

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:33

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 100 (p. 821)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty God and heavenly Father, we come to you in sorrow and frustration as we remember how often we failed you this past week.

All: We confess that we sinned against you and others. We depended on our own strength and stumbled. We leaned on our own understanding and made foolish decisions. We sought the things of this world and failed to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness.

Leader: Have mercy on us, we pray, and grant us your forgiveness. Fill us with your Holy Spirit, and cause us to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

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

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*

Psalm 32

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 390

Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray

Lord of the Sabbath, hear us pray,
In this your house, on this your day;
And own, as grateful sacrifice,
The songs which from your temple rise.

Now met to pray and bless your name,
Whose mercies flow each day the same,
Whose kind compassions never cease,
We seek instruction, pardon, peace.

Your earthly Sabbaths, Lord, we love,
But there's a nobler rest above;
To that our lab'ring souls aspire
With ardent hope and strong desire.

In your blest kingdom we shall be
From ev'ry mortal trouble free;
No sighs shall mingle with the songs
Resounding from immortal tongues.

No rude alarms of raging foes;
No cares to break the long repose;
No midnight shade, no waning moon,
But sacred, high, eternal noon.

O long-expected day, begin,
Dawn on these realms of woe and sin!
Break, morn of God, upon our eyes;
And let the world's true Sun arise! 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

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*

Matthew 18:21-35

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 16:1, 2, 5-8, 11])

Hymn 692

To You, O Lord, I Fly

To you, O Lord, I fly
And on your help depend;
You are my Lord and King Most High;
Great God, my soul defend.
A heritage for me Jehovah will remain;
My portion rich and full is he,
My right he will maintain.

The lot to me that fell
Is beautiful and fair;
The heritage in which I dwell
Is good beyond compare.
I praise the Lord above
Whose counsel guides aright;
My heart instructs me in his love
In seasons of the night.

I keep before me still
The Lord whom I have proved;
At my right hand he guards from ill,
And I shall not be moved.
Life's pathway you will show,
To your right hand will guide,
Where streams of pleasure ever flow,
And boundless joys abide. Amen.

Professions of Faith

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Forgive Us Our Debts, As We Forgive Our Debtors”
Matthew 6:12, 14-15

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 468

My Faith Has Found a Resting Place

My faith has found a resting place,
From guilt my soul is freed;
I trust the ever-living One,
His wounds for me shall plead.
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves,
This ends my fear and doubt;
A sinful soul I come to him,
He’ll never cast me out.
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

My heart is leaning on the Word,
The written Word of God:
Salvation by my Savior’s name,
Salvation thro’ his blood.
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

My great Physician heals the sick,
The lost he came to save;
For me his precious blood he shed,
For me his life he gave.
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea,
It is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me. 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, August 29

Scripture: Job 31:1 - 33:33; 2 Corinthians 3:1-18; Psalm 43:1-5; Proverbs 22:8-9

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 23

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

Tuesday, August 30

Scripture: Job 34:1 - 36:33; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12; Psalm 44:1-8; Proverbs 22:10-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 68

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

Wednesday, August 31

Scripture: Job 37:1 - 39:30; 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:10; Psalm 44:9-26; Proverbs 22:13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 69

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

Thursday, September 1

Scripture: Job 40:1 - 42:17; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Psalm 45:1-17; Proverbs 22:14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 70

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

Friday, September 2

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1 - 3:22; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Psalm 46:1-11; Proverbs 22:15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 71

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

Saturday, September 3

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:1 - 6:12; 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:7; Psalm 47:1-9; Prov. 22:16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 72

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

Sunday, September 4

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 7:1 - 9:18; 2 Corinthians 7:8-16; Psalm 48:1-14; Prov. 22:17-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 73

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

The fifth petition of the Lord's Prayer reminds us about the importance of having good relationships, first with God and then with others. When we pray, "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors," we are asking the Lord to forgive us and also to give us the grace we need to forgive others. In his book, *The Heart of Prayer*, Jerram Barrs writes:

As we pray for forgiveness for ourselves, Jesus reminds us that we are to remember to be forgiving to others: "Forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone who is indebted to us." Jesus is challenging us to reflect on this question: "How can I truly ask for, and receive, the mercy of God for my own failures if I am not prepared to extend that mercy to others?" The hardness of heart that refuses to forgive others indicates that I really have no true sense of the seriousness of my own sin. If I reply to this question, "But forgiveness is difficult and costly" (which it most certainly is), then I demonstrate that I have not comprehended the difficulty and cost to God of forgiving my sins. For God to forgive us was enormously costly. He gave his Son up to death for my constant sinning, for my abuse of his patience and kindness, for my cold heart and my selfish will, for my worship of many idols, for my constant lack of true faith, and for the poverty of my love for him, or for anyone else... As we cry out for his help to forgive, so we will begin to be merciful to others, for our hearts will be more and more touched and changed by the knowledge of his mercy to us.

1. For review, what are some things that you have learned about prayer and the Lord's Prayer in particular during this series? Has it affected your prayer life, and if so, in what way?
2. Read Psalm 51. What do you learn from this psalm about asking God for forgiveness? Why does God command us to regularly ask for forgiveness even though our sins have already been atoned for by Christ on the cross?
3. Westminster Confession of Faith 15.5-6 says, "No one should be satisfied with a general repentance; rather, it is everyone's duty to endeavor to repent of each particular sin, particularly. It is the duty of each one to make private confession of his sins to God, praying for pardon (and whoever confesses his sins, prays for forgiveness, and forsakes those sins shall find mercy). Similarly, anyone who has scandalized a brother, or the church of Christ, ought to be willing by private or public confession, and sorrow for his sin, to declare his repentance to those that are offended, who are then to be reconciled to him and receive him in love."

Why do you think the Confession says it is important for us to "repent of each particular sin, particularly"?

4. Read Matthew 18:21-35. What was Jesus teaching Peter through this parable? How ought we to apply this to our own lives?
5. Is there someone in your life that you are distanced from because of a lack of forgiveness? What are some things you can begin doing this week to help restore that relationship?