

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 19, 2023

I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works; my soul knows it very well.

Psalm 139:14

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 90 (p. 816 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—
though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.

All our days pass away under your wrath;

we finish our years with a moan.

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength;

yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy
and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—

yes, establish the work of our hands.

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

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

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art, my only trust and Savior of my heart,
Who pain didst undergo for my poor sake; I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Thou art the King of mercy and of grace, reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
So come, O King, and our whole being sway; shine on us with the light of thy pure day.

Thou art the Life, by which alone we live, and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour, strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.

Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness, no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
Make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee and ever stay in thy sweet unity.

Our hope is in no other save in thee; our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure that we can boldly conquer and endure. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we come before you with guilt and shame as we consider how we have
offended you by our sinful actions, our hurtful words, and our disgraceful thoughts.

All: You know us even better than we know ourselves; none of our sins are hidden from your
sight. It grieves us that we continually fall short of what your Word commands.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Enable us to lay aside every weight and
sin which clings so closely, and strengthen us to run with endurance the race that is set
before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set
before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at your right hand.

All: All praise, honor, glory, and power be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to
save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the
foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe
in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory
forever and ever. Amen.

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. 49. *Which is the second commandment?*

A. The second commandment is “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

Q. 50. *What is required in the second commandment?*

A. The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.

Q. 51. *What is forbidden in the second commandment?*

A. The second commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

Q. 52. *What are the reasons attached to the second commandment?*

A. The reasons attached to the second commandment are: God’s sovereignty over us, his ownership in us, and the zeal he has for his own worship.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. 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 676

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father’s wise bestowment,
I’ve no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what he deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow’r.
The protection of his child and treasure
Is a charge that on himself he laid;
“As your days, your strength shall be in measure,”
This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith’s sweet consolation
Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E’er to take, as from a father’s hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land. 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

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

1. God Tests Our Faith (vv. 1-2)
James 1:12-15
1 Peter 1:6-7
2. Abraham’s Faithful Response (vv. 3-12)
Hebrews 11:17-19
James 2:21-24
3. God’s Greater Faithfulness (vv. 13-24)
Romans 8:32

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, March 20

Scripture: Numbers 30:1 – 31:54; Luke 4:1-30; Psalm 63:1-11; Proverbs 11:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 19

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

Tuesday, March 21

Scripture: Numbers 32:1 – 33:39; Luke 4:31 – 5:11; Psalm 64:1-10; Proverbs 11:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 28

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

Wednesday, March 22

Scripture: Numbers 33:40 – 35:34; Luke 5:12-28; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 11:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 29

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

Thursday, March 23

Scripture: Num. 36:1 – Deut. 1:46; Luke 5:29 – 6:11; Psalm 66:1-20; Prov. 11:24-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 30

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

Friday, March 24

Scripture: Deuteronomy 2:1 – 3:29; Luke 6:12-38; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 11:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 31

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

Saturday, March 25

Scripture: Deuteronomy 4:1-49; Luke 6:39 – 7:10; Psalm 68:1-18; Proverbs 11:28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 32

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

Sunday, March 26

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:1 – 6:25; Luke 7:11-35; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 11:29-31

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 33

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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GATHERING for EVENING PRAYER and HYMNS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

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

***Scripture Reading**

Hymn

“I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” Hymn 353

Devotion

Hymn

“How Good It Is to Thank the Lord” Hymn 635

Congregational Prayer

Men remain in the sanctuary;
Ladies meet in the fellowship hall

***Hymn**

“My Times Are in Thy Hand” Hymn 684

***Closing Prayer**