



# WORSHIP SERVICE

September 15, 2024

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;  
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

**Psalm 28:7**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 29 (p. 794 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;  
worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.**

The voice of the LORD is over the waters;  
the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

**The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.**

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

**He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.**

The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

**The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.**

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

**And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"**

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

**The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.**

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

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

***Give to Our God Immortal Praise***

Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways:  
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:  
His mercies ever shall endure, when lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, he spread the sky, and fixed the starry lights on high:  
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light; he bids the moon direct the night:  
His mercies ever shall endure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave:  
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heav'nly seat:  
His mercies ever shall endure, when this vain world shall be no more. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we come to you burdened by guilt and shame as we remember how often we sinned against you and others.

**All:** Forgive our sins, we pray, and help us to put off greed, pride, anger, unbelief, covetousness, impurity, and all the sinful, earthly thoughts and desires that still have influence in our lives.

**Leader:** Through the power of your Holy Spirit, enable us to put on our new nature, clothing ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, bearing with one another, and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other as we have been forgiven by you.

**All:** Above all, fill us with the love of Christ, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. We ask all of this in his Name. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 6:9-27

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. 16.** *Did all mankind fall in Adam's first transgression?*

**A.** The covenant being made with Adam, not only for himself, but for his descendants, all mankind, descending from him by ordinary generation, sinned in him, and fell with him, in his first transgression.

**Q. 17.** *Into what estate did the Fall bring mankind?*

**A.** The Fall brought mankind into an estate of sin and misery.

**Q. 18.** *What is the sinfulness of that estate into which man fell?*

**A.** The sinfulness of that estate into which man fell consists of: the guilt of Adam's first sin, the lack of original righteousness, and the corruption of his whole nature, which is commonly called original sin, together with all actual transgressions that proceed from it.

## 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\*

Hebrews 7:11-28

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

“Christ Is Our Perfect Great High Priest”  
Exodus 6:9-27

**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\***

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.







# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, September 16**

Scripture: Isaiah 22:1 – 24:23; Galatians 2:17 – 3:9; Psalm 60:1-12; Proverbs 23:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 31

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

## **Tuesday, September 17**

Scripture: Isaiah 25:1 – 28:13; Galatians 3:10-22; Psalm 61:1-8; Proverbs 23:17-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 68

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

## **Wednesday, September 18**

Scripture: Isaiah 28:14 – 30:11; Galatians 3:23 – 4:31; Psalm 62:1-12; Prov. 23:19-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 69

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in South Korea and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, September 19**

Scripture: Isaiah 30:12 – 33:9; Galatians 5:1-12; Psalm 63:1-11; Proverbs 23:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 70

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

## **Friday, September 20**

Scripture: Isaiah 33:10 – 36:22; Galatians 5:13-26; Psalm 64:1-10; Proverbs 23:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 71

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

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

## **Saturday, September 21**

Scripture: Isaiah 37:1 – 38:22; Galatians 6:1-18; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 23:24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 72

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

## **Sunday, September 22**

Scripture: Isaiah 39:1 – 41:16; Ephesians 1:1-23; Psalm 66:1-20; Proverbs 23:25-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 73

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**

## **GATHERING for EVENING PRAYER and HYMNS**

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

**Hymn**

“Great God, How Infinite Art Thou!” Hymn 27

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Hymn**

“In Sweet Communion, Lord, with Thee” Hymn 657

**Devotion**

**Hymn**

“Be Still, My Soul” Hymn 689

**Congregational Prayer**

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

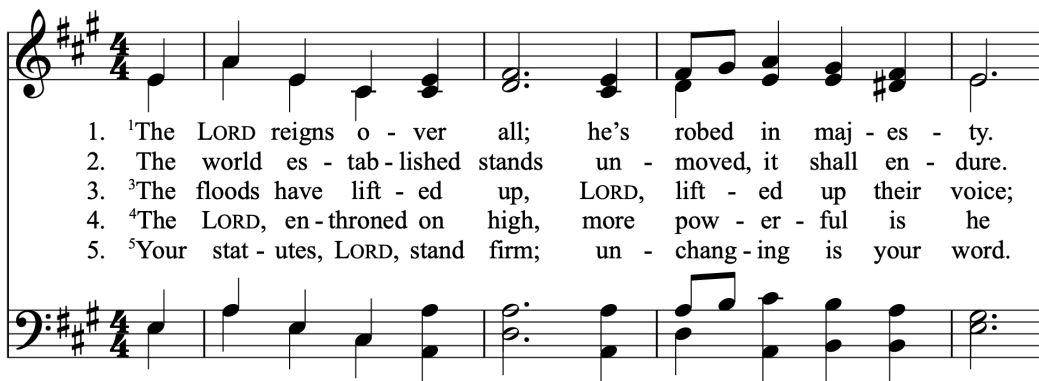
**\*Hymn**

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Hymn 598

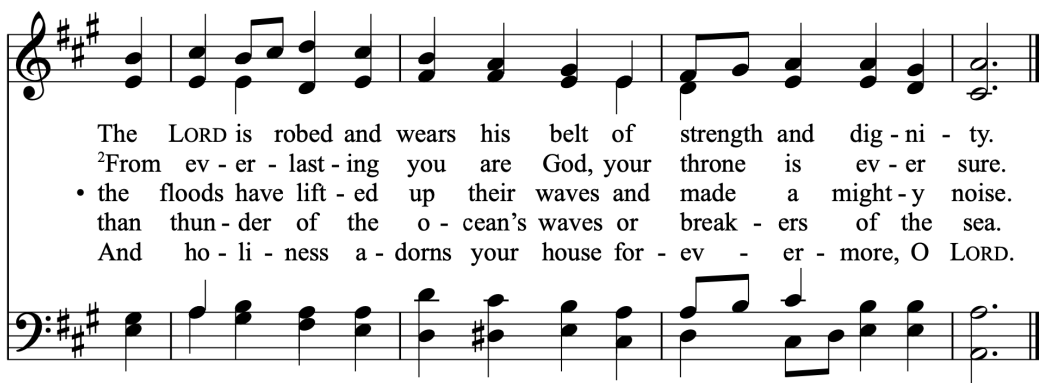
**\*Closing Prayer**

# 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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