



GRACE

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



John 2:24

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In the feast day many believed in his name, when they saw the signs which he did. But Jesus did not commit himself unto them, because he knew all that they did and needed not that any should testify of him: for he knew what was in man. ¶ In that, I have said, I know what was in man, I mean that he knew the hearts of men, and he knew what they would do before they did it. ¶ I have said, I know what was in man, because he knew the hearts of men, and he knew what they would do before they did it. ¶ I have said, I know what was in man, because he knew the hearts of men, and he knew what they would do before they did it.

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John 4:11

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WORSHIP SERVICE

September 29, 2024

Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints;
and give thanks to his holy name.

Psalm 30:4

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 32 (p. 795 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

**Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him
and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”—
and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found;

surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.

You are my hiding place;

you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;

I will counsel you and watch over you.

**Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding
but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.**

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love
surrounds the man who trusts in him.

**Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous;
sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

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

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

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son; thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and thou only, first in my heart, High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we thank you that your love toward us triumphs over your judgment. We confess our sins to you and plead for forgiveness, not because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy and grace toward us in Jesus Christ.

All: We confess that we are not worthy of such kindness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess our disobedience and shortcomings toward you and our neighbors.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and enable us by your Holy Spirit to lay aside the sin which clings so closely, and equip us to run with endurance the race that is set before us.

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. All praise, honor, and glory be to you. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 7:14-25

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 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 8:1-19

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

“Judgment and Salvation”
Exodus 7:14 - 8:19

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Pastor Rudy Manrique

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*

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

“Judgment and Salvation” Exodus 7:14 - 8:19

1. Signs of God’s Power
Exodus 7:3-5
2. Signs of God’s Judgment
Exodus 12:12; Numbers 33:4; Psalm 135
3. Signs of the Greater Judgment to Come
Revelation 16:3-4
Acts 17:30-31

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 52 *How does Christ’s return to judge the living and the dead comfort you?*
 In all distress and persecution, with uplifted head, I confidently await the very Judge who has already offered himself to the judgment of God in my place and removed the whole curse from me. Christ will cast all his enemies and mine into everlasting condemnation, but will take me and all his chosen ones to himself into the joy and glory of heaven.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, September 30

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1 - 62:5; Philippians 1:27 - 2:18; Psalm 72:1-20; Proverbs 24:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 33

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

Tuesday, October 1

Scripture: Isaiah 62:6 - 65:25; Philippians 2:19 - 3:3; Psalm 73:1-28; Proverbs 24:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

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

Wednesday, October 2

Scripture: Isaiah 66:1-24; Philippians 3:4-21; Psalm 74:1-23; Proverbs 24:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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

Thursday, October 3

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:30; Philippians 4:1-23; Psalm 75:1-10; Proverbs 24:17-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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

Friday, October 4

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:31 - 4:18; Colossians 1:1-17; Psalm 76:1-12; Proverbs 24:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

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

Saturday, October 5

Scripture: Jeremiah 4:19 - 6:15; Colossians 1:18 - 2:7; Psalm 77:1-20; Prov. 24:23-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 84

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

Sunday, October 6

Scripture: Jeremiah 6:16 - 8:7; Colossians 2:8-23; Psalm 78:1-31; Proverbs 24:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 85

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

Through his judgments upon Egypt, God revealed his justice upon his enemies and his salvation upon his people. Each of the judgments pointed forward to the greater judgment that will come on the Last Day when Christ “shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead.” In his book, *From Bondage to Liberty: The Gospel According to Moses*, Anthony Selvaggio writes:

God is long-suffering in his application of judgment. He provided Pharaoh and Egypt with ten plagues to spark repentance in them, but they refused to heed the repeated warning. God is patient. In 2 Peter 3:9 we read, “The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.” The plagues reveal that God is patiently merciful, but they also reveal that there is a point of no return: “he does not leave the guilty unpunished” (Ex. 34:7).

Thus, the plagues served simultaneously to reveal to the world that God is patient in judgment, that he is powerful, and that he can save his people. In these ten plagues is found comforting assurance for those who trust in God and horrific certainty of judgment for those who do not. Some theologians have attempted to say that the type of dynamic revealed in the plagues is reflective of an “Old Testament God” who was judgmental in comparison to the more gracious “New Testament God” revealed in the Gospels and the rest of the New Testament. But in reality, the signs and wonders performed by Jesus, and the very proclamation of the gospel itself, serve a similar ultimate purpose as the plagues. The gospel, like the plagues, serves simultaneously to assure those who trust God of his power to save, and to remind people that, while he is patient, God will ultimately bring judgment upon those who reject his Son and fail to “know the Lord.”

1. Read Exodus 7:14 - 8:19. What patterns do you notice in these three plagues? How do these plagues reveal God's power as the one true God?
2. Read Psalm 135. How does this psalm describe God's demonstration of his power and his judgment through the plagues? Why does this lead us to praise him?
3. Making the connection with Revelation 16:3-4, how do the judgments upon Egypt point forward to the Final Judgment? How does this reveal God's mercy toward people today according to Acts 17:30-31?
4. Read Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 52. What does it mean that Christ is both the Judge of all people and the one who bore God's judgment for his people? How does maturing in your faith in Christ help you gain greater assurance and peace as you consider the judgment to come?

The LORD Reigns over All

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1. ¹The 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. ³The floods have lift - ed up, LORD, lift - ed up their voice;
 4. ⁴The LORD, en - throned on high, more pow - er - ful is he
 5. ⁵Your 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.
²From 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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