

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 29, 2023

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

**Romans 1:16-17**

**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.*

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Father, we come before you to acknowledge our sin, because if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

**All:** We confess that we have walked in darkness rather than living according to what you have revealed to us in your Word. We have sinned against you and our neighbors, and we are ashamed and sorry for how we have displeased you.

**Leader:** Our sins and failures weigh heavy on our hearts, and we feel how our fellowship with you has suffered. Forgive us and restore us, we pray, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave himself for us.

**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**

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\*

Revelation 2

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 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 ❖

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 735

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.

❖ *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\*

Revelation 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

Rev. Dr. Michael Horton

“Edicts to the Churches”  
Revelation 2-3

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 299

### *Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious*

Look, ye saints, the sight is glorious:  
See the Man of Sorrows now;  
From the fight returned victorious,  
Ev’ry knee to him shall bow.  
Crown him! Crown him!  
Crowns become the Victor’s brow.

Crown the Savior, angels, crown him;  
Rich the trophies Jesus brings;  
In the seat of pow’r enthrone him,  
While the vault of heaven rings.  
Crown him! Crown him!  
Crown the Savior King of kings.

Sinners in derision crowned him,  
Mocking thus the Savior’s claim;  
Saints and angels crowd around him,  
Own his title, praise his name.  
Crown him! Crown him!  
Spread abroad the Victor’s fame!

Hark! those bursts of acclamation!  
Hark! those loud triumphant chords!  
Jesus takes the highest station;  
O what joy the sight affords!  
Crown him! Crown him!  
King of kings, and Lord of lords. 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, October 30**

Scripture: Lamentations 3:1-66; Hebrews 1:1-14; Psalm 102:1-28; Proverbs 26:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 18

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

## **Tuesday, October 31**

Scripture: Lamentations 4:1 - 5:22; Hebrews 2:1-18; Psalm 103:1-22; Proverbs 26:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 6

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

## **Wednesday, November 1**

Scripture: Ezekiel 1:1 - 3:15; Hebrews 3:1-19; Psalm 104:1-23; Proverbs 26:24-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 7

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

## **Thursday, November 2**

Scripture: Ezekiel 3:16 - 6:14; Hebrews 4:1-16; Psalm 104:24-35; Proverbs 26:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 8

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

## **Friday, November 3**

Scripture: Ezekiel 7:1 - 9:11; Hebrews 5:1-14; Psalm 105:1-15; Proverbs 26:28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 9

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

## **Saturday, November 4**

Scripture: Ezekiel 10:1 - 11:25; Hebrews 6:1-20; Psalm 105:16-36; Proverbs 27:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 10

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

## **Sunday, November 5**

Scripture: Ezekiel 12:1 - 14:11; Hebrews 7:1-17; Psalm 105:37-45; Proverbs 27:3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 11

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**

# **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

## **Prelude**

### **Greeting and Call to Worship\***

Psalm 100

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**All:** Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **Hymn\***

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymn 92

### **Congregational Confession of Sin**

Gracious God, we acknowledge and confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have walked in darkness rather than living according to what you have revealed to us in your holy Word. Forgive us, we pray. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to put off sin and to put on Christ. Strengthen us in our fight against sin, and empower us to act, speak, and think in ways that glorify you, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Romans 5:6-9

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

### **Hymn**

“Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me”

### **Scripture Reading\***

Revelation 5

### **Hymn**

“The Church’s One Foundation” Hymn 347

### **Prayer**

### **Sermon**

“The Lamb on His Throne”  
Revelation 5

Rev. Dr. Michael Horton

### **Hymn\***

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” Hymn 295

### **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.