

WORSHIP SERVICE

May 26, 2024

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:33

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 130 (p. 833 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD;
O Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy.

If you, O LORD, kept a record of sins,
O Lord, who could stand?

**But with you there is forgiveness;
therefore you are feared.**

I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,
and in his word I put my hope.

**My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen wait
for the morning, more than watchmen wait for the morning.**

O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD
is unfailing love and with him is full redemption.

He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

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

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

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Amidst us our Beloved stands, and bids us view his pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side, blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board, when at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace, and bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be, let every saint your glory see! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we believe that your Law is holy, and your commandments are righteous and good. Your Law reveals our sin and how desperately we need your saving grace.

All: The Third Commandment of your Law is, "You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain."

Leader: We confess that we have broken this commandment by not treating your name with the honor and reverence that you deserve. We have been distracted in worship and in our prayers and Bible reading this week. We are ashamed and sorry for how we have sinned against you.

All: Forgive us and guide our thoughts, words, and deeds to be in conformity to what is glorifying and pleasing to you. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to honor and serve you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 50:15-26

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Here Is Love

Here is love, vast as the ocean, loving-kindness as a flood,
When the Prince of life, our Ransom, shed for us his precious blood.
Who his love will not remember? Who can cease to sing his praise?
He can never be forgotten, throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion, fountains opened deep and wide;
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love, like mighty rivers, poured incessant from above,
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

Here is love that conquered evil: Christ, the firstborn from the grave;
Death has failed to be found equal to the life of him who saves.
In the valley of our darkness dawned his everlasting light;
Perfect love in glorious radiance has repelled death's hellish night.

That same love beyond all measure, mocked and slain by hateful men,
Lives and reigns in resurrection and can never die again.
Here is love for all the ages, radiant Son of heav'n he stands,
Calling home his Father's children, holding forth his wounded hands.

Here is love, vast as the heavens; countless as the stars above
Are the souls that he has ransomed, precious daughters, treasured sons.
We are called to feast forever on a love beyond our time;
Glorious Father, Son, and Spirit now with man are intertwined. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Nicene Creed (p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

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*

Exodus 1

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 142])

(music printed on p. 12)

I Cry for Mercy to the LORD

I cry for mercy to the LORD;
To him I lift my voice in prayer.
Before the LORD I bring my plea;
To him my trouble I declare.

Each time my spirit faints in me,
You know my path, you know my way;
For hidden on the path I walk,
A deadly snare for me they lay.

When looking to the right, I see
That no one is concerned for me;
There's no one who will guard my soul,
No hiding place where I can flee.

I cry to you, O LORD, my God.
I say to you amid the strife,
"You are my trust and hiding place,
My portion in the land of life."

LORD, I am humbled, very low;
Attend my cry and hear my plea.
From strong oppressors set me free,
For they are much too strong for me.

LORD, out of bondage bring my soul,
That I may give your name all praise.
The righteous then will join with me,
For you have shown to me your grace. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“God’s Covenant Faithfulness”
Exodus 1

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Pastor Rudy Manrique

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev’ry race, his blood atoned for ev’ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; his pard’ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*

SERMON NOTES

“God’s Covenant Faithfulness” Exodus 1

1. God keeps his covenant of grace despite time. (vv. 1-7)
Exodus 12:40; Genesis 15:5-6; 12-16; 2 Peter 3:8-9
2. God keeps his covenant of grace despite opposition. (vv. 8-14)
Genesis 3:15; Ephesians 6:12
3. God keeps his covenant of grace despite death. (vv. 15-22)
Matthew 2:16; Acts 2:23-24

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, May 27

Scripture: 2 Samuel 12:1-31; John 16:1-33; Psalm 119:65-80; Proverbs 16:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 15

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

Tuesday, May 28

Scripture: 2 Samuel 13:1-39; John 17:1-26; Psalm 119:81-96; Proverbs 16:6-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79

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

Wednesday, May 29

Scripture: 2 Samuel 14:1 - 15:22; John 18:1-24; Psalm 119:97-112; Proverbs 16:8-9

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Saint Pierre & Miquelon and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, May 30

Scripture: 2 Sam. 15:23 - 16:23; John 18:25 - 19:22; Ps. 119:113-128; Prov. 16:10-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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

Friday, May 31

Scripture: 2 Samuel 17:1-29; John 19:23-42; Psalm 119:129-152; Proverbs 16:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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

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

Saturday, June 1

Scripture: 2 Samuel 18:1 - 19:10; John 20:1-31; Psalm 119:153-176; Proverbs 16:14-15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

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

Sunday, June 2

Scripture: 2 Samuel 19:11 - 20:13; John 21:1-25; Psalm 120:1-7; Proverbs 16:16-17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 84

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

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The book of Exodus begins with the word “And” in the Hebrew manuscripts. Some Bible translations omit this word perhaps because of proper grammar and style. However, that word reveals something significant: the story of Exodus is a continuation of THE story, namely how God will bring the promised Savior into the world to save his people from their sins. Your life and my life are part of this grand story that encompasses all of creation. Though what is recorded in Exodus happened thousands of years ago, we are directly connected to the events because we are part of the family of God, redeemed and adopted by Christ, the promised Savior. Anthony Selvaggio, in his book, *From Bondage to Liberty: The Gospel According to Moses*, writes:

God’s delivering of his people from bondage in Egypt is the most significant redemptive event of the Old Testament. The exodus creates a paradigm, a type, of the redemptive work of God, and it reveals the basic status of humanity. Due to the fall, humanity is in bondage to sin, much like the Israelites were in bondage to the Egyptians. We are, apart from Christ, in slavery to sin whether we are aware of it or not. The only way to move from bondage to liberation is for God to intervene. God did that in the exodus by using a human mediator—Moses. In the New Testament, of course, we learn that God orchestrates the ultimate deliverance from bondage to sin through the mediatorial work of his son—Jesus Christ. Jesus secured the exodus of his people who were formerly captives to sin. He did this through the cross.

1. Based on what you know about the book of Exodus, what connections do you see between the whole book of Exodus and Christ? Why is it important for us to keep our focus on Christ as we study Exodus?
2. Read Exodus 1:1-7. What is the significance of the fact that verse 7 repeats how much Israel had multiplied and how strong they had become? How does this reveal God’s covenant faithfulness?
3. Read Exodus 1:8-14. Why did Pharaoh oppress the Israelites? What was he afraid of? How does his oppression tie in to the pattern we see in Scripture of the opposition we face as Christians in a hostile world?
4. Read Exodus 1:15-22. How does Pharaoh’s decree to kill the male children in Israel reveal how Satan was trying to stop the promised Messiah from accomplishing his mission of crushing the serpent’s head? Why did God deal well with the Hebrew midwives? How does this reveal his “fatherly kindness” toward us?

I Cry for Mercy to the LORD

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1. ¹I cry for mer - cy to the LORD; to him I
 2. ³Each time my spir - it faints in me, you know my
 3. ⁴When look - ing to the right, I see that no one
 4. ⁵I cry to you, O LORD, my God. I say to
 5. ⁶LORD, I am hum - bled, ver - y low; at - tend my

lift my voice in prayer. ²Be - fore the LORD I
 path, you know my way; for hid - den on the
 • is con - cerned for me; there's no one who will
 you a - mid the strife, "You are my trust and
 cry and hear my plea. From strong op - pres - sors

bring my plea; to him my trou - ble I de - clare.
 path I walk, a dead - ly snare for me they lay.
 • guard my soul, no hid - ing place where I can flee.
 hid - ing place, my por - tion in the land of life."
 set me free, for they are much too strong for me.

6. ⁷LORD, out of bondage bring my soul,
 that I may give your name all praise.
 The righteous then will join with me,
 for you have shown to me your grace.