

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 24, 2022

LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you. I will praise your name,
for you have accomplished wonders, plans formed long ago, with perfect faithfulness.

Isaiah 25:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 16 (p. 788)

Keep me safe, O God,

for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

**As for the saints who are in the land,
they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.**

The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**I have set the LORD always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

**because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

You have made known to me the path of life;

**you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

* *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*

1 Kings 18:16-40

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 523

My Hope Is in the Lord

My hope is in the Lord who gave himself for me,
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary.

*For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.*

No merit of my own his anger to suppress,
My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness.

*For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.*

And now for me he stands before the Father's throne.
He shows his wounded hands, and names me as his own.

*For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives.*

His grace has planned it all, 'tis mine but to believe,
And recognize his work of love and Christ receive.

*For me he died, for me he lives,
And everlasting life and light he freely gives. Amen.*

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 85. *What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?*

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance to life, with the diligent use of all the outward means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. *What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, by which we receive and rest on him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. *What is repentance to life?*

A. Repentance to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and understanding of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it to God, with full intention of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

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*

Mark 9:14-29

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 103:13-18])

Hymn 93

The Tender Love a Father Has

The tender love a father has
For all his children dear,
Such love the Lord bestows on them
Who worship him in fear.

The Lord remembers we are dust,
And all our frailty knows;
Man's days are like the tender grass,
And as the flow'r he grows.

The flow'r is withered by the wind
That smites with blighting breath;
So man is quickly swept away
Before the blast of death.

Unchanging is the love of God,
From age to age the same,
Displayed to all who do his will
And reverence his name.

Those who his gracious cov'nant keep
The Lord will ever bless;
Their children's children shall rejoice
To see his righteousness. Amen.

Professions of Faith

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Our Father, Who Art in Heaven”
Matthew 6:5-9

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 629

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he’ll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

May the grace of Christ our Savior
And the Father's boundless love,
With the Holy Spirit's favor,
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union
With each other and the Lord,
And possess, in sweet communion,
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

“Our Father, Who Art in Heaven”

Matthew 6:5-9

1. True prayer flows out of true faith. (vv. 5-6)
Mark 9:24

2. True prayer is informed by true theology. (vv. 7-8)
1 Kings 18:26-29

3. True prayer is directed to the Father, through the Son,
and by the power of the Holy Spirit. (v. 9)
Galatians 4:4-7
Romans 8:15-17; 26-27

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, July 25

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 14:1 - 16:14; Romans 9:1-24; Psalm 19:1-14; Proverbs 20:1

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 18

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

Tuesday, July 26

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 17:1 - 18:34; Romans 9:25 - 10:13; Psalm 20:1-9; Prov. 20:2-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 38

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

Wednesday, July 27

Scripture: 2 Chron. 19:1 - 20:37; Romans 10:14 - 11:12; Psalm 21:1-13; Prov. 20:4-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 39

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

Thursday, July 28

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 21:1 - 23:21; Romans 11:13-36; Psalm 22:1-18; Prov. 20:7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 40

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

Friday, July 29

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 24:1 - 25:28; Romans 12:1-21; Psalm 22:19-31; Prov. 20:8-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 41

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

Saturday, July 30

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 26:1 - 28:27; Romans 13:1-14; Psalm 23:1-6; Proverbs 20:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 42

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

Sunday, July 31

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 29:1-36; Romans 14:1-23; Psalm 24:1-10; Proverbs 20:12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 43

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

Spend time reading and meditating on this section of the Westminster Shorter Catechism:

Q. 98. *What is prayer?*

A. Prayer is an offering up of our desires to God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies.

Q. 99. *What rule has God given for our direction in prayer?*

A. The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer; but the special rule of direction is the form of prayer that Christ taught his disciples, commonly called "the Lord's Prayer."

Q. 100. *What does the Preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?*

A. The Preface of the Lord's Prayer, which is, "Our Father in heaven," teaches us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence, as children to a father, able and ready to help us; and that we should pray with and for others.

Q. 101. *For what do we pray in the first petition?*

A. In the first petition, which is, "Hallowed be thy Name," we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all the means by which he makes himself known, and that he would arrange all things to his own glory.

Q. 102. *For what do we pray in the second petition?*

A. In the second petition, which is, "Thy kingdom come," we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed, and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

Q. 103. *For what do we pray in the third petition?*

A. In the third petition, which is, "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

Q. 104. *For what do we pray in the fourth petition?*

A. In the fourth petition, which is, "Give us this day our daily bread," we pray that, of God's free gift, we may receive a sufficient portion of the good things of this life and enjoy his blessing with them.

Q. 105. *For what do we pray in the fifth petition?*

A. In the fifth petition, which is, "And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors," we pray that God, for Christ's sake, would freely pardon all our sins; which we are more encouraged to ask because by his grace we are enabled from the heart to forgive others.

Q. 106. *For what do we pray in the sixth petition?*

A. In the sixth petition, which is, "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil," we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

Q. 107. *What does the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?*

A. The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer, which is, "For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen," teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him; and in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, "Amen."