

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 23, 2022

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

Psalm 37:39

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 57 (p. 805 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge.

I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.

He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me; God sends his love and his faithfulness.

I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts—men whose teeth are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

They spread a net for my feet—I was bowed down in distress.

They dug a pit in my path—but they have fallen into it themselves.

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.

I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

let your glory be over all the earth.

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

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker, and all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies, his pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion, most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him, boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

His love is like a father's to his children, tender and kind to all who fear his name;
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty, he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty, like tender grass that soon will disappear;
But evermore the love of God is changeless, still shown to those who look to him in fear.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever, his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion, bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.
Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you. Hear us as we come before you to acknowledge our sins and to ask for your forgiveness.

All: We confess that we have sinned against you and others, and that we have failed to act justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you, our God.

Leader: Our sins and failures weigh heavy on our hearts, and we feel how our fellowship with you has suffered. Forgive us and restore us, we pray, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave himself for us.

All: All praise, honor, glory, and power be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Acts 10:42-43

And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that [Jesus] is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 6:1-13

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. 4. *What is God?*

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Q. 5. *Are there more Gods than one?*

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q. 6. *How many Persons are there in the Godhead?*

A. There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

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.

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*

Ephesians 1:1-14

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

“Redeemed by Christ”
Genesis 14:1-16

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 168

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in ev’ry place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death’s approaching hour, strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow’r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
Make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure that we can boldly conquer and endure. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, October 24

Scripture: Jeremiah 44:24 - 47:7; 2 Timothy 2:22 - 3:17; Psalm 94:1-23; Prov. 26:6-8

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 31

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

Tuesday, October 25

Scripture: Jeremiah 48:1 - 49:22; 2 Timothy 4:1-22; Psalm 95:1 - 96:13; Prov. 26:9-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 9

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

Wednesday, October 26

Scripture: Jeremiah 49:23 - 50:46; Titus 1:1-16; Psalm 97:1 - 98:9; Proverbs 26:13-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 10

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

Thursday, October 27

Scripture: Jeremiah 51:1-53; Titus 2:1-15; Psalm 99:1-9; Proverbs 26:17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 11

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

Friday, October 28

Scripture: Jeremiah 51:54 - 52:34; Titus 3:1-15; Psalm 100:1-5; Proverbs 26:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 12

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

Saturday, October 29

Scripture: Lamentations 1:1 - 2:22; Philemon 1:1-25; Psalm 101:1-8; Proverbs 26:20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 13

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

Sunday, October 30

Scripture: Lamentations 3:1-66; Hebrews 1:1-14; Psalm 102:1-28; Proverbs 26:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 14

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

In Genesis 14:1-16, we learn about how Abram took decisive action when he heard that Lot, his nephew, had been taken captive. Abram could easily have said that Lot was experiencing the consequences of his bad decision to live in Sodom, and so he deserved his suffering. But we see instead Abram's love and boldness in doing all that he could to rescue Lot. Iain Duguid, in his book *Living in the Gap Between Promise and Reality*, writes:

In all of this, do we not see a picture of Jesus Christ? He did not sit idly in heaven, waiting for us to deserve to be redeemed. If he had, eternity would have gone by without our redemption. Nor was our redemption risk free and painless. Christ was willing to leave the glories of heaven and come down to us, taking the form of a servant in our midst. When necessary, as king of his people, he took up a whip to clear the hucksters and merchants out of the temple (Matthew 21:12–13). As king of the Jews, he intervened powerfully to assure justice for his oppressed people. Yet in his own hour of need, he told his disciples to put away their swords, and he refused to call the angelic hosts to his defense (Matthew 26:52–54). His own people, however, rejected him, nailing him to the cross, ironically beneath a sign that read “The king of the Jews.” Jesus was willing not only to take risks for the sake of his undeserving kinsmen, but also to suffer great agony for them on the cross. But there on the cross, as in the person of Melchizedek, righteousness and peace met. There we find not only the proof that Jesus loves us, but also the pain-filled means by which he powerfully delivered the undeserving people he had chosen for himself, even in the face of their estrangement and ingratitude toward him. How great is the love that God has shown us! As the apostle Paul reminds us, “God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

1. For review, read Genesis 13. Why did Abram allow Lot to choose first? What was wrong with Lot's decision?
2. Read Genesis 14:1-11. What do such detailed accounts of historical events reveal about the Bible's accuracy?
3. Read Genesis 14:12. What does the fact that Lot was now dwelling “in” Sodom reveal about Lot's compromises with sin? What can you learn from Lot's bad decision as you seek to follow the Lord?
4. Read Genesis 14:13-16. Why did Abram rescue Lot? Review the 3 sub-points under point 2 in the sermon and reflect on how applying these in your life will help you serve those who are in need.
5. Consider the quote above from Iain Duguid and read Colossians 1:13-14. How did Abram foreshadow the redemption that Christ accomplished for his people on the cross?

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To God My Earnest Voice I Raise

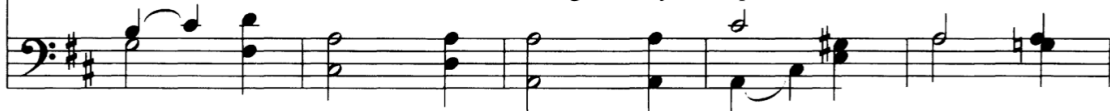
I cry aloud to the LORD; I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy. Ps. 142: 1



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.

