

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 11, 2023

To you I lift up my eyes,
O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

Psalm 123:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 29 (p. 794 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

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

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

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you that your love toward us triumphs over your judgment. We confess our sins to you and plead for forgiveness, not because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy and grace toward us in Jesus Christ.

All: We confess that we are not worthy of such kindness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and shortcomings toward you and our neighbors.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and enable us by your Holy Spirit to lay aside the sin which clings so closely, and equip us to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

All: We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at your right hand. All praise, honor, and glory be to you. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 30:25 - 31:18

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 141

God, in the Gospel of His Son

God, in the gospel of his Son,
Makes his eternal counsels known;
Where love in all its glory shines,
And truth is drawn in fairest lines.

Here sinners of a humble frame
May taste his grace, and learn his name;
May read, in characters of blood,
The wisdom, pow'r, and grace of God.

The pris'ner here may break his chains;
The weary rest from all his pains;
The captive feel his bondage cease;
The mourner find the way of peace.

Here faith reveals to mortal eyes
A brighter world beyond the skies;
Here shines the light which guides our way
From earth to realms of endless day.

O grant us grace, almighty Lord,
To read and mark your holy Word;
Its truths with meekness to receive,
And by its holy precepts live. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 82. *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

A. No mere man, since the fall, is able, in this life, to keep perfectly the commandments of God, but does break them daily in thought, word, and deed.

Q. 83. *Are all transgressions of the law equally wicked?*

A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of aggravating circumstances, are more wicked in the sight of God than others.

Q. 84. *What does every sin deserve?*

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come.

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*

Genesis 31:19-55

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 23])

Hymn 87

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear none ill,
For thou art with me; and thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me:
And in God's house forevermore
My dwelling place shall be. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“God Rescues His People”
Genesis 30:25 - 31:55

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 94

How Firm a Foundation

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed;
For I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I’ll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

“When through the deep waters I call you to go,
The rivers of sorrow shall not overflow;
For I will be with you, your troubles to bless,
And sanctify to you your deepest distress.

“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

“E’en down to old age all my people shall prove
My sovereign, eternal, unchangeable love;
And when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.” 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

“God Rescues His People”

Genesis 30:25 - 31:55

The First Rescue

Jacob was enslaved by Laban.

God called Jacob to return to the Promised Land.

God granted Jacob prosperity and protection against Laban.

God humiliated Laban’s idols.

God freed Jacob.

The Greater Rescue (Exodus 1-14)

Israel was enslaved by Pharaoh.

God called them to return to the Promised Land.

God granted them prosperity and protection against Pharaoh.

God humiliated Egypt’s idols.

God freed Israel.

The Greatest Rescue (Colossians 1:13-14; 2:13-15)

We were enslaved to Satan, sin, and death.

God called us to eternal life with Christ in heaven through the cross.

God has given us prosperity and protection against all his and our enemies.

God has humiliated the idols of this world through the cross.

God has freed us.

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HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, June 12

Scripture: 1 Kings 9:1 - 10:29; Acts 8:14-40; Psalm 130:1-8; Proverbs 17:2-3

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 31

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

Tuesday, June 13

Scripture: 1 Kings 11:1 - 12:19; Acts 9:1-25; Psalm 131:1-3; Proverbs 17:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 100

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

Wednesday, June 14

Scripture: 1 Kings 12:20 - 13:34; Acts 9:26-43; Psalm 132:1-18; Proverbs 17:6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 101

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

Thursday, June 15

Scripture: 1 Kings 14:1 - 15:24; Acts 10:1-23; Psalm 133:1-3; Proverbs 17:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 102

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

Friday, June 16

Scripture: 1 Kings 15:25 - 17:24; Acts 10:24-48; Psalm 134:1-3; Proverbs 17:9-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 103

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

Saturday, June 17

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:1-46; Acts 11:1-30; Psalm 135:1-21; Proverbs 17:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 104

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

Sunday, June 18

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-21; Acts 12:1-23; Psalm 136:1-26; Proverbs 17:14-15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 105

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 28:6-9

Leader: Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy. The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

All: The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed. Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymn*

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Hymn 32

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 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Hymn

“Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat” Hymn 507

Scripture Reading*

Exodus 33

Hymn

“The Tender Love a Father Has” Hymn 93

Prayer

Sermon

“Fellowship with God”
1 John 1:1-4

Pastor Andy Schreiber

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” Hymn 299

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.