

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 21, 2024

“Let the children come to me; do not hinder them,
for to such belongs the kingdom of God.”

Mark 10:14b

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.

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me! 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 in all creation is hidden from your sight. Everything is open and exposed before you, and you are the one to whom we are accountable.

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

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant that as we hear your assurance of pardon, we would accept, receive, and rest on Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life.

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

Galatians 4:4-7

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent forth his Son, born of woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as sons. And because you are sons, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, “Abba! Father!” So you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 48

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Before the Throne of God Above

Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart.
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there,
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the just, is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die.
My soul is purchased by his blood!
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God,
With Christ, my Savior and my God. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 42. *What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?*

A. The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Q. 43. *What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?*

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Q. 44. *What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?*

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the Lord and our God and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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*

Hebrews 11:13-26

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 50:1-6])

Hymn 316

The Mighty God, the Lord

The mighty God, the Lord,
Hath spoken unto all;
From rising to the setting sun,
He unto earth doth call.
From Zion, his own hill,
Where perfect beauty dwells,
Jehovah hath his glory shown,
In brightness that excels.

Our God shall surely come,
And silence shall not keep;
Before him fire shall waste, and storms
Tempestuous round him sweep.
He to the heav'ns above
Shall then send forth his call,
And likewise to the earth, that he
May judge his people all.

“Together let my saints
Unto me gathered be,
Those that by sacrifice have made
A covenant with me.”
Then shall the heav'ns declare
His righteousness abroad;
Because the Lord himself is judge,
Yea, none is judge, but God. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
All thy lambs in safety keep;
Nothing can thy power withstand;
None can pluck them from thy hand.

May they praise thee every day,
Gladly all thy will obey,
Like thy blessed ones above,
Happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near,
Teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;
Suffer not their steps to stray
From the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest may they go,
Walking in thy steps below;
Then, before thy Father's throne,
Savior, claim them for thine own. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“A Legacy of Faith”
Genesis 48

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand. Amen.*

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

“A Legacy of Faith” Genesis 48

1. Joseph’s Faith

He identified with the people of God and brought his children into the covenant family.

Genesis 43:32; 46:34

Hebrews 11:24-26

Romans 1:16

2. Jacob’s Faith

He trusted God to the end of his life. (2 Timothy 4:7)

He taught his family about God. (Proverbs 22:6; 2 Timothy 1:5)

He trusted God to fulfill his covenant promises. (Hebrews 11:21)

He submitted to God’s sovereign will. (John 21:22)

3. God’s Faithfulness

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, January 22

Scripture: Genesis 44:1 - 45:28; Matthew 14:13-36; Psalm 18:37-50; Proverbs 4:11-13

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 30

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

Tuesday, January 23

Scripture: Genesis 46:1 - 47:31; Matthew 15:1-28; Psalm 19:1-14; Proverbs 4:14-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 78

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

Wednesday, January 24

Scripture: Genesis 48:1 - 49:33; Matthew 15:29 - 16:12; Psalm 20:1-9; Prov. 4:20-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79

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

Thursday, January 25

Scripture: Genesis 50:1 - Exodus 2:10; Matthew 16:13 - 17:9; Ps. 21:1-13; Prov. 5:1-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

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

Friday, January 26

Scripture: Exodus 2:11 - 3:22; Matthew 17:10-27; Psalm 22:1-18; Proverbs 5:7-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.
The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, January 27

Scripture: Exodus 4:1 - 5:21; Matthew 18:1-20; Psalm 22:19-31; Proverbs 5:15-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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

Sunday, January 28

Scripture: Exodus 5:22 - 7:25; Matthew 18:21 - 19:12; Psalm 23:1-6; Proverbs 5:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

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 GATHERING for PRAYER and HYMNS

Scripture Reading and Opening Prayer

Hymn 93 “The Tender Love a Father Has”

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Devotion

Hymn 517 “I’ve Found a Friend, O Such a Friend!”

Prayer for Church Members

Hymn 607 “Thy Loving-kindness, Lord, Is Good and Free”

Prayer for Our Nation

Hymn 439 “Christ Shall Have Dominion”

Prayer for Our Missionaries: the Ebys, Calls, and Manriques

Hymn 402 “Abide with Me”

Closing Prayer