

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 3, 2022

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

**Psalm 126:3**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 139:13-24 (p. 836 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;**

your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

**My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.**

When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

**All the days ordained for me were written in your book before one of them came to be.**

How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!

**How vast is the sum of them!**

Were I to count them, they would outnumber the grains of sand.

**When I awake, I am still with you.**

If only you would slay the wicked, O God! Away from me, you bloodthirsty men!

**They speak of you with evil intent; your adversaries misuse your name.**

Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD, and abhor those who rise up against you?

**I have nothing but hatred for them; I count them my enemies.**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.

**See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

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

***Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!***

Thee we adore, eternal Lord! We praise thy name with one accord.  
Thy saints, who here thy goodness see, through all the world do worship thee,  
Through all the world do worship thee.

To thee aloud all angels cry, the heav'ns and all the pow'rs on high:  
Thee, holy, holy, holy King, Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing,  
Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing.

Apostles join the glorious throng, and prophets swell th'immortal song;  
Thy martyrs' noble army raise eternal anthems to thy praise,  
Eternal anthems to thy praise.

From day to day, O Lord, do we exalt and highly honor thee!  
Thy name we worship and adore, world without end, forevermore,  
World without end, forevermore. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Lord our God, you are very great! You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering yourself with light as with a garment, stretching out the heavens like a tent. As we consider your glory and holiness, we are humbled and readily acknowledge our sinfulness.

**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:** Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**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**

Colossians 1:17-20

And Christ is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

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

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 259

### *Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy*

Hark! the voice of love and mercy sounds aloud from Calvary;  
See, it rends the rocks asunder, shakes the earth, and veils the sky:

“It is finished! It is finished! It is finished!”

Hear the dying Savior cry; hear the dying Savior cry.

“It is finished!” O what pleasure do these precious words afford;  
Heav’nly blessings, without measure, flow to us from Christ the Lord:

“It is finished! It is finished! It is finished!”

Saints the dying words record; saints the dying words record.

Finished all the types and shadows of the ceremonial law;  
Finished all that God had promised; death and hell no more shall awe:

“It is finished! It is finished! It is finished!”

Saints, from hence your comfort draw; saints, from hence your comfort draw.

Tune your harps anew, ye seraphs, join to sing the glorious theme;  
All in earth, and all in heaven, join to praise Emmanuel’s name:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory to the bleeding Lamb!

Glory to the bleeding Lamb! Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 39.** *What is the duty that God requires of man?*

**A.** The duty that God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.

**Q. 40.** *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

**A.** The rule that God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

**Q. 41.** *Where is the moral law found to be summarized?*

**A.** The moral law is found summarized in the Ten Commandments.

## 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\*

Revelation 22:1-5

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 139:14-24])

Hymn 37

### *All That I Am I Owe to Thee*

All that I am I owe to thee;  
Thy wisdom, Lord, has fashioned me.  
I give my Maker thankful praise,  
Whose wondrous works my soul amaze.

Ere into being I was brought,  
Thine eye did see, and in thy thought  
My life in all its perfect plan  
Was ordered ere my days began.

Thy thoughts, O God, how manifold,  
More precious unto me than gold!  
I muse on their infinity,  
Awaking I am still with thee.

The wicked thou wilt surely slay;  
From me let sinners turn away.  
They speak against the name divine;  
I count God's enemies as mine.

Search me, O God, my heart discern;  
Try me, my inmost thought to learn;  
And lead me, if in sin I stray,  
To choose the everlasting way. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“The Covenant of Works”  
Genesis 2:4-17

## **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 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, April 4**

Scripture: Deut. 26:1 - 27:26; Luke 10:38 - 11:13; Psalm 76:1-12; Prov. 12:15-17

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 2

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

## **Tuesday, April 5**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 28:1-68; Luke 11:14-36; Psalm 77:1-20; Proverbs 12:18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 49

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

## **Wednesday, April 6**

Scripture: Deut. 29:1 - 30:20; Luke 11:37 - 12:7; Psalm 78:1-31; Prov. 12:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 50

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in French Guinea and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, April 7**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 31:1 - 32:27; Luke 12:8-34; Psalm 78:32-55; Prov. 12:21-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 51

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

## **Friday, April 8**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 32:28-52; Luke 12:35-59; Psalm 78:56-64; Proverbs 12:24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 52

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

Our pregnant moms.

## **Saturday, April 9**

Scripture: Deuteronomy 33:1-29; Luke 13:1-21; Psalm 78:65-72; Proverbs 12:25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 53

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

## **Sunday, April 10**

Scripture: Deut. 34:1 - Joshua 2:24; Luke 13:22 - 14:6; Psalm 79:1-13; Prov. 12:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 54

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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## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

In Genesis 1:26-28 we are given a panoramic view of creation, where God creates man and woman in his image and gives them dominion over all the earth. In this passage, man and woman are presented as the crowning jewel of creation, image bearers of God, exercising authority over the earth and all that is in it.

Then, in Genesis 2, we zoom in on the earth and are shown how that God-given dominion mandate is to be applied: man is placed in a garden (a place of order and beauty) and is to exercise dominion by tending the garden, working in it, and expanding it over the earth.

The man is free to eat of any of the trees in the garden, save one; the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. If the man obeys this one command, he and his posterity will be confirmed in his obedience and enjoy true freedom and liberty. But if he disobeys, he and his posterity will suffer death and bondage and separation from the Creator. This is what we refer to as the covenant of works (or covenant of life).

1. Read Genesis 1:26-28. What are some ways God clearly sets the man and woman apart from all the other creatures? Why is this important? How does the dominion of the man and woman over the earth reflect God's dominion over all creation?
2. Read Genesis 2:1-16. How is the garden of Eden described? Would you want to live there? What does the beauty and abundance of the garden reveal about God's goodness to his creatures? Is the beauty of creation maintained after the Fall? In what ways is it maintained and in what ways is it not?
3. Consider this Q & A from the Westminster Larger Catechism:

Q. 20. What was the providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created?

A. The providence of God toward man in the estate in which he was created, was the placing him in paradise, appointing him to dress it, giving him liberty to eat of the fruit of the earth; putting the creatures under his dominion, and ordaining marriage for his help; affording him communion with himself; instituting the sabbath; entering into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of personal, perfect, and perpetual obedience, of which the tree of life was a pledge; and forbidding to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.

What were the benefits of the covenant God made with man? What were the consequences for breaking that covenant?

4. We know that man broke the covenant of works (or covenant of life). But God graciously rescued us from those consequences with another covenant. Look up Westminster Larger Catechism Q & A 30 and 31 and give the name of that covenant and who that covenant is made with.