

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 27, 2023

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

**John 6:33**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 37:23-40 (p. 798 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

If the LORD delights in a man’s way, he makes his steps firm;

**though he stumble, he will not fall, for the LORD upholds him with his hand.**

I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken  
or their children begging bread.

**They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be blessed.**

Turn from evil and do good; then you will dwell in the land forever.

**For the LORD loves the just and will not forsake his faithful ones.**

They will be protected forever, but the offspring of the wicked will be cut off;

**the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever.**

The mouth of the righteous man utters wisdom, and his tongue speaks what is just.

**The law of his God is in his heart; his feet do not slip.**

The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, seeking their very lives;

**but the LORD will not leave them in their power or let them be condemned  
when brought to trial.**

Wait for the LORD and keep his way.

**He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are cut off, you will see it.**

I have seen a wicked and ruthless man flourishing like a green tree in its native soil,

**but he soon passed away and was no more; though I looked for him, he could not be found.**

Consider the blameless, observe the upright; there is a future for the man of peace.

**But all sinners will be destroyed; the future of the wicked will be cut off.**

The salvation of the righteous comes from the LORD; he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

**The LORD helps them and delivers them; he delivers them from the wicked  
and saves them, because they take refuge in him.**

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

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

***Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands***

Amidst us our Beloved stands,  
And bids us view his pierced hands;  
Points to the wounded feet and side,  
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board,  
When at his table sits the Lord!  
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,  
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,  
We see the signs, but see not him;  
O may his love the scales displace,  
And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,  
Your present smile a heav'n imparts!  
O lift the veil, if veil there be,  
Let every saint your glory see! Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Almighty God and heavenly Father, we come in sorrow and frustration as we consider how we have sinned against you and others.

**All:** We have broken all your commandments, and we have failed to show love to others in word and deed. Though you have equipped us with many gifts and graces, we did not faithfully use them for your glory.

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, we pray, and grant us forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. Cause us to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**All:** All glory be to you, O God, through 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**

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.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Isaiah 42:1-16

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

(music printed on p. 12)

### *All Praise to Christ*

To him who loved us long ago,  
Before we came to be,  
Who left his throne for earth below  
To save a wretch like me:  
*All praise to Christ from grateful men  
Forevermore. Amen.*

To him who freed us from our sin  
By dying on the cross,  
To make us whole without, within,  
Redeemed from dreadful loss:  
*All praise to Christ from grateful men  
Forevermore. Amen.*

To him who comes arrayed in light,  
When sinners here shall see  
The one they pierced and mourn the sight—  
God promised; it shall be!  
*All praise to Christ from grateful men  
Forevermore. Amen.*

With angels, saints, and seraphim  
The new creation sings,  
“All glory, pow’r, and praise to him  
Who made us priests and kings.”  
*All praise to Christ from grateful men  
forevermore. Amen. Amen.*

## Confession of Faith

*The Nicene Creed (p. 846)*

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.  
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of his Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;  
whose kingdom shall have no end.  
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 735

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\*

2 Corinthians 4:7 - 5:9

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 73:23-28])

Hymn 657

### *In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee*

In sweet communion, Lord, with thee  
I constantly abide;  
My hand thou holdest in thine own  
To keep me near thy side.

Thy counsel through my earthly way  
Shall guide me and control,  
And then to glory afterward  
Thou wilt receive my soul.

Whom have I, Lord, in heav'n but thee,  
To whom my thoughts aspire?  
And, having thee, on earth is naught  
That I can yet desire.

Though flesh and heart should faint and fail,  
The Lord will ever be  
The strength and portion of my heart,  
My God eternally.

To live apart from God is death,  
'Tis good his face to seek;  
My refuge is the living God,  
His praise I long to speak. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Adam Smith

“Seeing and Not Seeing Jesus”  
Mark 10:46 - 11:11

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 305

### *Arise, My Soul, Arise*

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:  
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,  
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,  
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;  
His blood atoned for ev’ry race, his blood atoned for ev’ry race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.  
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,  
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; his pard’ning voice I hear;  
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,  
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry. Amen.

## Benediction\*

### Congregational Benediction Response\*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,  
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,  
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit  
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,  
And this grace which makes us what we are,  
And this fellowship of his communion,  
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;  
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven  
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—  
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*







# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, August 28**

Scripture: Job 28:1 - 30:31; 2 Corinthians 2:12-17; Psalm 42:1-11; Proverbs 22:7

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 9

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

## **Tuesday, August 29**

Scripture: Job 31:1 - 33:33; 2 Corinthians 3:1-18; Psalm 43:1-5; Proverbs 22:8-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 59

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

## **Wednesday, August 30**

Scripture: Job 34:1 - 36:33; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12; Psalm 44:1-8; Proverbs 22:10-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 60

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

## **Thursday, August 31**

Scripture: Job 37:1 - 39:30; 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:10; Psalm 44:9-26; Proverbs 22:13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 61

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

## **Friday, September 1**

Scripture: Job 40:1 - 42:17; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Psalm 45:1-17; Proverbs 22:14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 62

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

## **Saturday, September 2**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1 - 3:22; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Psalm 46:1-11; Proverbs 22:15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 63

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

## **Sunday, September 3**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:1 - 6:12; 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:7; Psalm 47:1-9; Prov. 22:16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 64

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**

## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

There is a pattern of the themes of seeing and blindness within the book of Mark. Various characters and stories emphasize seeing and not seeing aspects of who Jesus is and what he is doing as he approaches Jerusalem, where he will be arrested and crucified. Mark's purpose in this is to help us understand and see Jesus clearly. In this section we see the goodness, beauty, love, and humility of Jesus' character as he takes the time to hear, to heal, and to honor Bartimaeus when he cries out for Jesus in his need and for mercy.

Mark's scene then shifts, and as Jesus enters Jerusalem on a colt in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies, it is the crowd who sees Jesus, yet does not see him clearly. Their unseeing expectation and cry, "Save us," is self-serving more than God-honoring. They seek a national deliverance resulting in prosperity and ease, but what Jesus brings and offers is much more – and nothing less than the forgiveness of sin, the promise of an everlasting triumph over sin, death, and suffering for all who put their faith in him.

Furthermore, Isaiah 42:16 promises that God does not leave us and forsake those of us who once were blind but now see, as we now wait for Jesus' return. "I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them."

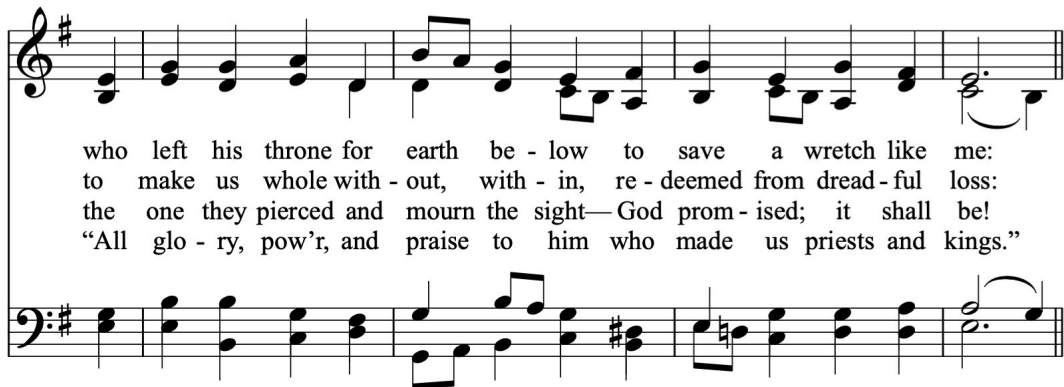
1. In Mark 10, Bartimaeus is contrasted to the disciples' previous request to Jesus. What is so different about these two mindsets and how they think about Jesus?
2. Jesus asked Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" What things should we be praying about, but seem so obvious that we might neglect to pray about them?
3. In what ways (from this passage or elsewhere in the New Testament) does Jesus embody and exemplify goodness?
4. What does it seem that the crowd expects of Jesus in Mark 11:10 when they say, "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David"? How does their expectation differ from when Bartimaeus says, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"?
5. If those who were closest to Jesus were so blind, isn't it possible that we are too? How do we overcome that and gain better sight? Bartimaeus recognized his own blindness. In praying and looking at Jesus, in what ways am I maybe not fully "seeing Jesus" for who he is? Are there people I trust who can help me identify areas of my blindness?
6. In what ways do I feel like I do deeply recognize and appreciate and "see" Jesus? What do I see and appreciate about him that I want others to also see and experience?
7. What are some things that Jesus promises which we don't receive now in this age, but that we have to wait and trust him for in the age to come, after he returns to conquer sin and death?

## All Praise to Christ

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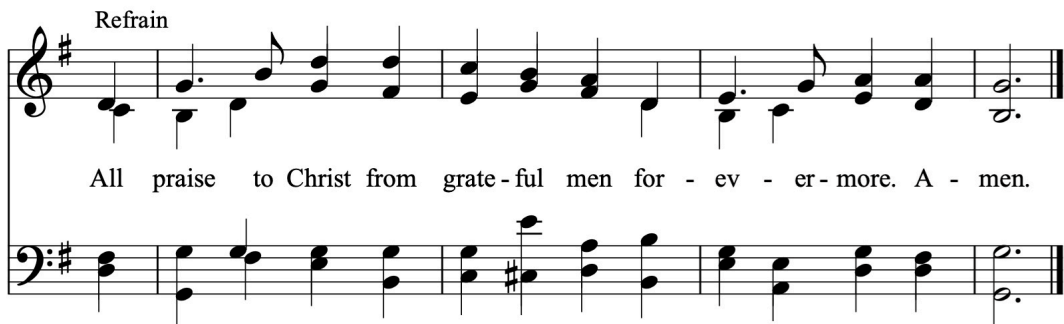


1. To him who loved us long a - go, be - fore we came to be,  
 2. To him who freed us from our sin by dy - ing on the cross,  
 3. To him who comes ar - rayed in light, when sin - ners here shall see  
 4. With an - gels, saints, and ser - a - phim the new cre - a - tion sings,



who left his throne for earth be - low to save a wretch like me:  
 to make us whole with - out, with - in, re - deemed from dread - ful loss:  
 the one they pierced and mourn the sight—God prom - ised; it shall be!  
 “All glo - ry, pow’r, and praise to him who made us priests and kings.”

Refrain



All praise to Christ from grate - ful men for - ev - er - more. A - men.

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