



# WORSHIP SERVICE

September 1, 2024

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

**Psalm 27:1**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 93 (p. 818 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;

**the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.**

The world is firmly established;  
it cannot be moved.

**Your throne was established long ago;  
you are from all eternity.**

The seas have lifted up, O LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice;  
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,  
mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.**

Your statutes stand firm;

**holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.**

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

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

## Hymn of Preparation\*

### *Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by his blood!  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God. Amen.

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Law which reveals your holiness and our sinfulness.

**All:** The Seventh Commandment of your Law is, "You shall not commit adultery."

**Leader:** Lord, we confess that we have broken this commandment. We have lusted with our eyes and entertained perverse thoughts in our minds. Rather than seeking to preserve our own and our neighbor's chastity, we have failed and ask for your forgiveness.

**All:** 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. We ask all this in Jesus' Name. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

### Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:22-25

Christ committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 5:19 - 6:8

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 536

### *Searcher of Hearts, from Mine Erase*

Searcher of hearts, from mine erase,  
All thoughts that should not be,  
And in its deep recesses trace  
My gratitude to thee.

Hearer of prayer, O guide aright  
Each word and deed of mine;  
Life's battle teach me how to fight,  
And be the vict'ry thine.

Giver of all—for ev'ry good  
In the Redeemer came  
For raiment, shelter, and for food,  
I thank thee in his name.

Father and Son and Holy Ghost,  
Thou glorious Three in One,  
Thou knowest best what I need most,  
And let thy will be done. Amen.



## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 10.** *How did God create man?*

**A.** God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

**Q. 11.** *What are God's works of providence?*

**A.** God's works of providence are, his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

**Q. 12.** *What special act of providence did God exercise towards man in the estate in which he was created?*

**A.** When God created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, on the pain of death.

## 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\*

1 Peter 4:12-19

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 93])

(music printed on p. 12)

## *The LORD Reigns Over All*

The LORD reigns over all;  
He's robed in majesty.  
The LORD is robed and wears his belt  
Of strength and dignity.

The world established stands  
Unmoved, it shall endure.  
From everlasting you are God,  
Your throne is ever sure.

The floods have lifted up,  
LORD, lifted up their voice;  
The floods have lifted up their waves  
And made a mighty noise.

The LORD, enthroned on high,  
More powerful is he  
Than thunder of the ocean's waves  
Or breakers of the sea.

Your statutes, LORD, stand firm;  
Unchanging is your word.  
And holiness adorns your house  
Forevermore, O LORD. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

Pastor Ben Muresan

“God Will Do What He Has Promised”  
Exodus 5:19 - 6:8

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

**Hymn of Thanksgiving\***

Hymn 660

### *O God Beyond All Praising*

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today  
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;  
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,  
At blessings without number and mercies without end:  
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,  
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,  
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;  
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,  
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:  
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,  
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. 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, September 2**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1 - 3:22; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Psalm 46:1-11; Proverbs 22:15

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 29

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

## **Tuesday, September 3**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:1 - 6:12; 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:7; Psalm 47:1-9; Prov. 22:16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 56

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

## **Wednesday, September 4**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 7:1 - 9:18; 2 Corinthians 7:8-16; Psalm 48:1-14; Prov. 22:17-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 57

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

## **Thursday, September 5**

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 10:1 - 12:14; 2 Cor. 8:1-15; Psalm 49:1-20; Prov. 22:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 58

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

## **Friday, September 6**

Scripture: Song of Solomon 1:1 - 4:16; 2 Cor. 8:16-24; Psalm 50:1-23; Prov. 22:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 59

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

## **Saturday, September 7**

Scripture: Song of Solomon 5:1 - 8:14; 2 Cor. 9:1-15; Psalm 51:1-19; Prov. 22:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 60

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

## **Sunday, September 8**

Scripture: Isaiah 1:1 - 2:22; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18; Psalm 52:1-9; Proverbs 22:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 61

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 in Belize**

**Dave Eby in Uganda**

**Christ Bible Institute in Japan**

**The Shepherd's Church in Riverside**

## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

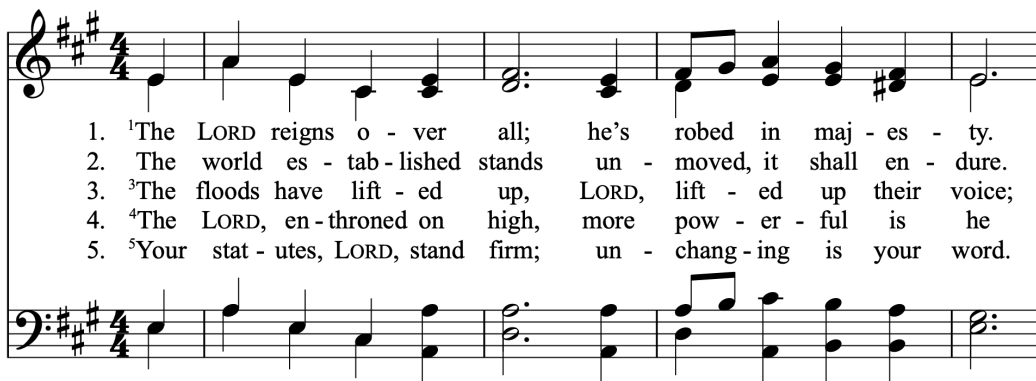
Exodus 5:19-23 records the discouragement Moses and the people of Israel felt after Pharaoh rejected God's command and made Israel's slavery even more miserable. Rather than experiencing the "victorious Christian life" that is described by some in the church today, Moses and Israel experienced what the Bible describes as the normal pattern of the Christian life: opposition and temptation. God was revealing his strength through their weakness and ultimately pointing them to his covenant faithfulness by which he sustains and saves his people. As Christians, our hope is not in our strength and faithfulness, but in God's strength and faithfulness. God has kept all the promises he made in the covenants revealed in Scripture, and he will fulfill all his promises that remain in the New Covenant with Christ. He sent Christ to atone for our sins, so we can be sure that he will sustain us until that day when he sends Christ again to consummate his Kingdom and make it on earth as it is in heaven.

1. For context, read Exodus 5:1-18. Why did Pharaoh respond as he did against God's command?
2. Review the three sources of opposition described in the first point of the sermon. What experiences have you had in your life with these sources of opposition? What things have you found helpful in your life that have helped you in your fight against the world, the flesh, and the Devil?
3. Why do you think Moses responded as he did in Exodus 5:22-23; 6:12, 30? What are things in your life that have made you feel like a failure? Read 2 Corinthians 12:1-10 and reflect on Paul's conclusion in verse 10. How does Paul's conclusion encourage you?
4. Read Exodus 6:1-8. What does God say about his past faithfulness and his future faithfulness? Review each "I will" in this passage and think about how each were fulfilled in redemptive history. What "I wills" do we have to look forward to in the New Covenant? How might reflecting on them strengthen your endurance in the Christian life?

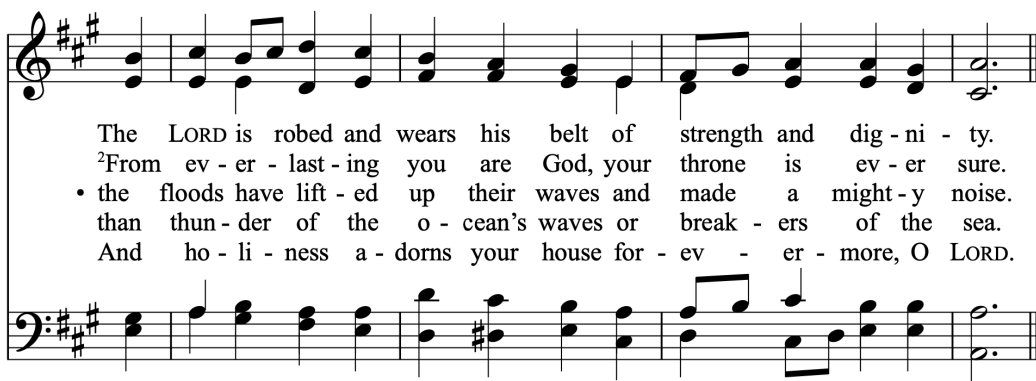


# The LORD Reigns over All

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1. <sup>1</sup>The LORD reigns o - ver all; he's robed in maj - es - ty.  
 2. The world es - tab - lished stands un - moved, it shall en - dure.  
 3. <sup>3</sup>The floods have lift - ed up, LORD, lift - ed up their voice;  
 4. <sup>4</sup>The LORD, en - throned on high, more pow - er - ful is he  
 5. <sup>5</sup>Your stat - utes, LORD, stand firm; un - chang - ing is your word.



The LORD is robed and wears his belt of strength and dig - ni - ty.  
<sup>2</sup>From ev - er - last - ing you are God, your throne is ev - er sure.  
 • the floods have lift - ed up their waves and made a might - y noise.  
 than thun - der of the o - cean's waves or break - ers of the sea.  
 And ho - li - ness a - dorns your house for - ev - er - more, O LORD.



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