

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 13, 2022

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

1 John 3:5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 103 (p. 821 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,

and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

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

O Worship the King

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above,
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we come to you weighed down by guilt and shame as we remember how often we have sinned against you and others.

All: We confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have failed to love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

Leader: We repent of our sins, and we ask for your mercy. Forgive us, we pray, and renew our wills. We desire to be conformed more and more to the likeness of Christ. Grant us grace and work in us by your Holy Spirit to that end.

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

1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 15

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 34

The God of Abraham Praise

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command
From earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
And him my only portion make, my shield and tow'r.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend.
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
And sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,
And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail, Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly lays;
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 10. *How did God create man?*

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q. 11. *What are God's works of providence?*

A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

Q. 12. *What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate in which he was created?*

A. When God created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, on the pain of death.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 734

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*

Galatians 3

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 100])

Hymn 1

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell,
Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord ye know is God indeed;
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good,
His mercy is forever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Covenant of Grace”
Genesis 15

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 523

My Hope Is in the Lord

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

*For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.*

No merit of my own his anger to suppress,
My only hope is found in Jesus’ righteousness.

*For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.*

And now for me he stands before the Father’s throne.
He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own.

*For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.*

His grace has planned it all, ’tis mine but to believe,
And recognize his work of love and Christ receive.

*For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives. Amen.*

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit,
three in One,
O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, November 14

Scripture: Ezekiel 29:1 - 30:26; Hebrews 11:32 - 12:13; Psalm 112:1-10; Prov. 27:17

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 1

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

Tuesday, November 15

Scripture: Ezekiel 31:1 - 32:32; Hebrews 12:14-29; Ps. 113:1 - 114:8; Prov. 27:18-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 27

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

Wednesday, November 16

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:1 - 34:31; Hebrews 13:1-25; Psalm 115:1-18; Proverbs 27:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 28

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

Thursday, November 17

Scripture: Ezekiel 35:1 - 36:38; James 1:1-18; Psalm 116:1-19; Proverbs 27:23-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 29

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

Friday, November 18

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1 - 38:23; James 1:19 - 2:17; Psalm 117:1-2; Proverbs 28:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 30

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

Saturday, November 19

Scripture: Ezekiel 39:1 - 40:27; James 2:18 - 3:18; Psalm 118:1-18; Proverbs 28:2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 31

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

Sunday, November 20

Scripture: Ezekiel 40:28 - 41:26; James 4:1-17; Psalm 118:19-29; Proverbs 28:3-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 32

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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EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 148:1-6

Leader: Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!

All: Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars! Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD! For he commanded and they were created. And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.

Hymn*

“Sing Praise to the Lord!” Hymn 21

Congregational Confession of Sin

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. 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. 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, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” Hymn 299

Scripture Reading*

Acts 4:1-22

Hymn

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Hymn 252

Prayer

Sermon

“The Spirit-Empowered Witness Is Prayerful”

Pastor Ben Muresan

Acts 4:23-31

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” Hymn 585

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.