

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 14, 2024

I will be glad and exult in you;
I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 9:2

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 113 (p. 826 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Praise the LORD.

Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.

Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

**From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.**

The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

**Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,
who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.

He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

Praise the LORD.

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

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

Sing Praise to the Lord!

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his Word, you angels of light.
You heavens, adore him by whom you were made,
And worship before him in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him on the earth
In tuneful accord, you saints of new birth.
Praise him who has brought you his grace from above;
Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.

Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound,
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around.
Loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone,
And trumpets, the story of what he has done.

Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our gracious God and King, we praise you this morning because you are holy and good.
Your unfailing love is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

All: As we enter into worship, we feel the vast difference between who we are as creatures and
who you are as our Creator. We are painfully aware of how we have sinned and fall short of
your glory.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Help us not to grow weary in doing good, but instead fill us with love
that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.

All: 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

Acts 10:42-43

And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to
be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes
in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 103

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 244

He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions

He was wounded for our transgressions,
He bore our sins in his body on the tree;
For our guilt he gave us peace,
From our bondage gave release,
And with his stripes, and with his stripes,
And with his stripes our souls are healed.

He was numbered among transgressors,
We did esteem him forsaken by his God;
As our sacrifice he died,
That the law be satisfied,
And all our sin, and all our sin,
And all our sin was laid on him.

We had wandered, we all had wandered
Far from the fold of “the Shepherd of the sheep”
But he sought us where we were,
On the mountains bleak and bare,
And brought us home, and brought us home,
And brought us safely home to God.

Who can number his generation?
Who shall declare all the triumphs of his cross?
Millions dead now live again,
Myriads follow in his train!
Victorious Lord, victorious Lord,
Victorious Lord and coming King! Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 76. *Which is the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment is, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

Q. 77. *What is required in the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in testifying as witnesses.

Q. 78. *What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?*

A. The ninth commandment forbids whatever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor’s good name.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 734

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*

Acts 15:1-21

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 111])

(music printed on p. 12)

O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise

O give the LORD wholehearted praise.
To him thanksgiving I will bring;
With all his people I will raise
My voice and of his glory sing.

His saints delight to search and trace
His mighty works and wondrous ways.
Majestic glory, boundless grace,
And righteousness his work displays.

God's wondrous deeds of faithfulness
His people ever keep in mind.
His works of love and graciousness
Reveal that God the LORD is kind.

God's promise shall forever stand;
He cares for those who trust his word.
Upon his saints his mighty hand
The wealth of nations has conferred.

His works are true and just indeed;
His precepts are forever sure.
In truth and righteousness decreed,
They shall forevermore endure.

From God his saints' redemption came;
His cov'nant sure no change can know.
Let all revere his holy name
In heav'n above and earth below.

In rev'rence and in godly fear
Man finds the gate to wisdom's ways;
The wise his holy name revere.
Through endless ages sound his praise! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Rudy Manrique

“The Cause of God Against Legalism”
Galatians 2:1-10

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 679

’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One, O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

SERMON NOTES

“The Cause of God Against Legalism”
Galatians 2:1-10

1. The Nature of the True Gospel (vv. 1-5)
2. The Affirmation of the Apostles (vv. 6-9)
3. The Apostles' Only Request (v. 10)

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, April 15

Scripture: Joshua 11:1 - 12:24; Luke 17:11-37; Psalm 84:1-12; Proverbs 13:5-6

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 9

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

Tuesday, April 16

Scripture: Joshua 13:1 - 14:15; Luke 18:1-17; Psalm 85:1-13; Proverbs 13:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 43

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

Wednesday, April 17

Scripture: Joshua 15:1-63; Luke 18:18-43; Psalm 86:1-17; Proverbs 13:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 44

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Rwanda and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, April 18

Scripture: Joshua 16:1 - 18:28; Luke 19:1-27; Psalm 87:1-7; Proverbs 13:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 45

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

Friday, April 19

Scripture: Joshua 19:1 - 20:9; Luke 19:28-48; Psalm 88:1-18; Proverbs 13:12-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 46

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

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

Saturday, April 20

Scripture: Joshua 21:1 - 22:20; Luke 20:1-26; Psalm 89:1-13; Proverbs 13:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 47

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

Sunday, April 21

Scripture: Joshua 22:21 - 23:16; Luke 20:27-47; Psalm 89:14-37; Proverbs 13:17-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 48

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 WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

All: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Hymn*

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” Hymn 87

Congregational Confession of Sin

Gracious God, we come to you this evening seeking your forgiveness. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors by doing what you forbid and neglecting what you require. We depended on our own strength and stumbled. We leaned on our own understanding and made foolish decisions. We sought the things of this world and failed to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness. We repent of our sins, and we ask for your mercy. We praise 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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Hymn

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed” Hymn 311

Scripture Reading*

Ephesians 6:10-20

Hymn

“Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands” Hymn 427

Prayer

Sermon

“The Belt of Truth”
Ephesians 6:14

Pastor Ben Muresan

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

“God, in the Gospel of His Son” Hymn 141

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.

O Give the LORD Wholehearted Praise 111B

1. ¹O give the LORD whole - heart - ed praise. To him thanks -
 2. ²His saints de - light to search and trace his might - y
 3. God's won - drous deeds of faith - ful - ness his peo - ple
 4. ⁵God's prom - ise shall for - ev - er stand; he cares for
 5. ⁷His works are true and just in - deed; his pre - cepts

giv - ing I will bring; with all his peo - ple
 works and won - drous ways. ³Ma - jes - tic glo - ry,
 • ev - er keep in mind. ⁴His works of love and
 those who trust his word. ⁶Up - on his saints his
 are for - ev - er sure. ⁸In truth and righ - teous -

I will raise my voice and of his glo - ry sing.
 bound - less grace, and righ - teous - ness his work dis - plays.
 • gra - cious - ness re - veal that God the LORD is kind.
 might - y hand the wealth of na - tions has con - ferred.
 ness de - creed, they shall for - ev - er - more en - dure.

6. ⁹From God his saints' redemption came;
 his cov'nant sure no change can know.
 Let all revere his holy name
 in heav'n above and earth below.

7. ¹⁰In rev'rence and in godly fear
 man finds the gate to wisdom's ways;
 the wise his holy name revere.
 Through endless ages sound his praise!