mystery of the Kingdom
Pastor Malcolm Davis

Scripture Response:

Leader: This is the
Word of the Lord

**People: *Thanks be
to God!***

Today's scripture
lesson can be found
on page **690** of
the pew Bible.

Responding with Thanksgiving in Mission

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

✝ **Hymn** **Jesus Call Us**

Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea,
Day by day His sweet voice soundeth,
Saying, "Christian, follow Me."

Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love Me more."

In our joys and in our sorrows,
Days of toil and hours of ease,
Still He calls, in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love Me more than these."

Jesus calls us: by Thy mercies,
Savior, may we hear Thy call,
Give our hearts to Thine obedience,
Serve and love Thee best of all.

✝ **Benediction**

✝ **Postlude** **Postlude in A Minor**

George Calkin

As we leave our
worship today,
be sure to send
others on their
way with a smile
and a kind word!

Interested members
of the congregation
are welcomed to
the organ console
during the postlude.



If the Lord Jesus Christ is becoming more real to you today, or if you would like to make a commitment to Him or reaffirm your relationship to Him, please speak to one of our Pastors.

TODAY

Worship 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 5:00pm

Pastor Malcolm Davis - preaching all four services

Pastor David Redding - assisting at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00

Pastor Ronald Lokhorst - away from services today

Families with children: In the 9:30 service, when the children are dismissed after the Children's Message, grades K-5 will be led to the Activity Area downstairs, and Preschool children will go to room 102. Parents may pick their children up in those places after the service.

During the 11:00 service, your children are welcome in the Sanctuary! However, if they get restless, Ballard Hall is available for family worship with the service shown on closed-circuit TV, and quiet activities are available for children in the cabinet beneath the screen.

Fellowship Hour—Everyone is invited to Ballard Hall after each Sunday morning service for refreshments and fellowship!

Youth Fellowship—Middle School/High School YF meet in the Ranch, 6:15-8:15pm.

*For more announcements and event information, **Two Weeks@CCPC** is available in the pedestal stands located outside the Chapel and Sanctuary exits, or at www.ccpc.us search "publications".*

Cookies for Kairos Prison Ministry due today If you baked cookies for the Kairos Prison Ministry, please bring them to the kitchen. Thank you for your support!

Easter Lily Dedications Today in the Welcome Center you can purchase lilies for Easter Sunday, cost is \$8, payable at time of reservation. Lily dedications can be in honor of; in loving memory of; or as a gift of love.

Organ Concert—Raymond Nagem Today at 4:00pm in the Sanctuary our Organ Recital Series will feature Dr. Raymond Nagem, Associate Director of Music and Organist at the Cathedral of St. John the Divine in New York City, and a member of the organ faculty at Manhattan School of Music where he teaches organ literature, service playing, and improvisation. There will be a reception in Ballard Hall after the concert. We hope you can come and be blessed!

Sermon Notes

3/11/18 - 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

The Mystery of the Kingdom

Matthew 13:1-35, page 690 in the pew Bible.

Sunday Morning Worship Services

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00

Sunday Evening Worship Service

5:00 Chapel

Our Pastors:

- Malcolm S. Davis
- David M. Redding
- Ronald D. Lokhorst,
Parish Associate
- “Rev” Richard D.
Ellsworth, *Pastor Emeritus*

Bulletin information should be submitted to **David Meulenberg** by **Monday 5pm**.

Email is preferred, **davidmeulenberg@ccpc.us**, but written information is also welcome. Please include your name and contact info in case of questions.

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