

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 16, 2023

The LORD is near to all who call on him,
to all who call on him in truth.

Psalm 145:18

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 31:15-24 (p. 795 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me.

Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love.

Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I have cried out to you;
but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave.

**Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly
against the righteous.**

How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you,

which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you.

In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men;

in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues.

Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city.

In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!"

Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help.

Love the LORD, all his saints!

The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full.

Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

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

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

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, we approach your throne of grace repenting of the sins we have committed. You know our hearts better than we do. Nothing is hidden from your sight.

All: We confess that we have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by wasting your good gifts to us. We have hurt others and ourselves, and we are not worthy to be called your children.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from our sins. Work in us by your Word and Spirit, and give us both the desire and the power to do what pleases you.

All: Thank you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 33

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 168

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.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 94. *What is Baptism?*

A. Baptism is a sacrament, in which the washing with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the Covenant of Grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

Q. 95. *To whom is Baptism to be administered?*

A. Baptism is not to be administered to any who are out of the visible Church, until they profess their faith in Christ and obedience to him; but the infants of those who are members of the visible Church are to be baptized.

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.

❖ *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*

Luke 19:1-10

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 76])

Hymn 66

God Is Known Among His People

God is known among his people,
Every mouth his praises fill;
From of old he has established
His abode on Zion's hill;
There he broke the sword and arrow,
Bade the noise of war be still.

Excellent and glorious are you,
With your trophies from the fray;
You have slain the mighty warriors,
Wrapped in sleep of death are they;
When your anger once is risen,
Who can stand in that dread day?

When from heav'n your sentence sounded,
All the earth in fear was still,
While to save the meek and lowly
God in judgment wrought his will;
E'en the wrath of man shall praise you,
Your designs it shall fulfill.

Vow and pay unto Jehovah,
Him your God forever own;
All men, bring your gifts before him,
Worship him, and him alone;
Mighty kings obey and fear him,
Princes bow before his throne. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“God Is My God”
Genesis 33

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 660

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of 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, July 17

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 24:1 - 26:11; Romans 4:1-12; Psalm 13:1-6; Proverbs 19:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 3

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

Tuesday, July 18

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 26:12 - 27:34; Romans 4:13 - 5:5; Psalm 14:1-7; Prov. 19:17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

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

Wednesday, July 19

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 28:1 - 29:30; Romans 5:6-21; Psalm 15:1-5; Proverbs 19:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 24

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

Thursday, July 20

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 1:1 - 3:17; Romans 6:1-23; Psalm 16:1-11; Proverbs 19:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 25

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

Friday, July 21

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 4:1 - 6:11; Romans 7:1-13; Psalm 17:1-15; Proverbs 19:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 26

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

Saturday, July 22

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 6:12 - 8:10; Romans 7:14 - 8:8; Psalm 18:1-15; Prov. 19:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 27

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

Sunday, July 23

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 8:11 - 10:19; Romans 8:9-25; Psalm 18:16-36; Proverbs 19:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 28

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 145:1-7

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and his greatness is unsearchable.

All: One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness. The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and his mercy is over all that he has made.

Hymn*

“Forever Settled in the Heavens” Hymn 59

Congregational Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we confess that we have sinned against you and others by failing to obey all that you teach us in your Word. We are ashamed and sorry for our sins. Forgive us, we pray, and help us as we prepare to be fed by you in this sacrament to taste and see that you are good because of the forgiveness that is ours through Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Hymn

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” Hymn 585

Scripture Reading*

John 10:1-21

Hymn

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” Hymn 647

Prayer

Sermon

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”
Psalm 23

Rudy Manrique

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Hymn*

“The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want” Hymn 87

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.