

Traditional Worship

February 22, 2026
8:45 am



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Worship Notes

If you are tuning in to Cherry Creek, welcome and thank you for worshiping 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.

A Service of Lament

We Approach God in Lament

Please enter in silence

Prelude

Evensong

Welcome & Explanation

Elementary children are welcome to stay for this Service of Lament or are invited to leave now to attend Kids' Church.

Call to Lamentation - from Psalm 6:1-4

Please see screens for responsive reading

Invocation

I.

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 32:1-2 (page 546 in your pew Bible)

Teaching Moment 1

Introit

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

II.

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 32:3-4

Teaching Moment 2

Anthem

O Dearest Lord, They Sacred Head - arr. Johnson

III.

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 32: 5-7

Teaching Moment 3

Hymn of Response

#301 Hallelujah! What a Savior

We Go Forth in the Hope of Christ

Announcements

Benediction

Postlude

Now Thank We All Our God - Paul Manz

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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 Hand Bell Choir: Johnnie Graves, Ann Sturm, Elizabeth Sylvan, Lisa Baumann, Sylvia Sheron, Nancy Clarke, Lia Wiersma, Kerry Cottingham, Alison Wager, Paul Wilson, Don Taylor, Rebekah Wampler; Trudy Pohawpatchoko, conductor; Sanctuary Choir; Jenna Rossi, flute; David Knopp & Tech Team; Usher Team

January Financial Giving Update

Fiscal Year to Date: July 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026

Tithes & Income	\$3,250,000
Tithes (Budget)	\$3,000,000
Variance	\$250,000

Prayer for the Week

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of God,
have mercy on me,
a sinner.
(Jesus Prayer of the Orthodox Church)

Rev. Dr. Brad Strait, Senior Pastor
Gary Hein, Executive Pastor

Rev. Chris Piehl, Associate Pastor

Rev. Phil Bremerman, Assistant Pastor

Rev. Jeanne Gaessler, Assistant Pastor

Rev. Josh Peck, Assistant Pastor

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Convergent Worship

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Only a Holy God - CityAlight

Lead Me to the Cross - Hillsong United

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Just As I Am (I Come Broken) - Moffit

II.

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 32:3-4

Teaching Moment 2

Song of Response

O Come to the Altar - Elevation Worship

III. Redemption

Moment of Silence

Scripture Reading - Psalm 32:5-7

Teaching Moment 3

Songs of Response

Living Hope - Bethel

This is Amazing Grace - Wickham

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