

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 12, 2023

I will extol you, my God and King,  
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Psalm 145:1**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 57 (p. 805 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Have mercy on me, O God, have mercy on me, for in you my soul takes refuge.

**I will take refuge in the shadow of your wings until the disaster has passed.**

I cry out to God Most High, to God, who fulfills his purpose for me.

**He sends from heaven and saves me, rebuking those who hotly pursue me;  
God sends his love and his faithfulness.**

I am in the midst of lions; I lie among ravenous beasts—men whose teeth  
are spears and arrows, whose tongues are sharp swords.

**Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.**

They spread a net for my feet—I was bowed down in distress.

**They dug a pit in my path—but they have fallen into it themselves.**

My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast; I will sing and make music.

**Awake, my soul! Awake, harp and lyre! I will awaken the dawn.**

I will praise you, O Lord, among the nations; I will sing of you among the peoples.

**For great is your love, reaching to the heavens; your faithfulness reaches to the skies.**

Be exalted, O God, above the heavens;

**let your glory be over all the earth.**

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

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

***O Father, You Are Sovereign***

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;  
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,  
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;  
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.  
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,  
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,  
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.  
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,  
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,  
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.  
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:  
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you! Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that your commandments are righteous and good. They reveal your holiness, and they teach us how to live as your children in a way that pleases you.

**All:** We confess that we broke your commandments by our careless deeds, our hurtful words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ there is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope, yet in him we have received pardon and are clothed in his righteousness. Enable us to wholeheartedly believe your assurance of forgiveness and to live godly, righteous, and devout lives as we await our Savior's return.

**All:** All praise, honor, and glory be to you, O God, through 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**

1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Genesis 38

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 715

### *Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:  
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:  
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:  
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:  
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his harvest home;  
From his field shall in that day all offenses purge away;  
Give his angels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
But the fruitful ears to store in his garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to thy final harvest home;  
Gather thou thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;  
There forever purified, in thy presence to abide:  
Come, with all thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 22.** *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?*

**A.** Christ, the Son of God, became man by taking to himself a true body and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, in the womb of the virgin Mary, and born of her, yet without sin.

**Q. 23.** *What offices does Christ execute as our Redeemer?*

**A.** Christ, as our Redeemer, executes the offices of a prophet, of a priest, and of a king, both in his estate of humiliation and exaltation.

## 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\*

Matthew 1:1-6

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 65]) (refer to the bulletin insert for music)

### *Praise Waits for Thee in Zion*

Praise waits for thee in Zion; all men shall worship there  
And pay their vows before thee, O God who hearest prayer.

Our sins rise up against us, prevailing day by day,  
But thou wilt show us mercy and take our guilt away.

How blest the man thou callest and bringest near to thee,  
That in thy courts forever his dwelling place may be;  
He shall within thy temple be satisfied with grace  
And filled with all the goodness of thy most holy place.

O God of our salvation, since thou dost love the right,  
Thou wilt an answer send us in wondrous deeds of might.

In all earth's habitations, on all the boundless sea,  
Man finds no sure reliance, no peace, apart from thee.

Thy might sets fast the mountains; strength girds thee evermore

To calm the raging peoples and still the ocean's roar.

Thy majesty and greatness are through all lands confessed,  
And joy on earth thou sendest afar, from east to west.

To bless the earth thou sendest from thine abundant store

The waters of the springtime, enriching it once more.

The seed by thee provided is sown o'er hill and plain,  
And thou with gentle showers dost bless the springing grain.

The year with good thou crownest, the earth thy mercy fills,

The wilderness is fruitful, and joyful are the hills;

With corn the vales are covered, the flocks in pastures graze;

All nature joins in singing a joyful song of praise. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Jesus’ Not-So-Great Grandparents”  
Genesis 38

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 461

### *Not What My Hands Have Done*

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow’r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfalt’ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling’ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
’Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives. 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.

# SERMON NOTES

“Jesus’ Not-So-Great Grandparents”  
Genesis 38

Explanation of the Text

Application of the Text

1. God’s grace changes us.  
Genesis 38:26; 44:33-34  
2 Corinthians 7:9-10
2. God’s grace is for people of all nations.  
Matthew 1:1-6  
Galatians 3:26-29
3. God’s grace is revealed in his sovereign election.  
Genesis 49:8-12  
Deuteronomy 9:4-6  
1 Corinthians 1:26-31

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, November 13**

Scripture: Ezekiel 27:1 – 28:26; Hebrews 11:17-31; Psalm 111:1-10; Proverbs 27:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 20

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

## **Tuesday, November 14**

Scripture: Ezekiel 29:1 - 30:26; Hebrews 11:32 - 12:13; Psalm 112:1-10; Prov. 27:17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 18

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

## **Wednesday, November 15**

Scripture: Ezekiel 31:1 - 32:32; Hebrews 12:14-29; Ps. 113:1 - 114:8; Prov. 27:18-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 19

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in the Netherlands and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, November 16**

Scripture: Ezekiel 33:1 - 34:31; Hebrews 13:1-25; Psalm 115:1-18; Proverbs 27:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 20

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

## **Friday, November 17**

Scripture: Ezekiel 35:1 - 36:38; James 1:1-18; Psalm 116:1-19; Proverbs 27:23-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

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

## **Saturday, November 18**

Scripture: Ezekiel 37:1 - 38:23; James 1:19 - 2:17; Psalm 117:1-2; Proverbs 28:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 22

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

## **Sunday, November 19**

Scripture: Ezekiel 39:1 - 40:27; James 2:18 - 3:18; Psalm 118:1-18; Proverbs 28:2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

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 96:1-6

**Leader:** Oh sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.

**All:** Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples! For great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods. For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the LORD made the heavens. Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

### **Hymn\***

“To You, O Lord, I Fly” Hymn 692

### **Congregational Confession of Sin**

Gracious God, 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. Forgive us and renew our wills. We desire to be conformed more and more to the likeness of Christ. Hear our prayer and grant us our request, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. 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**

“How Blest Is He Whose ‘Trespas’” Hymn 551

### **Scripture Reading\***

Ephesians 1:1-14

### **Hymn**

“Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands” Hymn 427

### **Prayer**

### **Sermon**

“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”  
Psalm 103

Rudy Manrique

### **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

### **Hymn\***

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

### **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.