

# WORSHIP SERVICE

May 5, 2024

I have set the LORD always before me;  
because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

**Psalm 16:8**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 142 (p. 837 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

I cry aloud to the LORD;  
I lift up my voice to the LORD for mercy.

**I pour out my complaint before him;  
before him I tell my trouble.**

When my spirit grows faint within me,  
it is you who know my way.

**In the path where I walk  
men have hidden a snare for me.**

Look to my right and see;  
no one is concerned for me.

**I have no refuge; no one cares for my life.**

I cry to you, O LORD;  
I say, "You are my refuge, my portion in the land of the living."

**Listen to my cry, for I am in desperate need;  
rescue me from those who pursue me, for they are too strong for me.**

Set me free from my prison, that I may praise your name.

**Then the righteous will gather about me  
because of your goodness to me.**

\* *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 are gathered before you, the Maker of heaven and earth, to worship and praise your holy name for you alone are worthy.

**All:** We confess that we have sinned, and our guilt weighs heavy on our hearts. We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have failed to love our neighbors as ourselves.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to put off sin and to put on Christ. Help us in our fight against sin, and empower us to act, speak, and think in ways that glorify you.

**All:** We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at your right hand. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Leviticus 11:1-28

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 82.** *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

**A.** No mere man, since the fall, is able, in this life, to keep perfectly the commandments of God, but does break them daily in thought, word, and deed.

**Q. 83.** *Are all transgressions of the law equally wicked?*

**A.** Some sins in themselves, and by reason of aggravating circumstances, are more wicked in the sight of God than others.

**Q. 84.** *What does every sin deserve?*

**A.** Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

### Doxology\*

Hymn 731

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\*

Ephesians 2:11-22

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 Rudy Manrique

“Paul Reminds Peter of the Gospel”  
Galatians 2:11-16

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 500

### *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;  
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,  
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;  
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;  
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,  
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,  
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. Amen.

**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.







# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, May 6**

Scripture: Ruth 2:1 - 4:22; John 4:43-54; Psalm 105:16-36; Proverbs 14:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 12

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

## **Tuesday, May 7**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:21; John 5:1-23; Psalm 105:37-45; Proverbs 14:28-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 61

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

## **Wednesday, May 8**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:22 - 4:22; John 5:24-47; Psalm 106:1-12; Proverbs 14:30-31

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 62

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Saint Helena and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, May 9**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 5:1 - 7:17; John 6:1-21; Psalm 106:13-31; Proverbs 14:32-33

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 63

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

## **Friday, May 10**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:1 - 9:27; John 6:22-42; Psalm 106:32-48; Proverbs 14:34-35

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 64

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

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

## **Saturday, May 11**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 10:1 - 11:15; John 6:43-71; Psalm 107:1-43; Proverbs 15:1-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 65

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

## **Sunday, May 12**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 12:1 - 13:23; John 7:1-30; Psalm 108:1-13; Proverbs 15:4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 66

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

In his commentary on Galatians, Martin Luther famously writes, “The highest of all God’s commands is this, that we ever hold up before our eyes the image of his dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. He must daily be to our hearts the perfect mirror, in which we behold how much God loves us and how well, in his infinite goodness, as a faithful God, he has grandly cared for us in that he gave his dear Son for us. Do not let this mirror and throne of grace be torn away from before your eyes.” In other words, Luther is simply encouraging us to preach the gospel to ourselves daily. As Christians, we are often prone to look to and rely upon our spiritual progress, self-righteousness, and good works to make us right before God. However, anything you and I do is not the good news of the gospel. The gospel is the good news concerning the person and work of Jesus Christ, as the book of Galatians and the whole of Scripture testifies.

As we read in Galatians 2:11-16, by disassociating with the Gentiles, Peter’s conduct “was not in step with the truth of the gospel” (v. 14). Peter’s actions did not line up with what he professed with his mouth—that Jews and Gentiles are now one in Christ and are saved by God’s grace alone, through faith alone, and in Christ alone. And so, like us, Peter needed to be reminded again of the gospel. Although it must have been painful for Peter to hear it at that moment, thankfully, Paul was there to offer strong correction. Likewise, at times, you and I need to be corrected when our actions, attitudes, and words don’t align with what we profess as Christians. However, correction proves that God loves us by not letting us wander away from the truth (Heb. 12:7-11).

1. What does Paul’s rebuke of Peter demonstrate about the reliability and truthfulness of the gospel? Why was this important for the Galatians to understand? What do Peter’s actions reveal about our continual need to be reminded of the gospel?
2. In verse 14, Paul states how Peter’s conduct and that of the believing Jews was not in step with the truth of the gospel. What did Peter do that demonstrated he was not in step with the truth of the gospel? Is it wrong for New Testament believers to keep the ceremonial aspect of the law? (See WCF 19.3.)
3. In verse 12, Paul writes that Peter had compromised on the truth of the gospel because he feared the circumcision party. You and I live in a day when false teachers and unbelievers are maligning the gospel and the truth of the Christian faith. In what ways are you tempted not to stand up for the gospel but instead shrink back in fear, like Peter did?
4. In verse 15, what does Paul mean when he says to Peter, “We ourselves are Jews by birth and not Gentile sinners”? Is Paul saying that he and Peter are better than the Gentiles? Of what is Paul reminding Peter? (See verse 16.)
5. According to verse 16, Paul says no one will be justified by the works of the law, but by faith alone in Christ alone. Since this is the case, how would you reconcile verse 16 with what Paul says in Romans 2:13, “For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified”?

## I Cry for Mercy to the LORD

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

lift my voice in prayer. <sup>2</sup>Be - 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. <sup>7</sup>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.