

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 8, 2022

Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.

**Revelation 4:11**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalms 2 (p. 785)

Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

**The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together  
against the LORD and against his Anointed One.**

“Let us break their chains,” they say, “and throw off their fetters.”

**The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.**

Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying,  
“I have installed my King on Zion, my holy hill.”

**I will proclaim the decree of the LORD: He said to me,  
“You are my Son; today I have become your Father.**

“Ask of me, and I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.

**“You will rule them with an iron scepter; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”**

Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.

**Serve the LORD with fear and rejoice with trembling.**

Kiss the Son, lest he be angry and you be destroyed in your way,  
for his wrath can flare up in a moment.

**Blessed are all who take refuge in him.**

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

***Jesus Shall Reign***

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;  
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns; the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,  
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring peculiar honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen! Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** O 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 failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength; and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to put off sin and to put on Christ. Strengthen us in our fight against sin, and empower us to act, speak, and think in ways that glorify you.

**All:** We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, 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 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Ecclesiastes 2:18-26

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 Framer 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 Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 53.** *Which is the third commandment?*

**A.** The third commandment is “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

**Q. 54.** *What is required in the third commandment?*

**A.** The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

**Q. 55.** *What is forbidden in the third commandment?*

**A.** The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything by which God makes himself known.

**Q. 56.** *What is the reason attached to the third commandment?*

**A.** The reason attached to the third commandment is that, however those who break this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not allow them to escape his righteous judgment.

## 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\*

Ephesians 5:22-33

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 reproved and covered 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

“Devastating Curses, but Amazing Grace”  
Genesis 3:14-24

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 460

### ***Amazing Grace!***

Amazing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Thro’ many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
’Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.

And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’ve first begun. 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

## “Devastating Curses, but Amazing Grace”

## Genesis 3:14-24

## 1. Devastating Curses

We see constant reminders in the world of sin's corruption and God's judgment (v. 14).

We suffer because of physical pain and conflicts in our relationships (v. 16; Ephesians 5:33).

We suffer because work is hard and unfulfilling (vv. 17-19; Ecclesiastes 2:22-23).

We know that we will die (v. 19).

## 2. Amazing Grace

God allows life to continue through a new Covenant of Grace (vv. 14-24).

God gives us a hatred for sin and wickedness (v. 15).

God promises that one of Adam and Eve's descendants will defeat Satan (v. 15).

God reveals that he will cover over our sin by covering us with Christ's righteousness (v. 21).

God ensures that our eternal state will be one of blessedness and not curse (vv. 22-24).

How can we be sure that we are not under the curse but under grace? By faith in Christ (v. 20).





# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, May 9**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 5:1 - 7:17; John 6:1-21; Psalm 106:13-31; Proverbs 14:32-33

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 7

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

## **Tuesday, May 10**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:1 - 9:27; John 6:22-42; Psalm 106:32-48; Proverbs 14:34-35

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79

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

## **Wednesday, May 11**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 10:1 - 11:15; John 6:43-71; Psalm 107:1-43; Proverbs 15:1-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Germany and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, May 12**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 12:1 - 13:23; John 7:1-30; Psalm 108:1-13; Proverbs 15:4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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

## **Friday, May 13**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 14:1-52; John 7:31-53; Psalm 109:1-31; Proverbs 15:5-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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

Our pregnant moms.

## **Saturday, May 14**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:1 - 16:23; John 8:1-20; Psalm 110:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

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

## **Sunday, May 15**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1 - 18:4; John 8:21-30; Psalm 111:1-10; Proverbs 15:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 84

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 121

**Leader:** I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

**All:** He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

### **Hymn\***

“Come, Thou Almighty King” Hymn 101

### **Congregational Confession of Sin**

We praise you, our God and King, because you are holy and good. Your unfailing love is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds. We acknowledge the vast difference between who we are as creatures and who you are as our Creator. We are shamefully aware of how we have sinned and fall short of your glory. Forgive us, we pray. Enable us to receive and rest in the truth that we have been justified by faith and have peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. 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**

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Hymn 345

### **Scripture Reading\***

John 6:35-51

### **Hymn**

“We Gather Together” Hymn 363

### **Prayer**

### **Sermon**

“The Glorious Hour”  
John 17:1-5

Rudy Manrique

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

### **Hymn\***

“The Church’s One Foundation” Hymn 347

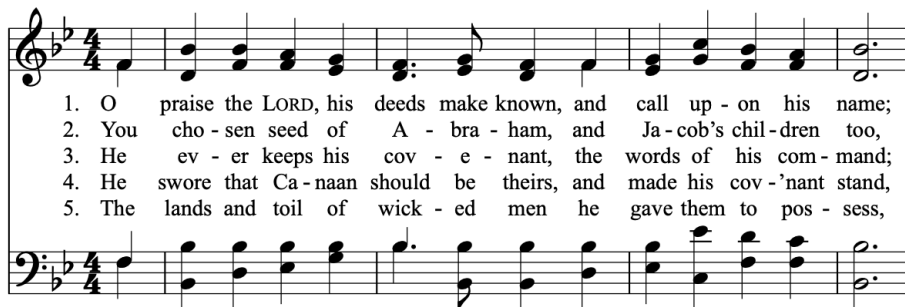
### **Benediction\***

### **Congregational Benediction Response\***

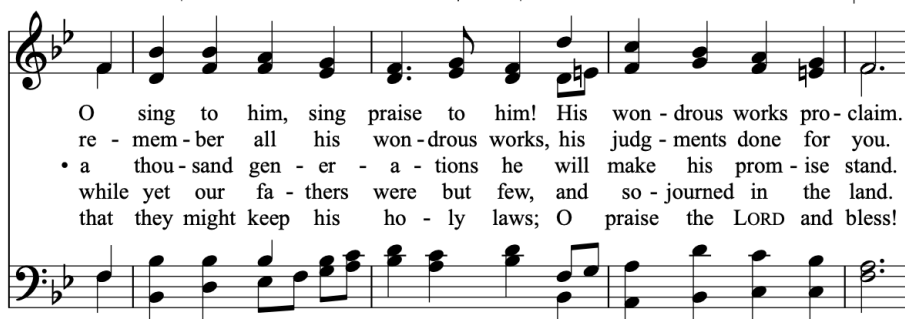
(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

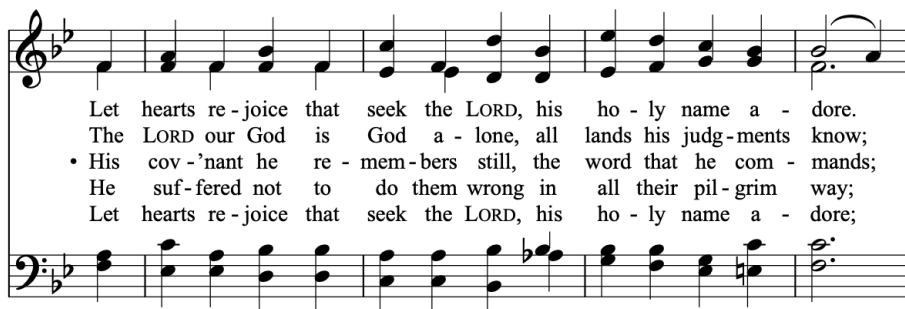
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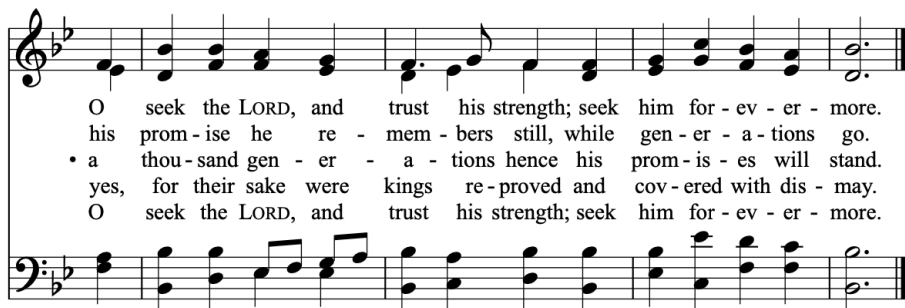
1. O praise the LORD, his deeds make known, and call up - on his name;  
 2. You cho - sen seed of A - bra - ham, and Ja - cob's chil - dren too,  
 3. He ev - er keeps his cov - e - nant, the words of his com - mand;  
 4. He swore that Ca - naan should be theirs, and made his cov - 'nant stand,  
 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.  
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 • 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.