

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 3, 2023

Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.  
They collapse and fall, but we rise and stand upright.

**Psalm 20:7-8**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 98 (p. 820 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

**his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.**

The LORD has made his salvation known,

**and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

**all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

**burst into jubilant song with music;**

make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

**with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.**

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

**Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;**

let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

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

***God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength***

God is our refuge and our strength, our ever-present aid,  
And therefore though the earth remove, we will not be afraid;  
Though hills amidst the sea be cast, though foaming waters roar,  
Yea, though the mighty billows shake the mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad the city of our God,  
The holy place wherein the Lord Most High has his abode.  
Since God is in the midst of her, unmoved her walls shall stand,  
For God will be her early help, when trouble is at hand.

The nations raged, the kingdoms moved, but when his voice was heard,  
The troubled earth was stilled to peace before his mighty word.  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;  
The God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure.

O come, behold what wondrous works Jehovah's hand has wrought;  
Come, see what desolation great he on the earth has brought.  
To utmost ends of all the earth he causes war to cease;  
The weapons of the strong destroyed, he makes abiding peace.

“Be still and know that I am God, o'er all exalted high;  
The subject nations of the earth my name shall magnify.”  
The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safety to secure;  
The God of Jacob is for us a refuge strong and sure. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Father, we come before you to acknowledge our sin, because if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All:** We confess that we have walked in darkness rather than living according to what you have revealed to us in your Word. We have sinned against you and our neighbors, and we are ashamed and sorry for how we have displeased you.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray, and renew our wills. We desire to be conformed more and more to the likeness of Christ; grant us grace and work in us by your Holy Spirit to that end.

**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, forever. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Deuteronomy 5:6-21; Matthew 22:34-40

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 442

### *Arise, O God*

Arise, O God, and shine  
In all thy saving might,  
And prosper each design  
To spread thy glorious light:  
Let healing streams of mercy flow,  
That all the earth thy truth may know,  
That all the earth thy truth may know.

Bring distant nations near  
To sing thy glorious praise;  
Let ev'ry people hear  
And learn thy holy ways:  
Reign, mighty God, assert thy cause,  
And govern by thy righteous laws,  
And govern by thy righteous laws.

Send forth thy glorious pow'r,  
That Gentiles all may see,  
And earth present her store  
In converts born to thee:  
God, our own God, thy church O bless,  
And fill the world with righteousness,  
And fill the world with righteousness.

To God, the only wise,  
The one immortal King,  
Let hallelujahs rise  
From ev'ry living thing:  
Let all that breathe, on ev'ry coast,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 106.** *For what do we pray in the sixth petition?*

**A.** In the sixth petition, which is, “And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil,” we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

**Q. 107.** *What does the conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer teach us?*

**A.** The conclusion of the Lord’s Prayer, which is, “For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen,” teaches us to take our encouragement in prayer from God only, and in our prayers to praise him, ascribing kingdom, power, and glory to him; and in testimony of our desire and assurance to be heard, we say, “Amen.”

## 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\*

2 Kings 18:1-8; 19:14-20, 32-37

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 98])

(music printed on p. 12)

## *Sing a New Song to Jehovah*

Sing a new song to Jehovah  
For the wonders he has wrought;  
His right hand and arm most holy  
Triumph to his cause have brought.  
In his love and tender mercy  
He has made salvation known,  
In the sight of ev'ry nation  
He his righteousness has shown.

Truth and mercy toward his people  
He has ever kept in mind,  
And his full and free salvation  
He has shown to all mankind.  
Sing, O earth, sing, to Jehovah,  
Praises to Jehovah sing;  
With the swelling notes of music  
Shout before the Lord, the King.

Seas with all your fullness thunder,  
All earth's peoples now rejoice;  
Floods and hills in praise uniting,  
To the Lord lift up your voice.  
For, behold, the Lord is coming,  
Robed in justice and in might;  
He alone will judge the nations,  
And his judgment shall be right. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rob Olson

“When Mountains Tremble”  
Psalm 46

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 92

### *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow’r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God’s own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow’rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God’s truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever. Amen.

**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.

# SERMON NOTES

## “When Mountains Tremble” Psalm 46

Introduction and Background

Stanza 1 (vv. 1-3): God’s Power Over Nature

Stanza 2 (vv. 4-7): God’s Presence in Defending His Holy City

Stanza 3 (vv. 8-11): God’s Power Over All of His and Our Enemies

Application: How to Approach Times of Trouble

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, September 4**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 7:1 - 9:18; 2 Corinthians 7:8-16; Psalm 48:1-14; Prov. 22:17-19

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 10

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

## **Tuesday, September 5**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 10:1 - 12:14; 2 Cor. 8:1-15; Psalm 49:1-20; Prov. 22:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 65

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

## **Wednesday, September 6**

Scripture: Song of Solomon 1:1 - 4:16; 2 Cor. 8:16-24; Psalm 50:1-23; Prov. 22:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 66

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Nauru and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, September 7**

Scripture: Song of Solomon 5:1 - 8:14; 2 Cor. 9:1-15; Psalm 51:1-19; Prov. 22:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 67

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

## **Friday, September 8**

Scripture: Isaiah 1:1 - 2:22; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18; Psalm 52:1-9; Proverbs 22:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 68

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

## **Saturday, September 9**

Scripture: Isaiah 3:1 - 5:30; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15; Psalm 53:1-6; Proverbs 22:28-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 69

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

## **Sunday, September 10**

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:25; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33; Psalm 54:1-7; Proverbs 23:1-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 70

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

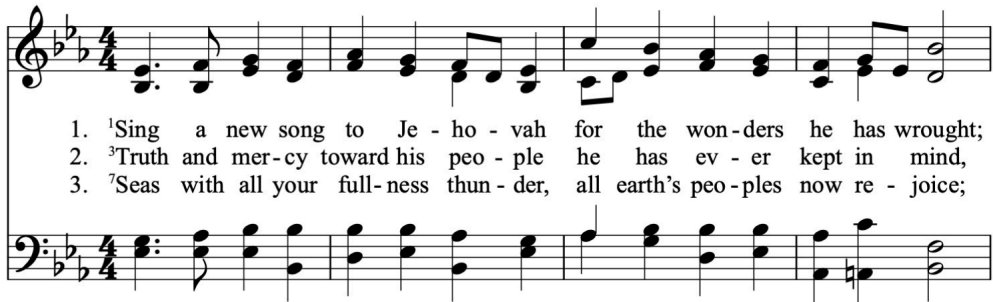
Consider King Hezekiah's prayer from 2 Kings 19 when he was facing the seemingly insurmountable Assyrian army:

O LORD, the God of Israel, enthroned above the cherubim, you are the God, you alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; you have made heaven and earth. Incline your ear, O LORD, and hear; open your eyes, O LORD, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, which he has sent to mock the living God. Truly, O LORD, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands and have cast their gods into the fire, for they were not gods, but the work of men's hands, wood and stone. Therefore, they were destroyed. So now, O LORD our God, save us, please, from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you, O LORD, are God alone.

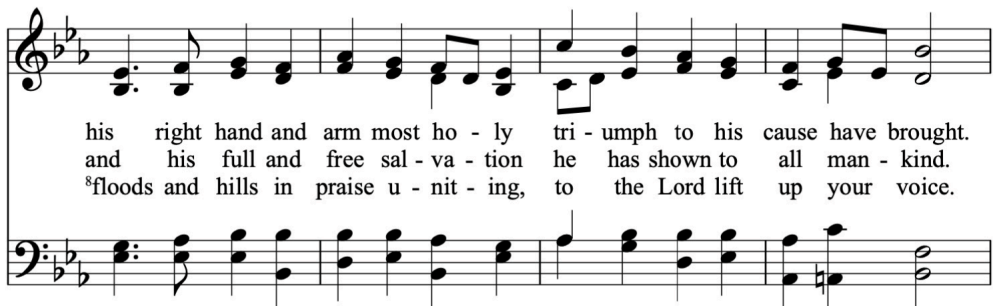
Psalm 46 is given to us for such troubles that we face in this life. Those times when the earth gives way, the waters roar and foam, and the mountains tremble and are moved into the heart of the sea. Hezekiah sought the counsel of the Lord on behalf of his people, who is our "refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." And the Lord delivered them, for "The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress."

1. As you reflect on your life, have you experienced times where it seems the earth gives way, the waters roar and foam, and the mountains tremble?
2. If so, what did you learn about God during these times? What did you learn about yourself?
3. If you haven't yet experienced such hardships, how can you now prepare for when they come?
4. Discuss the significance of verse 4: "There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High."
5. What does it mean to "Be still, and know that I am God"?
6. Discuss what we can do in times of trouble to sense God's presence.

## Sing a New Song to Jehovah



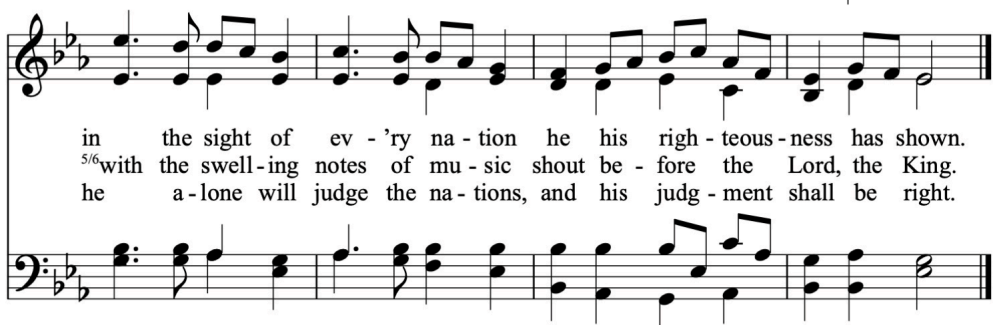
1. <sup>1</sup>Sing a new song to Je - ho - vah for the won - ders he has wrought;  
 2. <sup>3</sup>Truth and mer - cy toward his peo - ple he has ev - er kept in mind,  
 3. <sup>7</sup>Seas with all your full - ness thun - der, all earth's peo - ples now re - joice;



his right hand and arm most ho - ly tri - umph to his cause have brought.  
 and his full and free sal - va - tion he has shown to all man - kind.  
<sup>8</sup>floods and hills in praise u - nit - ing, to the Lord lift up your voice.



<sup>2</sup>In his love and ten - der mer - cy he has made sal - va - tion known,  
<sup>4</sup>Sing, O earth, sing, to Je - ho - vah, prais - es to Je - ho - vah sing;  
<sup>9</sup>For, be - hold, the Lord is com - ing, robed in jus - tice and in might;



in the sight of ev - 'ry na - tion he his righ - teous - ness has shown.  
<sup>5/6</sup>with the swell - ing notes of mu - sic shout be - fore the Lord, the King.  
 he a - lone will judge the na - tions, and his judg - ment shall be right.