

WORSHIP SERVICE

October 20, 2024

Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

Psalm 32:11

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 37:1-9 (p. 797 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Do not fret because of evil men or be envious of those who do wrong;

for like the grass they will soon wither, like green plants they will soon die away.

Trust in the LORD and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.

Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him and he will do this:

**He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn,
the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.**

Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

**do not fret when men succeed in their ways,
when they carry out their wicked schemes.**

Refrain from anger and turn from wrath; do not fret—it leads only to evil.

For evil men will be cut off, but those who hope in the LORD will inherit the land.

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

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

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we delight in your Law, which is holy, righteous, and good. It is firmly fixed in the heavens forever.

All: The Ninth Commandment of your Law is, "You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor."

Leader: Father, we confess that we have broken this commandment by lying, gossiping, boasting, slandering, and concealing the truth. We have not earnestly sought to protect the good reputations of our neighbors, as well as our own.

All: Forgive us, we pray, and enable us to always reject what is false and to rejoice in the truth. We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, 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

Romans 10:8-11

But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved. For the Scripture says, "Everyone who believes in him will not be put to shame."

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 9:13-35

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Christ the True and Better

Christ, the true and better Adam, Son of God and Son of man;
Who, when tempted in the garden never yielded, never sinned.
He, who makes the many righteous, brings us back to life again.
Dying, he reversed the curse; then, rising crushed the serpent's head.

Amen, amen from beginning to end.

Christ, the story; his, the glory. Alleluia, amen.

Christ, the true and better Isaac, humble Son of sacrifice;
Who would climb the fearful mountain, there to offer up his life.
Laid with faith upon the altar; Father's joy and only Son.
There salvation was provided; oh, what full and boundless love!

Amen, amen from beginning to end.

Christ, the story; his, the glory. Alleluia, amen.

Christ, the true and better Moses, called to lead a people home;
Standing bold to earthly powers, God's great glory to be known.
With his arms stretched wide to heaven, see the waters part in two.
See the veil was torn forever; cleansed with blood we pass now through.

Amen, amen from beginning to end.

Christ, the story; his, the glory. Alleluia, amen.

Christ, the true and better David; lowly Shepherd, mighty King.
He, the Champion in the battle; where, O death, is now thy sting?
In our place he bled and conquered; crown him Lord of Majesty.
His shall be the throne forever. We shall e're his people be.

Amen, amen from beginning to end.

Christ, the story; his, the glory. Alleluia, amen. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 27. *What was Christ's humiliation?*

A. Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Q. 28. *What is Christ's exaltation?*

A. Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the Last Day.

Q. 29. *How do we take part in the redemption purchased by Christ?*

A. We take part in the redemption purchased by Christ by the effectual application of it to us by his Holy Spirit.

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*

Exodus 10:1-29

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 46])

Hymn 89

God Is Our Strength and Refuge

God is our strength and refuge,
Our present help in trouble;
And we therefore will not fear,
Though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake and tremble,
Though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river,
Within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her—
She shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
Thrones vanish at his presence—
God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our Maker,
Learn of his deeds all pow'rful;
Wars will cease across the world
When he shatters the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
Uplift him in the nations—
God the Lord of Hosts is with us evermore! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“For the Fame of God’s Name”
Exodus 9:13 - 10:29

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 55

To God Be the Glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that we may go in.
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood! To ev’ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son, and give him the glory, great things he has done! 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, October 21

Scripture: Jeremiah 37:1 - 38:28; 1 Timothy 6:1-21; Psalm 89:38-52; Proverbs 25:28

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 3

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

Tuesday, October 22

Scripture: Jeremiah 39:1 - 41:18; 2 Timothy 1:1-18; Psalm 90:1 - 91:16; Prov. 26:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 98

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

Wednesday, October 23

Scripture: Jeremiah 42:1 - 44:23; 2 Timothy 2:1-21; Psalm 92:1 - 93:5; Proverbs 26:3-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 99

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in the State of Palestine and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, October 24

Scripture: Jeremiah 44:24 - 47:7; 2 Timothy 2:22 - 3:17; Psalm 94:1-23; Prov. 26:6-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 100

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

Friday, October 25

Scripture: Jeremiah 48:1 - 49:22; 2 Timothy 4:1-22; Psalm 95:1 - 96:13; Prov. 26:9-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 101

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

The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, October 26

Scripture: Jeremiah 49:23 - 50:46; Titus 1:1-16; Psalm 97:1 - 98:9; Proverbs 26:13-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 102

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

Sunday, October 27

Scripture: Jeremiah 51:1-53; Titus 2:1-15; Psalm 99:1-9; Proverbs 26:17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 103

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 in Belize

Dave Eby in Uganda

Christ Bible Institute in Japan

The Shepherd's Church in Riverside

EVENING GATHERING for PRAYER and HYMNS

Scripture Reading and Opening Prayer

Hymn 498 “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

Prayer of Praise and Thanksgiving

Devotion

Hymn 676 “Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment”

Prayer for Church Members

Hymn 164 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Prayer for Unbelieving Family Members and Friends

Hymn 610 “Take Up Your Cross,” the Savior Said

Prayer for Our Missionaries and The Shepherd’s Church Plant

Hymn 600 “He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!”

Closing Prayer

God Is Our Strength and Refuge

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God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

Unison

1. God is our strength and ref - uge, our pres - ent help in trou - ble;
 2. There is a flow - ing riv - er, with - in God's ho - ly cit - y;
 3. Come, see the works of our Mak - er, learn of his deeds all pow'r - ful;

and we there - fore will not fear, though the earth should change!
 God is in the midst of her— she shall not be moved!
 wars will cease a - cross the world when he shat - ters the spear!

Though moun - tains shake and trem - ble, though swirl - ing floods are rag - ing,
 God's help is swift - ly giv - en, thrones van - ish at his pres - ence—
 Be still and know your Cre - a - tor, up - lift him in the na - tions—

God the Lord of Hosts is with us ev - er - more!
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From Psalm 46
 Richard Bewes, 1982

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