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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Salutation and Call to Worship

Isaiah 12:4-6

⁴And you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

⁵“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. ⁶Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.”

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb-en - e - 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;



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 that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang - er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Declaration of Pardon

1 Timothy 6:6-16

⁶But godliness with contentment is great gain, ⁷for we brought nothing into the world, and we cannot take anything out of the world. ⁸But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. ⁹But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.

¹¹But as for you, O man of God, flee these things. Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness. ¹²Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and about which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. ¹³I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, ¹⁴to keep the commandment unstained and free from reproach until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵which he will display at the proper time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords, ¹⁶who alone has immortality, who dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see. To him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Psalms 25:6-7

⁶Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. ⁷Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!

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When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Confession of Faith

The Apostolic 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.

** The word "catholic" in the Creed is an adjective meaning "worldwide" or "universal."*

Offering and Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

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.

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O God, You Are My God Alone

1. ¹O God, you are my God a - lone; with ea - ger -
 2. ²I've seen you in your ho - ly place; your pow'r and
 3. ⁴I bless you, Lord, through - out my life and raise my
 4. ⁶I lie a - wake up - on my bed, re - mem - b'ring
 5. ⁷For you have been my help, O God; I sing for

ness I seek your face. My soul and bod - y
 glo - ry held my gaze. ³Your love is bet - ter
 • hands to you in prayer. ⁵My joy - ful lips will
 you be - fore it's light; on you, my God, I
 joy be - neath your wings. ⁸Your right hand holds and

thirst for you, as in a dry and wea - ry place.
 far than life, and thus my lips will sing your praise.
 • sing your praise; my soul is fed with rich - est fare.
 med - i - tate, through - out the watch - es of the night.
 strength - ens me; to you my soul for safe - ty clings.

6. ⁹But those who seek to kill my soul
 to depths of earth shall fall away;
¹⁰a sword of pow'r will bring them down,
 and they shall be the jackal's prey.

7. ¹¹The king will then rejoice in God,
 and all who swear by him exult;
 but God will stop the liars' mouths,
 the ones who utter what is false.

Sermon Text

Matthew 8:23-27

²³ And when he got into the boat, his disciples followed him. ²⁴ And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep. ²⁵ And they went and woke him, saying, "Save us, Lord; we are perishing." ²⁶ And he said to them, "Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?" Then he rose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ And the men marveled, saying, "What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?"

"God in the Storm"

Mr. Mathew Lofland

NOTES

29A Now unto the LORD, All You Sons of the Mighty

1. ¹Now un - to the LORD, all you sons of the might - y,
 2. ³The voice of the LORD is a - bove all the wa - ters;
 3. ⁴The voice of the LORD is al - might - y in pow - er;
 4. ⁷The voice of the LORD strikes with flash - es of light - ning.
 5. And all in his tem - ple, in wor - ship, cry "Glo - ry!"

all glo - ry and strength and do - min - ion ac - cord;
 in thun - der the God of all glo - ry draws nigh.
 • the voice of the LORD in full maj - es - ty speaks:
⁸The voice of the LORD shakes the des - erts of earth!
¹⁰The LORD rules the flood and his reign shall ne'er cease.

²a - scribe to him glo - ry, and ren - der him hon - or.
 Lo, o - ver the waves of the bil - low - ing wa - ters
 • ⁵the voice of the LORD breaks the Leb - a - non ce - dars,
 The LORD shakes the des - ert, the des - ert of Ka - desh,
¹¹O may the LORD strength - en his peo - ple for - ev - er:

In beau - ty of ho - li - ness wor - ship the LORD,
 the LORD is en - throned in his glo - ry on high!
 • and like a young calf he makes Leb - a - non skip,
 °the voice of the LORD makes the deer to give birth;
 O may the LORD bless all his peo - ple with peace!

in beau - ty of ho - li - ness wor - ship the LORD.
 The LORD is en - throned in his glo - ry on high!
 • and like a young ox he makes Sir - i - on leap.
 the voice of the LORD strips the for - ests of earth.
 The LORD bless - es all of his peo - ple with peace!

St. 1, *The Psalter*, 1912; alt.
 St. 2-5, *Book of Psalms*, 1871; alt.; rev. 2004

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God's Blessing

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen!*

Announcements

Today we have the privilege of welcoming into the pulpit **Mr. Mathew Lofland**. Mathew is a **member** of our church and **under care of our presbytery** while being a student at **Westminster Theological Seminary**.

Plan to join us **after the service** for our **fellowship meal**. **All are welcome**.

During the morning worship on **April 28th** **Dave Johnson, Jodie McKeith, and Abe and Olivia Yoder** will be taking their **vows** to become **new members** of our church. Let us praise God for this grace.

Next Sunday we will begin a new Sunday school series on the **first three chapters of the Westminster Confession of Faith**. The Confession is an incredibly rich summary of the Christian faith that aids the Christian in glorifying and enjoying God. **Plan to join us**.

All of those who are willing to serve our church by **mowing the lawn** on a **rotating basis** please contact **Jim Moser** (610-842-2369 or Jmoser873@verizon.net) or **Ed Kirk** (973-809-6835 or nesrez@ptd.net) or **Gary Herron** (484-703-9316) so we can make up a **schedule**.

Please plan join us on **Saturday April 27** for our **work day** at the church building. We will be starting at **9:00 am**. Lunch will be provided.

If you are willing to help **Ed Kirk** with **counting the offerings** on a **rotating basis** please contact him at nesrez@ptd.com or 973-809-6835 so we can make up a **schedule**.

The date of the next **women's study** will be **Wednesday 4/24** at **7:30 p.m.** For more information contact **Pastor O'Brien** greg.obrien@christdowningtown.org

There is another **Ladies Study** every **Thursday from 7:00–8:30 pm.** For more information contact **Pastor O'Brien** at greg.obrien@christdowningtown.org

The **men's discipleship group** will meet on **Wednesday 4/17** at **6:30 p.m.** at the **Hayes** home. We will be discussing **Chapter 13** in the book **The Christian Life** written by Sinclair Ferguson. Please contact **Pastor Greg** for more details.

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES AND LOCATION

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

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