

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 17, 2024

I will give the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness,
and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

Psalm 7:17

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.*

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. Forgive us, we pray, and cleanse us from our sins.

Leader: Enable us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

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*

Exodus 13

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month) (sung to “The Church’s One Foundation”)

I Have No Other Comfort

I have no other comfort
Which life and death endures
Than that I am my Savior’s,
Whose death my life secures.
To you with soul and body,
O Jesus, I belong;
You are my only Master
And my Redeemer strong.

Your blood is full atonement
For all my sin and guilt;
The cross is all my glory;
On you my faith is built.
And you, my great deliv’rer,
Are my preserver too;
You guide all of my footsteps,
And lead me clearly through.

Whatever things betide me
Must serve to save my soul;
The Father watches o’er me
To keep me safe and whole.
Yes, by the Holy Spirit
I fully am assured
That mine is life eternal
According to your Word.

And so you make me willing
With all my heart and mind
To live for you, my Savior,
So loving, true, and kind.
To you with soul and body,
O Jesus, I belong;
You are my only Master
And my Redeemer strong. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 67. *Which is the sixth commandment?*

A. The sixth commandment is, “You shall not murder.”

Q. 68. *What is required in the sixth commandment?*

A. The sixth commandment requires all lawful endeavors to preserve our own lives and the lives of others.

Q. 69. *What is forbidden in the sixth commandment?*

A. The sixth commandment forbids the taking away of our own lives or the lives of our neighbors unjustly, or whatever tends to do so.

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*

2 Peter 1:1-15

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 72:8, 11-12, 18-19])

Hymn 11

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our God

Now blessed be the Lord our God,
The God of Israel,
For he alone does wondrous works
In glory that excel.

And blessed be his glorious name
To all eternity;
The whole earth let his glory fill.
Amen, so let it be.

His wide dominion shall extend
From sea to utmost sea,
And unto earth's remotest bounds
His peaceful rule shall be.

Yea, all the kings shall bow to him,
His rule all nations hail;
He will regard the poor man's cry
When other helpers fail. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Saved, Sanctified, and Assured”
2 Peter 1:5-15

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 585

Take My Life, and Let It Be

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose,
Ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,
Ever, only, all for thee. 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

“Saved, Sanctified, and Assured”
2 Peter 1:5-15

1. Saved by grace through faith in Christ alone. (vv. 1-4)
John 3:35
Ephesians 2:8-9
2. Sanctified by grace through faith in Christ alone. (vv. 5-8)
2 Corinthians 3:18
3. Assured of salvation by grace through faith in Christ alone. (vv. 9-15)
Philippians 2:12-13

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, March 18

Scripture: Numbers 26:52 – 28:15; Luke 3:1-22; Psalm 61:1-8; Proverbs 11:16-17

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 5

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

Tuesday, March 19

Scripture: Numbers 28:16 – 29:40; Luke 3:23-38; Psalm 62:1-12; Proverbs 11:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 19

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

Wednesday, March 20

Scripture: Numbers 30:1 – 31:54; Luke 4:1-30; Psalm 63:1-11; Proverbs 11:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 20

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Puerto Rico and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, March 21

Scripture: Numbers 32:1 – 33:39; Luke 4:31 – 5:11; Psalm 64:1-10; Proverbs 11:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 21

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

Friday, March 22

Scripture: Numbers 33:40 – 35:34; Luke 5:12-28; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 11:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 22

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

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

Saturday, March 23

Scripture: Num. 36:1 – Deut. 1:46; Luke 5:29 – 6:11; Psalm 66:1-20; Prov. 11:24-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 23

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

Sunday, March 24

Scripture: Deuteronomy 2:1 – 3:29; Luke 6:12-38; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 11:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 24

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

Christ Bible Institute | Nagoya, Japan

EVENING GATHERING for PRAYER and HYMNS

Scripture Reading and Opening Prayer

Hymn 76 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Prayer of Adoration, Praise, and Thanksgiving

Devotion

Hymn 646 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

Prayer for Church Members

Hymn 469 “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

Prayer for Unbelieving Family, Friends, and Neighbors

Hymn 355 “We Are God’s People”

Prayer for the Manrique Family and The Shepherd’s Church

Hymn 684 “My Times Are in Thy Hand”

Closing Prayer