

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 21, 2024

But I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD, because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Psalm 13:5-6

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 115 (p. 827 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Not to us, O LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory,

because of your love and faithfulness.

Why do the nations say, “Where is their God?”

Our God is in heaven; he does whatever pleases him.

But their idols are silver and gold, made by the hands of men.

They have mouths, but cannot speak, eyes, but they cannot see;

they have ears, but cannot hear, noses, but they cannot smell;

they have hands, but cannot feel, feet, but they cannot walk;

nor can they utter a sound with their throats.

Those who make them will be like them,

and so will all who trust in them.

O house of Israel, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.

O house of Aaron, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.

You who fear him, trust in the LORD—he is their help and shield.

The LORD remembers us and will bless us:

He will bless the house of Israel, he will bless the house of Aaron,

he will bless those who fear the LORD—small and great alike.

May the LORD make you increase, both you and your children.

May you be blessed by the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

The highest heavens belong to the Lord, but the earth he has given to man.

It is not the dead who praise the Lord, those who go down to silence;

it is we who extol the LORD, both now and forevermore.

Praise the LORD.

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

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

Mighty God, While Angels Bless You

Mighty God, while angels bless you, may a mortal sing your name?
Lord of men as well as angels, you are every creature's theme.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Lord of every land and nation, ancient of eternal days,
Sounded through the wide creation be your just and lawful praise.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

For the grandeur of your nature, grand beyond a seraph's thought,
For created works of power, works with skill and kindness wrought.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

But your rich, your free redemption, dark through brightness all along,
Thought is poor, and poor expression, who dare sing that wondrous song?
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Brightness of the Father's glory, shall your praise unuttered lie?
Fly, my tongue, such guilty silence, sing the Lord who came to die.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

From the highest throne in glory, to the cross of deepest woe,
All to ransom guilty captives, flow my praise, forever flow.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen. 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 though you have been faithful, we have been unfaithful. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by not doing the good works that bring you glory and honor.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ we could never stand in your presence. Yet in him you have called us to draw near, and so we boldly approach your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow 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

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 90

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. 79. *Which is the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Q. 80. *What is required in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and loving frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Q. 81. *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

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 3:1-9

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 Ben Muresan

“God Is Patiently Giving People Time to Repent and Believe in Christ”
2 Peter 3:1-9

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 535

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean
In its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me,
Is the current of thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward,
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Spread his praise from shore to shore;
How he loveth, ever loveth,
Changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o’er his loved ones,
Died to call them all his own;
How for them he intercedeth,
Watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
Love of ev’ry love the best:
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing,
’Tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!
’Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory,
For it lifts me up to 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

“God Is Patiently Giving People Time to Repent and Believe in Christ” 2 Peter 3:1-9

1. False teachers deny that Christ will return in judgment. (vv. 1-4, 5a)
They are “following their own sinful desires,” and “deliberately overlooking” the truth of God’s Word. (Romans 1:18-20)
 2. The Bible clearly reveals that God powerfully intervenes in world history. (vv. 5-7)
We see this in his creation of the world. (Genesis 1; John 1:3)
We see this in his judgment of the world through the flood. (Genesis 6:17)
 3. God will powerfully intervene again when Christ returns in judgment. (vv. 8-9)
God will bring this about in his time. (Psalm 90:1-4)
God is patiently giving people time to repent and believe in Christ.
(Exodus 34:6; Ezekiel 33:11; Romans 2:4)
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HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, April 22

Scripture: Joshua 24:1-33; Luke 21:1-28; Psalm 89:38-52; Proverbs 13:20-23

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 10

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

Tuesday, April 23

Scripture: Judges 1:1 - 2:9; Luke 21:29 - 22:13; Psalm 90:1 - 91:16; Proverbs 13:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 49

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

Wednesday, April 24

Scripture: Judges 2:10 - 3:31; Luke 22:14-34; Psalm 92:1 - 93:5; Proverbs 14:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 50

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

Thursday, April 25

Scripture: Judges 4:1 - 5:31; Luke 22:35-53; Psalm 94:1-23; Proverbs 14:3-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 51

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

Friday, April 26

Scripture: Judges 6:1-40; Luke 22:54 - 23:12; Psalm 95:1 - 96:13; Proverbs 14:5-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 52

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

Saturday, April 27

Scripture: Judges 7:1 - 8:17; Luke 23:13-43; Psalm 97:1 - 98:9; Proverbs 14:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 53

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

Sunday, April 28

Scripture: Judges 8:18 - 9:21; Luke 23:44 - 24:12; Psalm 99:1-9; Proverbs 14:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 54

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

GATHERING for EVENING PRAYER and HYMNS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

“Lord of the Sabbath, Hear Us Pray” Hymn 390

***Scripture Reading**

Hymn

“Jesus Paid It All” Hymn 308

Devotion

Hymn

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” Hymn 647

Congregational Prayer

Men remain in the sanctuary;
Ladies meet in the fellowship hall

***Hymn**

“Jesus, I Live to Thee” Hymn 516

***Closing Prayer**

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!