

# WORSHIP SERVICE

June 2, 2024

You know that he appeared in order to take away sins, and in him there is no sin.

**1 John 3:5**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 103 (p. 821 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits—**

who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases,

**who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion,**

who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The LORD works righteousness and justice for all the oppressed.**

He made known his ways to Moses, his deeds to the people of Israel:

**The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.**

He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever;

**he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him;

**as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.**

As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him;

**for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust.**

As for man, his days are like grass, he flourishes like a flower of the field;

**the wind blows over it and it is gone, and its place remembers it no more.**

But from everlasting to everlasting the LORD'S love is with those who fear him, and his righteousness with their children's children—

**with those who keep his covenant and remember to obey his precepts.**

The LORD has established his throne in heaven,

**and his kingdom rules over all.**

Praise the LORD, you his angels, you mighty ones who do his bidding, who obey his word.

**Praise the LORD, all his heavenly hosts, you his servants who do his will.**

Praise the LORD, all his works everywhere in his dominion.

**Praise the LORD, O my soul.**

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

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

***Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim***

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,  
And publish abroad his wonderful Name;  
The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;  
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;  
And still he is nigh—his presence we have.  
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,  
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!  
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.  
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,  
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,  
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,  
All honor and blessing, with angels above,  
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.

**All:** For we know our transgressions, and our sins are always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

**Leader:** Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time we were conceived. Cleanse us, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and grant us steadfast obedience.

**All:** 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.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Psalm 27

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 253

### *There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood*

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away;  
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,  
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:  
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 91.** *How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?*

**A.** The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him who administers them, but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in those who by faith receive them.

**Q. 92.** *What is a sacrament?*

**A.** A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ, in which, by perceptible signs, Christ and the benefits of the new covenant are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

**Q. 93.** *Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?*

**A.** The sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

## 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\*

John 17

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 103])

Hymn 93

### *The Tender Love a Father Has*

The tender love a father has  
For all his children dear,  
Such love the Lord bestows on them  
Who worship him in fear.

The Lord remembers we are dust,  
And all our frailty knows;  
Man's days are like the tender grass,  
And as the flow'r he grows.

The flow'r is withered by the wind  
That smites with blighting breath;  
So man is quickly swept away  
Before the blast of death.

Unchanging is the love of God,  
From age to age the same,  
Displayed to all who do his will  
And reverence his name.

Those who his gracious cov'nant keep  
The Lord will ever bless;  
Their children's children shall rejoice  
To see his righteousness. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Rudy Manrique

“Prayer on the Borderline”  
Ephesians 3:14-19

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 629

### *What A Friend We Have in Jesus*

What a Friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit,  
O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Ev’rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged:  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he’ll take and shield thee;  
Thou wilt find a solace there. 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.

# SERMON NOTES

“Prayer on the Borderline”  
Ephesians 3:14-19

1. Prayer for God’s Family (vv. 14-15)

Ephesians 2:19; Psalm 27:10; Ephesians 4:6

2. Prayer for Strength (vv. 16-17)

Romans 1:4; Ephesians 1:19-20; 2 Corinthians 4:16-17;  
John 17:24; Colossians 1:27; Philippians 1:6

3. Prayer for Comprehension (vv. 18-19)

Philippians 2:7-8; Romans 8:38-39; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Ephesians 3:20-21

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, June 3**

Scripture: 2 Samuel 20:14 - 21:22; Acts 1:1-26; Psalm 121:1-8; Proverbs 16:18

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 16

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

## **Tuesday, June 4**

Scripture: 2 Samuel 22:1 - 23:23; Acts 2:1-47; Psalm 122:1-9; Proverbs 16:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 85

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

## **Wednesday, June 5**

Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:24 - 24:25; Acts 3:1-26; Psalm 123:1-4; Proverbs 16:21-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 86

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

## **Thursday, June 6**

Scripture: 1 Kings 1:1-53; Acts 4:1-37; Psalm 124:1-8; Proverbs 16:24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 87

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

## **Friday, June 7**

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1 - 3:2; Acts 5:1-42; Psalm 125:1-5; Proverbs 16:25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 88

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

## **Saturday, June 8**

Scripture: 1 Kings 3:3 - 4:34; Acts 6:1-15; Psalm 126:1-6; Proverbs 16:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 89

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

## **Sunday, June 9**

Scripture: 1 Kings 5:1 - 6:38; Acts 7:1-29; Psalm 127:1-5; Proverbs 16:28-30

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 90

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 means of grace (the Word, sacraments, and prayer) are vital for the believer's spiritual life. By them, "Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption...which are made effectual to the elect for salvation" (WSC Q. 88). One means of grace, and often the most neglected in our personal walk with God, is prayer. The Bible is filled with the prayers of God's people (the Psalms are an excellent example). Even the final words of the last book of the Bible end with a prayer: "Come, Lord Jesus!" (Rev. 22:20). Perhaps we neglect prayer because we do not adequately know what it is. Thankfully, the Westminster Shorter Catechism helps us understand the meaning of prayer: "Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God, for things agreeable to his will, in the name of Christ, with confession of our sins, and thankful acknowledgment of his mercies" (WSC Q. 98). Prayer is a means by which God strengthens and sustains our faith throughout our pilgrimage. Paul prays for this in Ephesians 3:14-19, that we would be strengthened to comprehend Christ's love for us. Commenting on this passage, Benjamin Merkle writes,

Paul also prays for the Ephesian Christians to "have strength to comprehend" (Eph. 3:18) and "know" (v. 19) the love Christ has for his people. It is a love that cannot be measured, for it has no limits. God is not only powerful; he is also loving. Paul earlier reminds us that before God created the heavens and the earth, he chose us "in love" (1:4-5). Even though we were dead in our trespasses and sins, God made us alive "because of the great love with which he loved us" (2:4). God's love is so amazing that it surpasses our ability to comprehend it fully, yet Paul prays for his readers to come to an increasingly greater understanding of this love. God's great power ensures that his love will never fail.

1. What family is Paul praying for in verses 14-15? Is he praying for every family unit in existence, or does he have something else in mind? (See Ephesians 2:11-22.) Regarding this family, what three requests is he praying for in verses 14-19? (Hint: they each begin with the word "that.")
2. When it comes to the church, why is it important to comprehend (v. 18) and know (v. 19) the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge? What is the point of our understanding of God, theology, and Scripture? Are you learning only for your benefit or for others?
3. Why is prayer necessary for the Christian life? Why do Christians neglect to pray? What does Paul's prayer teach us about how we should pray? Think of ways to incorporate a deeper habit of prayer in your life. Remember, prayer isn't just a duty; it is the Christian's delight.
4. Throughout Paul's prayer, he mentions each person of the Trinity. According to Paul, what role does each person of the Trinity fulfill in assuring us that we "may be filled with all the fullness of God"?