

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 13, 2022

In the beginning you laid the foundations of the earth,  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.

**Psalm 102:25**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 24 (p. 791)

The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;

**for he founded it upon the seas and  
established it upon the waters.**

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

He will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God his Savior.

**Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

**Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

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

***O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord***

O come, let us sing to the Lord, to him our voices raise;  
With joyful noise let us the Rock of our salvation praise.

Let us before his presence come with praise and thankful voice;  
Let us sing psalms to him with grace, and make a joyful noise.

For God's a great God and great King; above all gods he is.  
The depths of earth are in his hand; the heights of hills are his.

To him the spacious sea belongs, for he the same did make;  
The dry land also from his hands its form at first did take.

O come, and let us worship him; let us bow down withal,  
And on our knees before the Lord, our Maker, let us fall. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Loving heavenly Father, you are exceedingly great and good, and your grace is abundant. Your mercies are fresh to us each day, and your blessings are bountiful.

**All:** Yet we mourn that we are ungrateful and sin against you. We have not put our hope in you, and we are impatient when our prayers are not answered according to our timing. We have looked to the things of this world to find happiness instead of looking to you.

**Leader:** We praise you for receiving us when we come to you in repentance. We thank you that you always hear the prayers of Jesus as he intercedes on our behalf, and that in him we can draw near to you.

**All:** Holy Spirit, help us to turn from our sin and hold fast to the cross. Cause us to place our hope in the blood and righteousness of Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Romans 5:1-6

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Psalm 104

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 119

### *I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

I sing th'almighty pow'r of God  
That made the mountains rise,  
That spread the flowing seas abroad  
And built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained  
The sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at his command  
And all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord  
That filled the earth with food;  
He formed the creatures with his word,  
And then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how your wonders are displayed  
Where'er I turn my eye,  
If I survey the ground I tread  
Or gaze upon the sky!

There's not a plant or flow'r below  
But makes your glories known;  
And clouds arise and tempests blow  
By order from your throne;  
While all that borrows life from you  
Is ever in your care,  
And everywhere that man can be,  
You, God, are present there. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 35.** *What is sanctification?*

**A.** Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, by which we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

**Q. 36.** *What are the benefits that in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?*

**A.** The benefits that in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: assurance of God's love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance to the end.

## 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\*

Revelation 4

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 104])

Hymn 126

### *My Soul, Bless the Lord!*

My soul, bless the Lord! The Lord is most great,  
With glory arrayed, majestic his state;  
The light is his garment, the skies are his shade,  
And over the waters his courts he has laid.

He rides on the clouds, the wings of the storm,  
The lightning and wind his mission perform;  
The earth he has founded her station to keep,  
And wrapped as a vesture about her the deep.

He waters the hills with rain from the skies,  
And plentiful grass and herbs he supplies,  
Supplying the cattle, and blessing man's toil  
With bread in abundance, with wine and with oil.

The trees which the Lord has planted are fed,  
And over the earth their branches are spread;  
They keep in their shelter the birds of the air,  
The life of each creature the Lord makes his care.

Your Spirit, O Lord, makes life to abound,  
The earth is renewed, and fruitful the ground;  
To God ascribe glory and wisdom and might,  
Let God in his creatures forever delight.

Rejoicing in God, my thought shall be sweet,  
While sinners depart in ruin complete;  
My soul, bless Jehovah, his name be adored,  
Come, praise him, you people, and worship the Lord. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“Forming and Filling the Heavens and Earth”  
Genesis 1:3-25

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 295

### *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne;  
Hark! how the heav’nly anthem drowns all music but its own:  
Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
And hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,  
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified:  
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,  
But downward bends his burning eye at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow’r a scepter sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, absorbed in prayer and praise:  
His reign shall know no end; and round his pierced feet  
Fair flow’rs of paradise extend their fragrance ever sweet.

Crown him the Lord of years, the Potentate of time;  
Creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime:  
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me:  
Thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity. 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.

# SERMON NOTES

“Forming and Filling the Heavens and Earth”  
Genesis 1:3-25

1. Identity and Meaning
2. Forming (vv. 3-13) and Filling (vv. 14-25)
3. Praise and Redemption (v. 25)

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, March 14**

Scripture: Numbers 21:1 - 22:20; Luke 1:26-56; Psalm 57:1-11; Proverbs 11:9-11

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 32

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

## **Tuesday, March 15**

Scripture: Numbers 22:21 - 23:30; Luke 1:57-80; Psalm 58:1-11; Proverbs 11:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 31

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

## **Wednesday, March 16**

Scripture: Numbers 24:1 – 25:18; Luke 2:1-35; Psalm 59:1-17; Proverbs 11:14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 32

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

## **Thursday, March 17**

Scripture: Numbers 26:1-51; Luke 2:36-52; Psalm 60:1-12; Proverbs 11:15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 33

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

## **Friday, March 18**

Scripture: Numbers 26:52 – 28:15; Luke 3:1-22; Psalm 61:1-8; Proverbs 11:16-17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 34

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

## **Saturday, March 19**

Scripture: Numbers 28:16 – 29:40; Luke 3:23-38; Psalm 62:1-12; Proverbs 11:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 35

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

## **Sunday, March 20**

Scripture: Numbers 30:1 – 31:54; Luke 4:1-30; Psalm 63:1-11; Proverbs 11:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 36

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

## **MISSIONS CORNER**

*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 28:6-9

**Leader:** Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**All:** The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

### **Hymn\***

“Mighty God, While Angels Bless You” Hymn 8

### **Congregational Confession of Sin**

Our Father, we confess that you are holy and we are sinful. As we read the Bible, we are confronted by your perfection and the many ways we fall short of your glory. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Cause us to keep in step with the Holy Spirit and to live according to your revealed will. Help us to do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith. All praise, honor, and glory be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. In Jesus’ Name. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

### **Hymn**

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

### **Scripture Reading\***

1 Samuel 20:1-17

### **Hymn**

“Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands” Hymn 427

### **Prayer**

### **Sermon**

“Feasting at the King’s Table”  
2 Samuel 9:1-13

Pastor Ben Muresan

### **Celebration of the Lord’s Supper**

### **Hymn\***

“Abide with Me” Hymn 402

### **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.