

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 2, 2022

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful.

Hebrews 10:23

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 142 (p. 837)

I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.

I pour out my complaint before him; before him I tell my trouble.

When my spirit grows faint within me, it is you who know my way.

In the path where I walk men have hidden a snare for me.

Look to my right and see; no one is concerned for me.

I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.

I cry to you, O LORD; I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

**Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need; rescue me from those who pursue me,
for they are too strong for me.**

Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name.

Then the righteous will gather about me because of your goodness to me.

* *Congregation is requested to stand, if able.*

Great God, How Infinite Art Thou!

Great God, how infinite art thou! How poor and weak are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow, and pay their praise to thee.

Thy throne eternal ages stood, ere seas or stars were made:
Thou art the ever-living God, were all the nations dead.

Eternity, with all its years, stands present in thy view;
To thee there's nothing old appears; to thee there's nothing new.

Our lives through various scenes are drawn, and vexed with trifling cares;
While thine eternal thought moves on thine undisturbed affairs.

Great God, how infinite art thou! How poor and weak are we!
Let the whole race of creatures bow, and pay their praise to thee. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.

All: For we know our transgressions, and our sins are always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

Leader: Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time we were conceived. Cleanse us, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and grant us steadfast obedience.

All: We praise you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 472

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with pow'r:
He is able, he is able, he is able,
He is willing; doubt no more;
He is willing; doubt no more.

Come, ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance, ev'ry grace that brings you nigh,
Without money, without money, without money,
Come to Jesus Christ and buy;
Come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, bruised and broken by the fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all:
Not the righteous, not the righteous, not the righteous—
Sinners Jesus came to call;
Sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him;
This he gives you, this he gives you, this he gives you;
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam;
'Tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! th'incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;
Venture on him, venture wholly, let no other trust intrude:
None but Jesus, none but Jesus, none but Jesus
Can do helpless sinners good,
Can do helpless sinners good. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 104. *For what do we pray in the fourth petition?*

A. In the fourth petition, which is, “Give us this day our daily bread,” we pray that, of God’s free gift, we may receive a sufficient portion of the good things of this life, and enjoy his blessing with them.

Q. 105. *For what do we pray in the fifth petition?*

A. In the fifth petition, which is, “And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors,” we pray that God, for Christ’s sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are more encouraged to ask because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 731

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.

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

1 Peter 1:1-12

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 142])

Hymn 608

To God My Earnest Voice I Raise

To God my earnest voice I raise,
To God my voice imploring prays;
Before his face my grief I show
And tell my trouble and my woe.

When gloom and sorrow compass me,
The path I take is known to thee,
And all the toils that foes do lay
To snare thy servant in his way.

O Lord, my Savior, now to thee,
Without a hope besides, I flee,
To thee, my shelter from the strife,
My portion in the land of life.

Be thou my help when troubles throng,
For I am weak and foes are strong;
My captive soul from prison bring,
And thankful praises I will sing. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“God Is Faithful”
Genesis 12:10-20

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 32

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! Amen.*

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit,
Be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.

Monday, October 3

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:30; Philippians 4:1-23; Psalm 75:1-10; Proverbs 24:17-20

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 28

Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

Tuesday, October 4

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:31 - 4:18; Colossians 1:1-17; Psalm 76:1-12; Proverbs 24:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 98

Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

Wednesday, October 5

Scripture: Jeremiah 4:19 - 6:15; Colossians 1:18 - 2:7; Psalm 77:1-20; Prov. 24:23-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 99

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.
The churches in Ireland and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, October 6

Scripture: Jeremiah 6:16 - 8:7; Colossians 2:8-23; Psalm 78:1-31; Proverbs 24:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 100

Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

Friday, October 7

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:8 - 9:26; Colossians 3:1-17; Psalm 78:32-55; Proverbs 24:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 101

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.

Saturday, October 8

Scripture: Jeremiah 10:1 - 11:23; Col. 3:18 - 4:18; Psalm 78:56-72; Prov. 24:28-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 102

Pray for: The preaching, and for our Sunday School teachers.

Sunday, October 9

Scripture: Jeremiah 12:1 - 14:10; 1 Thess. 1:1 - 2:8; Psalm 79:1-13; Prov. 24:30-34

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 103

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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Pray for our missionaries. Their prayer requests are sent out through the Prayer Chain and their newsletters are published in Grace Notes as they become available.

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LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Though God had given Abram great promises and assurances in Genesis 12:1-3, prompting a response of faith from Abram, we learn in Genesis 12:10-20 that Abram's faith was not perfect. He failed to fully trust God to fulfill his promises. But Abram's failures reveal the power and grace of our Lord all the more, who demonstrated that even the weakness and sinfulness of his saints cannot overrule his sovereign power. Richard Belcher, in his commentary on Genesis, writes:

Although Abram's plan seems to have worked, there was trouble brewing. For one thing, the future seed was in jeopardy because Sarai had been taken into Pharaoh's house. Also, God afflicted Pharaoh and his house 'with great plagues because of Sarai'. Abram was not acting as an instrument of blessing to the nations; instead he was the cause of their affliction. The text does not tell us how Pharaoh found out that Sarai was Abram's wife, but when he did find out he rebuked him, gave Sarai back to him, and sent him away with 'all that he had' (12:20). This episode shows that God was faithful to his promises to protect his servant and the seed, even when his servant lived by fear instead of by faith.

1. For review, read Genesis 11:27 - 12:9 from last Sunday. What did God promise Abram? How is God's grace revealed in this passage?
2. Read Genesis 12:10. How was God testing Abram's faith? For what purpose? Read 1 Peter 1:3-9 and try to summarize in your own words how and why God tests our faith.
3. Read Genesis 12:11-16. What was Abram's strategy here? How do his actions reveal his failure to fully trust the Lord?
4. Read Genesis 12:17-20. How does this passage reveal both God's sovereign power and preserving grace?
5. Consider Genesis 12:10-20 and the story of how God brought Israel out of slavery in Egypt. What similarities do you see between these two accounts? How would God's protection of Abram and Sarai in Egypt have emboldened the Israelites later as they heard Abram's story? How ought it to embolden us today?
6. In preparation for next week, read Genesis 13. What do you think this passage reveals about Abram and Lot? What do you think it teaches us about God?

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To God My Earnest Voice I Raise

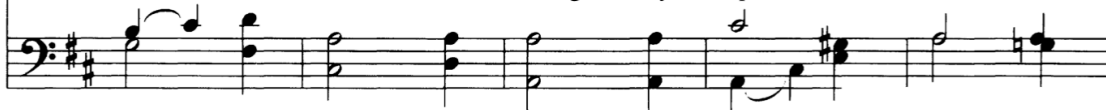
I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy. Ps. 142: 1



1. To God my ear - nest voice I raise, to God my
 2. When gloom and sor - row com - pass me, the path I
 3. O Lord, my Sav - ior, now to thee, with - out a
 4. Be thou my help when trou - bles throng, for I am



voice im - plor - ing prays; be - fore his face my
 take is known to thee, and all the toils that
 hope be - sides, I flee, to thee, my shel - ter
 weak and foes are strong; my cap - tive soul from



grief I show and tell my trou - ble and my woe.
 foes do lay to snare thy ser - vant in his way.
 from the strife, my por - tion in the land of life.
 pris - on bring, and thank - ful prais - es I will sing.

