

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 11, 2022

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

Psalm 103:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 96 (p. 819)

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

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

Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man!
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine. 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 do not have clean hands and pure hearts. Though we know what you command us in your Word, we have not obeyed you.

Leader: Many of our decisions this week were motivated by sin and selfishness rather than your glory. We have not walked humbly and wisely as your Word teaches, but rather we have walked in our own wisdom and followed the counsel of the world around us.

All: Forgive us and grant us a renewed desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow 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

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

1 Chronicles 29:1-22a

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live,
but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith
in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” (Galatians 2:20)

Yet Not I, but Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: All is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.

And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me. Amen.

Confession of Faith

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.

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*

Matthew 6:1-15

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 51])

Hymn 485

O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry

O thou that hear'st when sinners cry,
Though all my crimes before thee lie,
Behold them not with angry look,
But blot their mem'ry from thy book.

Create my nature pure within,
And form my soul averse to sin;
Let thy good Spirit ne'er depart,
Nor hide thy presence from my heart.

I cannot live without thy light,
Cast out and banished from thy sight;
Thy holy joys, my God, restore,
And guard me, that I fall no more.

A broken heart, my God, my King,
Is all the sacrifice I bring;
The God of grace will ne'er despise
A broken heart for sacrifice.

My soul lies humbled in the dust,
And owns thy dreadful sentence just:
Look down, O Lord, with pitying eye,
And save the soul condemned to die.

Then will I teach the world thy ways;
Sinners shall learn thy sovereign grace;
I'll lead them to my Savior's blood,
And they shall praise a pard'ning God. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“For Thine Is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory Forever. Amen.”
1 Chronicles 29:11

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 660

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. 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.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, September 12

Scripture: Isaiah 10:1 - 11:16; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21; Psalm 56:1-13; Proverbs 23:6-8

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 25

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

Tuesday, September 13

Scripture: Isaiah 12:1 - 14:32; 2 Corinthians 13:1-14; Psalm 57:1-11; Proverbs 23:9-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

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

Wednesday, September 14

Scripture: Isaiah 15:1 - 18:7; Galatians 1:1-24; Psalm 58:1-11; Proverbs 23:12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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

Thursday, September 15

Scripture: Isaiah 19:1 - 21:17; Galatians 2:1-16; Psalm 59:1-17; Proverbs 23:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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

Friday, September 16

Scripture: Isaiah 22:1 - 24:23; Galatians 2:17 - 3:9; Psalm 60:1-12; Proverbs 23:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

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

Saturday, September 17

Scripture: Isaiah 25:1 - 28:13; Galatians 3:10-22; Psalm 61:1-8; Proverbs 23:17-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 84

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

Sunday, September 18

Scripture: Isaiah 28:14 - 30:11; Galatians 3:23 - 4:31; Psalm 62:1-12; Prov. 23:19-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 85

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*

“Hallelujah! Hallelujah!” Hymn 10

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

Romans 5:1-2

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

Hymn

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” Hymn 353

Scripture Reading*

Matthew 28

Hymn

“Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord” Hymn 16

Prayer

Sermon

“Spirit-Empowered Witnesses”
Acts 1:1-11

Pastor Ben Muresan

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

“O God, to Us Show Mercy” Hymn 437

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.