

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 12, 2023

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

**Romans 12:1**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 37:1-9 (p. 797 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;

**for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.**

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

**Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.**

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

**He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,  
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**do not fret when men succeed in their ways,  
when they carry out their wicked schemes.**

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

**For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.**

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

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

*This Is My Father's World*

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,  
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,  
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.  
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;  
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget  
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.  
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;  
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you. Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions and imploring your mercy and forgiveness.

**All:** We confess that we preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We rebelled against your wisdom and sought after foolishness. We rejected your fatherly commands and did what was right in our own eyes.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to put off sin and to put on Christ. Help us in our fight against sin, and empower us to act, speak, and think in ways that glorify you.

**All:** We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, 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**

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Genesis 22

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 242

### *Not All the Blood of Beasts*

Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain,  
Could give the guilty conscience peace, or wash away the stain:

But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb, takes all our sins away,  
A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they.

My faith would lay her hand on that dear head of thine,  
While like a penitent I stand, and there confess my sin.

My soul looks back to see the burdens thou didst bear,  
When hanging on the cursed tree, and knows her guilt was there.

Believing, we rejoice to see the curse remove;  
We bless the Lamb with cheerful voice, and sing his bleeding love. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 45.** *What is the first commandment?*

**A.** The first commandment is: “You shall have no other gods before me.”

**Q. 46.** *What is required in the first commandment?*

**A.** The first commandment requires us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

**Q. 47.** *What is forbidden in the first commandment?*

**A.** The first commandment forbids the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying, the true God as God, and our God; and the giving to any other of that worship and glory due to him alone.

**Q. 48.** *What are we especially taught by the words, “before me,” in the first commandment?*

**A.** These words, “before me,” in the first commandment teach us that God, who sees all things, takes notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

## 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\*

Hebrews 11:1-19

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 69:16, 17, 29, 30, 32-36])

Hymn 607

### *Thy Loving-Kindness, Lord, Is Good and Free*

Thy lovingkindness, Lord, is good and free:  
In tender mercy turn thou unto me;  
Hide not thy face from me in my distress;  
In mercy hear my pray'r, thy servant bless.

Needy and sorrowful, to thee I cry;  
Let thy salvation set my soul on high:  
Then I will sing and praise thy holy name;  
My thankful song thy mercy shall proclaim.

With joy the meek shall see my soul restored;  
Your heart shall live, ye saints that seek the Lord;  
He helps the needy and regards their cries;  
Those in distress the Lord will not despise.

Let heav'n above his grace and glory tell;  
Let earth and sea and all that in them dwell:  
Salvation to his people God will give,  
And they that love his name with him shall live. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Ram of God, Who Takes Away the Sin of the World”  
Genesis 22

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 34

### *The God of Abraham Praise*

The God of Abraham praise, who reigns enthroned above,  
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.  
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav’n confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme command  
From earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.  
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow’r,  
And him my only portion make, my shield and tow’r.

He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;  
I shall, on eagles’ wings upborne, to heav’n ascend.  
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow’r adore,  
And sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,  
A land of sacred liberty and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine abound,  
And trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our Righteousness,  
Triumphant o’er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace.  
On Zion’s sacred height his kingdom he maintains,  
And glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God on high;  
“Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!” they ever cry.  
Hail, Abraham’s God and mine! I join the heav’nly lays;  
All might and majesty are thine, and endless praise. Amen.

## **Benediction\***

### **Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.







# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, March 13**

Scripture: Numbers 19:1 - 20:29; Luke 1:1-25; Psalm 56:1-13; Proverbs 11:8

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 18

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

## **Tuesday, March 14**

Scripture: Numbers 21:1 - 22:20; Luke 1:26-56; Psalm 57:1-11; Proverbs 11:9-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 22

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

## **Wednesday, March 15**

Scripture: Numbers 22:21 - 23:30; Luke 1:57-80; Psalm 58:1-11; Proverbs 11:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Macao and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, March 16**

Scripture: Numbers 24:1 – 25:18; Luke 2:1-35; Psalm 59:1-17; Proverbs 11:14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 24

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

## **Friday, March 17**

Scripture: Numbers 26:1-51; Luke 2:36-52; Psalm 60:1-12; Proverbs 11:15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 25

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

## **Saturday, March 18**

Scripture: Numbers 26:52 – 28:15; Luke 3:1-22; Psalm 61:1-8; Proverbs 11:16-17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 26

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

## **Sunday, March 19**

Scripture: Numbers 28:16 – 29:40; Luke 3:23-38; Psalm 62:1-12; Proverbs 11:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 27

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.*

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# 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\*

Romans 1:18-32

### Hymn

“God, in the Gospel of His Son” Hymn 141

### Prayer

### Sermon

The Spirit-Empowered Witness Uses God’s Two Books  
Acts 17:22-34

Rudy Manrique

### Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

### Hymn\*

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Hymn 679

### 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.