

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 20, 2022

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 12:5-6

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 8 (p. 786)

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

From the lips of children and infants you have ordained praise,
because of your enemies, to silence the foe and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**what is man that you are mindful of him,
the son of man that you care for him?**

You made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You made him ruler over the works of your hands;
you put everything under his feet:**

all flocks and herds, and the beasts of the field, the birds of the air,
and the fish of the sea, all that swim the paths of the seas.

O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

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

For the Beauty of the Earth

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n,
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Lord God, you are holy, holy, holy. The whole earth is full of your glory. As we think about your holiness, we realize how we fall short of all that you require of us.

All: We have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Instead of being lights in this world to lead others toward you, we have often chosen to walk in darkness.

Leader: 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: Thank 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

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 9:1-17

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. 37. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?*

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the resurrection.

Q. 38. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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*

Ephesians 4:17-32

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 Ben Muresan

“Made in God’s Image”
Genesis 1:26-31

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 122

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation’s glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, March 21

Scripture: Numbers 32:1 – 33:39; Luke 4:31 – 5:11; Psalm 64:1-10; Proverbs 11:22

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 33

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

Tuesday, March 22

Scripture: Numbers 33:40 – 35:34; Luke 5:12-28; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 11:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 37

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

Wednesday, March 23

Scripture: Num. 36:1 – Deut. 1:46; Luke 5:29 – 6:11; Psalm 66:1-20; Prov. 11:24-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 38

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

Thursday, March 24

Scripture: Deuteronomy 2:1 – 3:29; Luke 6:12-38; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 11:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 39

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

Friday, March 25

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:1-49; Luke 6:39 – 7:10; Psalm 68:1-18; Proverbs 11:28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 40

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

Saturday, March 26

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1 – 6:25; Luke 7:11-35; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 11:29-31

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 41

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

Sunday, March 27

Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:1 - 8:20; Luke 7:36 - 8:3; Psalm 69:1-18; Proverbs 12:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 42

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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GATHERING for EVENING PRAYER and HYMNS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

“Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” Hymn 76

Hymn

“We Gather Together” Hymn 363

Congregational Prayer

Men remain in the sanctuary;
Ladies meet in the fellowship hall

Hymn

“Be Still, My Soul” Hymn 689

Closing Prayer