

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 1, 2023

The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

**Psalm 19:1**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 46 (p. 802 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way  
and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD Almighty is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God;

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”**

The LORD Almighty is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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

*The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.*

***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:** Heavenly Father, we join with your Church around the world, with Christians now in heaven, and with the heavenly host of angels, to declare that you are holy, holy, holy; the whole earth is full of your glory.

**All:** As we think about your holiness, we recognize our unworthiness all the more. We have sinned against you and others. All the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love and faithfulness.

**Leader:** Cause us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**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**

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\*

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

### *The Power of the Cross*

Oh, to see the dawn of the darkest day;  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on your face,  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning your bloodstained brow.

*This the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows his head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life—  
“Finished!” the victory cry.

*This the pow'r of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us.  
Took the blame, bore the wrath;  
We stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
For through your suff'ring I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
Won through your selfless love!

*This the pow'r of the cross:  
Son of God—slain for us.  
What a love, what a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross. Amen.*

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 7.** *What are the decrees of God?*

**A.** The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

**Q. 8.** *How does God execute his decrees?*

**A.** God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

**Q. 9.** *What is the work of creation?*

**A.** The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

## 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.

❖ *Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary or given online through our church's website.*

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

Jonah 1:1-16

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 46])

Hymn 40

### *God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength*

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,  
And therefore though the earth remove, we will not be afraid;  
Though hills amidst the sea be cast, though foaming waters roar,  
Yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God,  
The holy place wherein the Lord Most High has his abode.  
Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand,  
For God will be her early help, when trouble is at hand.

The nations raged, the kingdoms moved, but when his voice was heard,  
The troubled earth was stilled to peace before his mighty word.  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;  
The God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

O come, behold what wondrous works Jehovah's hand has wrought;  
Come, see what desolation great he on the earth has brought.  
To utmost ends of all the earth he causes war to cease;  
The weapons of the strong destroyed, he makes abiding peace.

“Be still and know that I am God, o'er all exalted high;  
The subject nations of the earth my name shall magnify.”  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;  
The God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rudy Manrique

“You and I Have the Greater Jonah”  
Jonah 1:1-16

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 499

### *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in 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.

# SERMON NOTES

## “You and I Have the Greater Jonah” Jonah 1:1-16

1. The Apostate Prophet (vv. 1-3)  
Obadiah 1:15; 1 Kings 14:23-25; Genesis 4:16, 38:1
2. The Unloving Prophet (vv. 4-6)  
Mark 4:38-39
3. The Unfaithful Prophet (vv. 7-10)  
Leviticus 16:8; Psalm 146:5-6
4. The Selfish Prophet (vv. 11-16)  
Deuteronomy 21:8; Romans 5:7-8

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, October 2**

Scripture: Isaiah 66:1-24; Philippians 3:4-21; Psalm 74:1-23; Proverbs 24:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 14

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

## **Tuesday, October 3**

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:30; Philippians 4:1-23; Psalm 75:1-10; Proverbs 24:17-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 89

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

## **Wednesday, October 4**

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:31 - 4:18; Colossians 1:1-17; Psalm 76:1-12; Proverbs 24:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 90

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in New Zealand and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, October 5**

Scripture: Jeremiah 4:19 - 6:15; Colossians 1:18 - 2:7; Psalm 77:1-20; Prov. 24:23-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 91

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

## **Friday, October 6**

Scripture: Jeremiah 6:16 - 8:7; Colossians 2:8-23; Psalm 78:1-31; Proverbs 24:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 92

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

## **Saturday, October 7**

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:8 - 9:26; Colossians 3:1-17; Psalm 78:32-55; Proverbs 24:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 93

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

## **Sunday, October 8**

Scripture: Jeremiah 10:1 - 11:23; Col. 3:18 - 4:18; Psalm 78:56-72; Prov. 24:28-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 94

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

## **MISSIONS CORNER**

*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.*

**Ray & Michele Call | Presbyterian Church in Belize**

**Dave & Darlene Eby | Africa Reformation Theol. Seminary Uganda**

## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The Book of Jonah demonstrates how God cares for lost sinners—that they should repent of their sins and place their faith in him. The way God shows his concern for them is by sending them prophets to preach a message of repentance and forgiveness. The same is true today. However, in Jonah chapter 1, the prophet Jonah showed little to no concern for Israel's enemy, the Ninevites. In fact, when the Lord commissioned Jonah to preach in Nineveh, he ran the other way (Jonah 1:3). Although Jonah was reluctant and unfaithful to his calling, you and I have the greater Jonah who faithfully and willingly preached to his enemies the good news of the Kingdom of God—the Lord Jesus Christ. Unlike Jonah, Jesus even died for his enemies (Romans 5:7-8). In Jonah 1, we look forward to what the Lord Jesus would do for his people by examining Jonah's disobedience. What a faithful, merciful, and loving Savior you and I have in the Lord Jesus, the greater Jonah.

Commenting on Jonah 1:12, Richard Phillips writes:

Jonah's "death" in the deep also looks forward in redemptive history, finding its ultimate meaning in the death of Jesus Christ. It was Jesus who compared his own death to that of Jonah: "For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40). There are major differences between Jonah and Jesus, of course. Jonah is guilty of his own sin, having refused God's will. Jesus bore only the sins of others, in obedience to the will of the Father. Yet Jonah is a type of Christ; he is an Old Testament figure who represents at least one aspect of Jesus and his saving work. Jacques Ellul explains the connection: "If it is true that the sacrifice of a man who takes his condemnation can save others around him, then this is far more true when the one sacrificed is the Son of God. (*Jonah & Micah*, Reformed Expository Commentary, 60–61)

1. Read verse 3. According to the sermon, what is the significance of the repeated phrases, "the presence of the Lord" and "went down"? How do they relate to apostasy (see Genesis 4:16, 38:1)? What did Jesus do that Jonah refused to do (see Romans 5:7-8)?
2. As soon as Jonah got into the boat to flee the presence of the Lord, he went down into it and fell asleep (v. 5). How do Jonah's actions reveal his unloving character toward the sailors? Can you relate to his actions? As opposed to Jonah, what did Jesus do to show he loved people (see Mark 4:35-41)?
3. According to the sermon, in verse 13, why did the sailors keep rowing after finding out Jonah served the true and living God and provided the answer to their plight? Did they believe Jonah? How does this relate to our testimony before unbelievers?
4. What was Jonah's motive in asking the sailors to throw him overboard? Was it out of compassion for them or selfishness? How does Jonah being thrown overboard represent the person and work of Christ? How are Jesus and Jonah alike at this point in the chapter? How are they different?
5. Although the book of Jonah actually happened in history, who does Jonah represent and why? Who do the sailors represent?