

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Your name, O LORD, endures forever,
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

Psalm 135:13

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 50:1-15 (p. 803 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Mighty One, God, the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.

From Zion, perfect in beauty, God shines forth.

Our God comes and will not be silent; a fire devours before him, and around him a tempest rages.

He summons the heavens above, and the earth, that he may judge his people:

“Gather to me my consecrated ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice.”

And the heavens proclaim his righteousness, for God himself is judge.

“Hear, O my people, and I will speak, O Israel, and I will testify against you: I am God, your God.

“I do not rebuke you for your sacrifices or your burnt offerings, which are ever before me.

“I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens,

“for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

“I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine.

“If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.

“Do I eat the flesh of bulls or drink the blood of goats?”

“Sacrifice thank offerings to God, fulfill your vows to the Most High,

“and call upon me in the day of trouble;

“I will deliver you, and you will honor me.”

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

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

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

My God, how wonderful thou art, thy majesty how bright!
How beautiful thy mercy seat, in depths of burning light!

Wondrous are thine eternal years, O everlasting Lord,
By holy angels day and night unceasingly adored!

O how I fear thee, living God, with deepest, tend'rest fears,
And worship thee with trembling hope, and penitential tears.

Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, almighty as thou art;
For thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.

No earthly father loves like thee, no mother half so mild
Bears and forbears, as thou hast done with me, thy sinful child.

How wonderful, how beautiful, the sight of thee will be,
Thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r, and awesome purity! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, we approach your throne of grace repenting of the sins we have committed. You know our hearts better than we do. Nothing is hidden from your sight.

All: We confess that we have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by wasting your good gifts to us. We have hurt others and ourselves by our sins, and we are not worthy to be called your children.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from our sins. Work in us by your Word and Spirit, and give us both the desire and the power to do what pleases you.

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, now and forever. 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*

Philippians 2:1-11

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. 13. *Did our first parents continue in the estate in which they were created?*

A. Our first parents, being left to the freedom of their own will, fell from the estate in which they were created, by sinning against God.

Q. 14. *What is sin?*

A. Sin is any lack of conformity to, or transgression of, the Law of God.

Q. 15. *What was the sin by which our first parents fell from the estate in which they were created?*

A. The sin by which our first parents fell from the estate in which they were created, was their eating of the forbidden fruit.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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 3

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

“Old Habits Are Hard to Break”

Jonah 3

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 642

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul’s shelter, thou my high tow’r: raise thou me heav’n-ward, O Pow’r of my pow’r.

Riches I heed not, nor man’s empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys, O bright heav’n’s Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, October 16

Scripture: Jeremiah 28:1 - 29:32; 1 Timothy 1:1-20; Psalm 86:1-17; Proverbs 25:17

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 16

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

Tuesday, October 17

Scripture: Jeremiah 30:1 - 31:26; 1 Timothy 2:1-15; Psalm 87:1-7; Proverbs 25:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 101

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

Wednesday, October 18

Scripture: Jeremiah 31:27 - 32:44; 1 Timothy 3:1-16; Psalm 88:1-18; Prov. 25:20-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 102

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

Thursday, October 19

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:1 - 34:22; 1 Timothy 4:1-16; Psalm 89:1-13; Proverbs 25:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 103

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

Friday, October 20

Scripture: Jeremiah 35:1 - 36:32; 1 Timothy 5:1-25; Psalm 89:14-37; Prov. 25:25-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 104

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

Saturday, October 21

Scripture: Jeremiah 37:1 - 38:28; 1 Timothy 6:1-21; Psalm 89:38-52; Proverbs 25:28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 105

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

Sunday, October 22

Scripture: Jeremiah 39:1 - 41:18; 2 Timothy 1:1-18; Psalm 90:1 - 91:16; Prov. 26:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 106

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

GATHERING for EVENING PRAYER and HYMNS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World” Hymn 111

***Scripture Reading**

Hymn

“Come unto Me, Ye Weary” Hymn 482

Devotion

Hymn

“Sweet Hour of Prayer” Hymn 634

Congregational Prayer

Men remain in the sanctuary;
Ladies meet in the fellowship hall

***Hymn**

“Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide” Hymn 402

***Closing Prayer**