

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 29, 2022

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above,
where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 90 (p. 816)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—
though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

All our days pass away under your wrath;

we finish our years with a moan.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength;

yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy
and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—

yes, establish the work of our hands.

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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing; new songs thro'out the world shall ring: *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascendeth to the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand; *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
And with his followers they see Jesus' resplendent majesty.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

To whom the angels, drawing nigh: "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
"This is the Savior," thus they say, "this is his noble triumph day."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Again shall ye behold him so as ye today have seen him go, *Alleluia! Alleluia!*
In glorious pomp ascending high, up to the portals of the sky."
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we marvel today that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We were your enemies, living in stubborn opposition to your Word, yet you loved us, pursued us, and brought us into your family.

All: We confess that despite the grace we have received in Jesus Christ, we have sinned against you and others with our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to honor you and give you the thanks and praise you alone deserve.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant that as we hear your assurance of pardon, we would accept, receive, and rest on Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life.

All: We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Numbers 13:25-33

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 292

Who Shall Ascend the Mountain of the Lord

Who shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
To search the mystery in heaven stored,
The knowledge of the Holy One adored?
Alleluia!

One King alone, whose hands and heart are pure,
One Servant of the Lord with purpose sure,
Can enter in that glory to endure.
Alleluia!

He only can ascend to God's right hand,
Who first came down as his high mercy planned;
True God and man has earth and heaven spanned.
Alleluia!

Before the clouds receive the King on high,
A cross lifts up his form against the sky;
The Framers of the worlds has come to die.
Alleluia!

He shall ascend the mountain of the Lord,
The King of glory, whose own blood out-poured
Paid that dear price that mercy did afford.
Alleluia! Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

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*

2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:1

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 105:1-14; 44-45]) (printed on p. 12)

O Praise the LORD, His Deeds Make Known

O praise the LORD, his deeds make known, and call upon his name;
O sing to him, sing praise to him! His wondrous works proclaim.
Let hearts rejoice that seek the LORD, his holy name adore.
O seek the LORD, and trust his strength; seek him forevermore.

You chosen seed of Abraham, and Jacob's children too,
Remember all his wondrous works, his judgments done for you.
The LORD our God is God alone, all lands his judgments know;
His promise he remembers still, while generations go.

He ever keeps his covenant, the words of his command;
A thousand generations he will make his promise stand.
His cov'nant he remembers still, the word that he commands;
A thousand generations hence his promises will stand.

He swore that Canaan should be theirs, and made his cov'nant stand,
While yet our fathers were but few, and sojourned in the land.
He suffered not to do them wrong in all their pilgrim way;
Yes, for their sake were kings reprov'd and cover'd with dismay.

The lands and toil of wicked men he gave them to possess,
That they might keep his holy laws; O praise the LORD and bless!
Let hearts rejoice that seek the LORD, his holy name adore;
O seek the LORD, and trust his strength; seek him forevermore. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Trust in the Judge Who Bore God’s Judgment for You”
Genesis 6:1-12

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 296

All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!

All hail the pow’r of Jesus’ name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye martyrs of your God who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all;
Extol the Stem of Jesse’s rod, and crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel’s chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne’er forget the wormwood and the gall,
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;
Go, spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev’ry kindred, ev’ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We’ll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, May 30

Scripture: 2 Sam. 15:23 - 16:23; John 18:25 - 19:22; Ps. 119:113-128; Prov. 16:10-11

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 10

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

Tuesday, May 31

Scripture: 2 Samuel 17:1-29; John 19:23-42; Psalm 119:129-152; Proverbs 16:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 97

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

Wednesday, June 1

Scripture: 2 Samuel 18:1 - 19:10; John 20:1-31; Psalm 119:153-176; Proverbs 16:14-15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 98

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

Thursday, June 2

Scripture: 2 Samuel 19:11 - 20:13; John 21:1-25; Psalm 120:1-7; Proverbs 16:16-17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 99

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

Friday, June 3

Scripture: 2 Samuel 20:14 - 21:22; Acts 1:1-26; Psalm 121:1-8; Proverbs 16:18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 100

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

Saturday, June 4

Scripture: 2 Samuel 22:1 - 23:23; Acts 2:1-47; Psalm 122:1-9; Proverbs 16:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 101

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

Sunday, June 5

Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:24 - 24:25; Acts 3:1-26; Psalm 123:1-4; Proverbs 16:21-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 102

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

Genesis 6:5 describes a bleak picture of humanity—“The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intention of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.” This verse is the opposite of how God created humanity, because after he created Adam and Eve, he looked at his creation and said that it was all “very good” (Genesis 1:31). What caused humanity to go from being “very good” to being “only evil continually”? The answer we find in Scripture is the corruption of sin. And yet, despite the sinfulness of man, we see God’s gracious intervention in calling Noah to himself and promising salvation through his promised Messiah. The story of Noah is one of judgment but also of hope, because it reveals that God will send a Savior to bear his judgment on behalf of his people.

1. Before you begin considering today’s sermon passage, take a moment to think about Christ’s ascension and what it means for believers. How does Christ’s ascension give us hope, boldness, and comfort in this life?
2. In Heidelberg Catechism Q&A 46 we find an excellent summary of the meaning of Christ’s ascension. As the Catechism exposites the Apostles’ Creed, it asks, “How do you understand the words, he ascended into heaven?” The answer: “That Christ, in the sight of his disciples, was taken up from earth into heaven, and there continues for our interest, until he comes again to judge the living and the dead.” What do you think it means that Christ “there continues for our interest”?
3. Read Genesis 6:1-8. What does this passage reveal about the effects of the fall on humanity? Compare Genesis 6:5 with Ephesians 2:1-3 and Galatians 5:19-21. Why is it important for us as Christians to have a clear understanding of how sin has corrupted God’s creation and brought guilt and shame upon all people?
4. What does it mean that “the LORD regretted” and said “I am sorry” in Genesis 6:6-7? What does this strong language teach you about God’s attitude toward sin?
5. Why did Noah find “favor in the eyes of the LORD”? According to Hebrews 11:7, what made Noah different among all the other people of his day?

O Praise the LORD, His Deeds Make Known 105C

1. O praise the LORD, his deeds make known, and call up - on his name;
 2. You cho - sen seed of A - bra - ham, and Ja - cob's chil - dren too,
 3. He ev - er keeps his cov - e - nant, the words of his com - mand;
 4. He swore that Ca - naan should be theirs, and made his cov - 'nant stand,
 5. The lands and toil of wick - ed men he gave them to pos - sess,

O sing to him, sing praise to him! His won - drous works pro - claim.
 re - mem - ber all his won - drous works, his judg - ments done for you.
 • a thou - sand gen - er - a - tions he will make his prom - ise stand.
 while yet our fa - thers were but few, and so - journed in the land.
 that they might keep his ho - ly laws; O praise the LORD and bless!

Let hearts re - joice that seek the LORD, his ho - ly name a - dore.
 The LORD our God is God a - lone, all lands his judg - ments know;
 • His cov - 'nant he re - mem - bers still, the word that he com - mands;
 He suf - fered not to do them wrong in all their pil - grim way;
 Let hearts re - joice that seek the LORD, his ho - ly name a - dore;

O seek the LORD, and trust his strength; seek him for - ev - er - more.
 his prom - ise he re - mem - bers still, while gen - er - a - tions go.
 • a thou - sand gen - er - a - tions hence his prom - is - es will stand.
 yes, for their sake were kings re - proved and cov - ered with dis - may.
 O seek the LORD, and trust his strength; seek him for - ev - er - more.