

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 3, 2022

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

1 John 3:5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 103 (p. 821 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,

and his kingdom rules over all.

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

Praise the LORD, O my soul.

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

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
And fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, we praise you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

All: Forgive us, O Lord, for our many sins. We confess that we are guilty of pride and unbelief, of anger and lust. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by wasting your good gifts to us. Our transgressions are ever before us, and they weigh heavy on our hearts.

Leader: Grant us repentant hearts to understand the sinfulness of our sins but also the assurance of forgiveness that comes by faith in the Lord Jesus. We thank you that our sins will not be counted against us, because they all have been laid upon Christ.

All: All praise to you, O God, for such wondrous grace! We are loved with an everlasting love! Grant that we, by your Spirit, may live daily unto you and may seek to glorify you in thought, word, and deed. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Deuteronomy 5:6-21; Matthew 22:34-40

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. 76. *Which is the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment is, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Q. 77. *What is required in the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in testifying as witnesses.

Q. 78. *What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment forbids whatever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor’s good name.

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*

Acts 20:13-38

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.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rudy Manrique

“How to Protect Yourself Against False Teachers”
2 John 1:7-13

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 347

The Church’s One Foundation

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word:
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee. 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, July 4

Scripture: 2 Kings 23:31 - 25:30; Acts 22:17 - 23:10; Psalm 2:1-12; Proverbs 18:13

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 15

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

Tuesday, July 5

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 1:1 - 2:17; Acts 23:11-35; Psalm 3:1-8; Proverbs 18:14-15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 20

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

Wednesday, July 6

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 2:18 - 4:4; Acts 24:1-27; Psalm 4:1-8; Proverbs 18:16-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

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

Thursday, July 7

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 4:5 - 5:17; Acts 25:1-27; Psalm 5:1-12; Proverbs 18:19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 22

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

Friday, July 8

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 5:18 - 6:81; Acts 26:1-32; Psalm 6:1-10; Proverbs 18:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

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

Saturday, July 9

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 7:1 - 8:40; Acts 27:1-20; Psalm 7:1-17; Proverbs 18:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 24

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

Sunday, July 10

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 9:1 - 10:14; Acts 27:21-44; Psalm 8:1-9; Proverbs 18:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 25

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

As Christians, we should be seen as the most generous and hospitable people on the planet. Why? Because we believe and confess that our God paid an infinite debt when he sent his Son to die on the cross for our sins, thus, saving us from God's wrath and granting us the gift of eternal life. Such a belief and reality should cause us to turn in love, practice generosity, and offer hospitality toward our neighbors, whether believers or unbelievers, thereby demonstrating the same love with which God loved us. But should Christians be generous and offer hospitality to everyone without reservation? It might surprise us to find out that the answer is No. There is only one type of person excluded from our generosity and hospitality: false teachers who distort and contradict the truth found in God's Word.

Although it is tempting to think that false teachers are a thing of the past, this is definitely not the case. They are everywhere and seemingly more prevalent than ever. So how are we supposed to spot a false teacher when we encounter one? This is why knowing God's Word and having a proper understanding of its fundamental doctrines, especially as it relates to the person and work of Christ, are essential not only for the good and prosperity of the church but also for our souls, even false teachers. Truth and love are never to be separated, and when we hold on to these two things, we will know how to truly love since we love the truth. The following devotional questions will help deepen your love for God, his Word, and all your fellow believers and neighbors.

1. Who were the false teachers that John warned his congregation to avoid? Is there a particular heretical group that comes to mind? What did John call them and why? What were they teaching, and why is it important to reject such teaching? What are some of the consequences of believing it?
2. What is the best way for us as Christians to guard against false teaching? Can someone have a wrong understanding of the person and work of Christ and still be considered a Christian? Is it permissible to have fellowship with such people? Are we to be careless with whom we help and offer our hospitality?
3. Throughout verses 7-11, is there any indication that John doesn't want us to welcome unbelievers into the church? How should we welcome believers who hold to different doctrines but on relatively minor points? How should we welcome unbelievers when they come to church?
4. In verse 8, John says, "Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward." What does he mean by this exhortation? Does the full reward he mentions pertain to salvation or to something else? Is John teaching that a Christian can lose their salvation and ultimately be eternally lost?