

Traditional Worship

July 23, 2023
8:45 am



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A member of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church

A Service of Lament



Worship Notes

If you are tuning in to Cherry Creek, welcome and thank you for worshipping with us on this Sunday morning.

Why We Need to Lament in Worship.

Corporate worship really is the starting place for our spirituality. How we relate to God as a body of people in worship shapes how we relate to God the other six days of the week as individuals. In this sense, worship gives us a “vocabulary” and a set of tools with which to relate to God. So what happens if worship doesn’t give us a roadmap for how to relate to God when we are suffering? Two things usually happen. Either (1) We grow bitter toward God because we don’t have any categories for relating to God in pain; or (2) We doubt God’s goodness, sincerity, or even His existence. Worship without lament has the ill effect of subconsciously teaching us that pain and suffering must not be of or from the Lord, that they are outside His will, or (worse yet) they are manifestations of God’s punishment of our sin (which is an affront to God’s free grace in Christ, because he settled that at the cross!). The Psalms—God’s only fully inspired, truly infallible songbook—are filled with lamentation, and through them, we learn to pray our tears and anxieties. We are given a vocabulary of worship *through* (not *in spite of*) suffering.

We Approach God in Mourning

Prelude

Christ Our Refuge - arr. Rodriguez/Hayes

Welcome & Explanation

Call to Lamentation - from Psalm 51

Please see screens for responsive reading

Invocation

Hymn of Confession

#384 Rock of Ages

We Lament for the Church & the World

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 51:1-6 (page 888 in your pew Bible)

Reflection - Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

We Cry Out for Mercy

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 51:7-12

Reflection

Hymn

#482 Spirit of the Living God

We Respond with a Sacrifice of Praise

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 51:13-19

Reflection

We Go Forth in the Hope of Christ

Invitation

Hymn of Response

#422 Amazing Grace

Benediction

Postlude

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven - arr. Lane Smith

Organ Concert this Afternoon

Please join us this afternoon at 3pm in the Sanctuary to hear a collection of CCPC organist Bohee Paek's favorite preludes and postludes.

A reception in fuel will follow the concert.

Prayer for the Week

Take, O Lord, and receive my entire liberty, my memory, my understanding and my whole will. All that I am and all that I possess You have given me: I surrender it all to You to be disposed of according to Your will. Give me only Your love and Your grace; with these I will be rich enough, and will desire nothing more. (by St. Ignatius of Loyola)

Silence in worship. During times of lamentation, the people of God often made note that they had no song to sing, meaning that all joy was removed from their hearts (Psalm 78:63, 137:4). We will have periods of silence today, as silence is one way many cultures express sorrow or lamentation. Through our moments of quiet, may we bring to Christ our sense of grief and sorrow.

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:

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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

Assisting in Worship Nancy Saddler, guest organist, David Knopp & Tech Team; Usher Team

Rev. Dr. Brad Strait, Senior Pastor
Rev. Chris Piehl, Associate Pastor
Rev. Phil Bremerman, Assistant Pastor
Gary Hein, Executive Pastor
Evan Mazunik, Dir. of Worship & Liturgy
Bohee Paek, Organist
Kasey Melin, Asst. Dir. Contemporary Music

Convergent Worship

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Gathering Song

Lead Me to the Cross - Hillsong

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Reflection - Rev. Dr. Brad Strait

Song of Response

Prayers of the People - The Brilliance

We Cry Out for Mercy

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 51:7-12

Reflection

Song of Response

How Deep the Father’s Love for Us - Townend

We Respond with a Sacrifice of Praise

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 51:13-19

Reflection

Song of Response

Lord, I Need You - Maher

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Invitation

Song of Response

Desert Song - Hillsong

Benediction

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