

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

Psalm 103:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 96 (p. 819)

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth.

Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples.

For great is the LORD and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods.

For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the LORD made the heavens.

Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary.

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of nations, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness;

tremble before him, all the earth.

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns."

The world is firmly established, it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity.

Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad;

let the sea resound, and all that is in it; let the fields be jubilant, and everything in them.

Then all the trees of the forest will sing for joy; they will sing before the LORD, for he comes, he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples in his truth.

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

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

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
Through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song;
To every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
And fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
Eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
Till suns shall rise and set no more. 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*

Genesis 20

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 456

By Grace I'm Saved, Grace Free and Boundless

By grace I'm saved, grace free and boundless;
My soul, believe and doubt it not.
Why stagger at this word of promise?
Has Scripture ever falsehood taught?
No; then this word must true remain:
By grace you too shall heav'n obtain.

By grace! None dare lay claim to merit;
Our works and conduct have no worth.
God in his love sent our Redeemer,
Christ Jesus, to this sinful earth;
His death did for our sins atone,
And we are saved by grace alone.

By grace! O mark this word of promise
When you are by your sins oppressed,
When Satan plagues your troubled conscience,
And when your heart is seeking rest.
What reason cannot comprehend
God by his grace to you will send.

By grace! This ground of faith is certain;
So long as God is true, it stands.
What saints have penned by inspiration,
What in his Word our God commands,
What our whole faith must rest upon,
Is grace alone, grace in his Son. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 37. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?*

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the resurrection.

Q. 38. *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

A. At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

Romans 8:18-30

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 89:1-4, 14-18, 28-29])

Hymn 99

My Song Forever Shall Record

All: My song forever shall record
The tender mercies of the Lord;
Your faithfulness will I proclaim,
And every age shall know your name.

Men: I sing of mercies that endure,
Forever builded firm and sure,
Of faithfulness that never dies,
Established changeless in the skies.

Ladies: Behold God's truth and grace displayed,
For he has faithful cov'nant made,
And he has sworn that David's son
Shall ever sit upon his throne:

Men: "For him my mercy shall endure,
My cov'nant made with him is sure;
His throne and race I will maintain
Forever, while the heav'ns remain."

Ladies: Almighty God, your lofty throne
Has justice for its cornerstone,
And shining bright before your face
Are truth and love and boundless grace.

Men: With blessing is the nation crowned
Whose people know the joyful sound;
They in the light, O Lord, shall live,
The light your face and favor give.

Ladies: Your name with gladness they confess,
Exalted in your righteousness;
Their fame and might to you belong,
For in your favor they are strong.

All: All glory unto God we yield,
Jehovah is our help and shield;
All praise and honor we will bring
To Israel's Holy One, our King. Amen.

Ordination and Installation of Church Officers

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin”
Genesis 20

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 465

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

*Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today.

*Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin. 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

“Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sin”
Genesis 20

1. Repeated Sin

When you are tempted:

Remember who God is.

Remember what God has done.

Remember what God has promised to do.

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

2. Repeated Sovereign Grace

Romans 8:29-30

3. Repeatedly Look to Christ, Our Sinless and Sovereign Prophet, Priest, and King

He reveals to us, by his Word and Spirit, the will of God for our salvation. (John 1:1)

He reconciled us to God, and he prays for us. (Hebrews 4:14-16)

He subdues us to himself, ruling and defending us, and he restrains and conquers all his and our enemies. (Matthew 28:18)

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, February 13

Scripture: Exodus 35:10 - 36:38; Matthew 27:32-66; Psalm 34:1-10; Proverbs 9:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 14

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

Tuesday, February 14

Scripture: Exodus 37:1 - 38:31; Matthew 28:1-20; Psalm 34:11-22; Proverbs 9:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 105

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

Wednesday, February 15

Scripture: Exodus 39:1 - 40:38; Mark 1:1-28; Psalm 35:1-16; Proverbs 9:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 106

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

Thursday, February 16

Scripture: Leviticus 1:1 - 3:17; Mark 1:29 - 2:12; Psalm 35:17-28; Proverbs 9:13-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 107

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

Friday, February 17

Scripture: Leviticus 4:1 - 5:19; Mark 2:13 - 3:6; Psalm 36:1-12; Proverbs 10:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 1

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

Saturday, February 18

Scripture: Leviticus 6:1 - 7:27; Mark 3:7-30; Psalm 37:1-11; Proverbs 10:3-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 2

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

Sunday, February 19

Scripture: Leviticus 7:28 - 9:6; Mark 3:31 - 4:25; Psalm 37:12-29; Proverbs 10:5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 3

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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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.

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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*

“Hallelujah! Hallelujah!” Hymn 10

Congregational Confession of Sin

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. According to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Wash us, that we may be whiter than snow, for a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Restore us to fellowship with you, that we may walk in the full assurance of your promises, and in the freedom of knowing that you care for us and have brought us to yourself by the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose strong Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 130:7-8

O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is plentiful redemption. And he will redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

Hymn

“To God My Earnest Voice I Raise” Hymn 608

Scripture Reading*

1 Corinthians 2

Hymn

“To God Be the Glory” Hymn 55

Prayer

Sermon

The Spirit-Empowered Witness Believes
in God’s Effectual Call
Acts 16:11-15

Pastor Ben Muresan

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

“Be Thou My Vision” Hymn 642

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