

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 8, 2023

For all the promises of God find their Yes in Jesus Christ.
That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

2 Corinthians 1:20

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 48 (p. 803 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Great is the LORD, and most worthy of praise, in the city of our God, his holy mountain.

It is beautiful in its loftiness, the joy of the whole earth.

Like the utmost heights of Zaphon is Mount Zion, the city of the Great King.

God is in her citadels; he has shown himself to be her fortress.

When the kings joined forces, when they advanced together,

they saw her and were astounded; they fled in terror.

Trembling seized them there, pain like that of a woman in labor.

You destroyed them like ships of Tarshish shattered by an east wind.

As we have heard, so have we seen in the city of the LORD Almighty, in the city of our God:

God makes her secure forever.

Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.

Like your name, O God, your praise reaches to the ends of the earth;

your right hand is filled with righteousness.

Mount Zion rejoices, the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments.

Walk about Zion, go around her, count her towers,

consider well her ramparts, view her citadels, that you may tell of them to the next generation.

For this God is our God for ever and ever;

he will be our guide even to the end.

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

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

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

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When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, we praise you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

All: Forgive us, O Lord, for our many sins. We confess that we are guilty of pride and unbelief, of anger and lust. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by wasting your good gifts to us. Our transgressions are ever before us, and they weigh heavy on our hearts.

Leader: Grant us repentant hearts to understand the sinfulness of our sins but also the assurance of forgiveness that comes by faith in the Lord Jesus. We thank you that our sins will not be counted against us, because they all have been laid upon him.

All: All praise to you, O God, for such wondrous grace! We are loved with an everlasting love! Grant that we, by your Spirit, may live daily unto you and may seek to glorify you in thought, word, and deed. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Matthew 12:33-42

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. 10. *How did God create man?*

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q. 11. *What are God's works of providence?*

A. God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

Q. 12. *What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate in which he was created?*

A. When God created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, on the pain of death.

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.

❖ *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 1:17 - 2:10

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

“When You Hit Rock Bottom”
Jonah 1:17 - 2:10

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 629

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he’ll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there. 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, October 9

Scripture: Jeremiah 12:1 - 14:10; 1 Thess. 1:1 - 2:8; Psalm 79:1-13; Prov. 24:30-34

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 15

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

Tuesday, October 10

Scripture: Jeremiah 14:11 - 16:15; 1 Thess. 2:9 - 3:13; Psalm 80:1-19; Prov. 25:1-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 95

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

Wednesday, October 11

Scripture: Jeremiah 16:16 - 18:23; 1 Thess. 4:1 - 5:3; Psalm 81:1-16; Proverbs 25:6-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 96

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

Thursday, October 12

Scripture: Jeremiah 19:1 - 21:14; 1 Thess. 5:4-28; Psalm 82:1-8; Proverbs 25:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 97

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

Friday, October 13

Scripture: Jeremiah 22:1 - 23:20; 2 Thess. 1:1-12; Psalm 83:1-18; Proverbs 25:11-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 98

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

Saturday, October 14

Scripture: Jeremiah 23:21 - 25:38; 2 Thess. 2:1-17; Psalm 84:1-12; Proverbs 25:15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 99

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

Sunday, October 15

Scripture: Jeremiah 26:1 - 27:22; 2 Thess. 3:1-18; Psalm 85:1-13; Proverbs 25:16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 100

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 34:1-5

Leader: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

All: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Hymn*

“From All That Dwell Below the Skies” Hymn 7

Congregational Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Our sins weigh heavy on our hearts, and they burden our souls. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a renewed desire to serve you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

Hymn

“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” Hymn 335

Scripture Reading*

Psalm 1

Hymn

“O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord” Hymn 6

Prayer

Sermon

“Two Ways to Live”
Matthew 5:1-11

Pastor Daniel Dalton

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

“Jesus Shall Reign” Hymn 441

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.