

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, January 9, 2022

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalm 46:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 28 (p. 793)

To you I call, O LORD my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me.

For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help,

as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil,

who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts.

Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work;

repay them for what their hands have done and bring back upon them what they deserve.

Since they show no regard for the works of the LORD and what his hands have done,

he will tear them down and never build them up again.

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.

My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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

Sing Praise to the Lord!

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word, you angels of light.
You heavens, adore him by whom you were made,
And worship before him in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him on the earth
In tuneful accord, you saints of new birth.
Praise him who has brought you his grace from above;
Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.

Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound,
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around.
Loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone,
And trumpets, the story of what he has done.

Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: We praise you, our God and King, because you are holy and good. Your unfailing love is as vast as the heavens; your faithfulness reaches beyond the clouds.

All: As we enter into worship, we feel the vast difference between who we are as creatures and who you are as our Creator. We are painfully aware of how we have sinned and fall short of your glory.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. Help us not to grow weary in doing good, but instead fill us with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.

All: We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Acts 10:42-43

And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Deuteronomy 28:25-44

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 250

Throned upon the Awful Tree

Throned upon the awful tree,
King of grief, I watch with thee.
Darkness veils thine anguished face:
None its lines of woe can trace:
None can tell what pangs unknown
Hold thee silent and alone.

Silent through those three dread hours,
Wrestling with the evil pow'rs,
Left alone with human sin,
Gloom around thee and within,
Till th'appointed time is nigh,
Till the Lamb of God may die.

Hark, that cry that peals aloud
Upward through the whelming cloud!
Thou, the Father's only Son,
Thou, his own Anointed One,
Thou dost ask him—can it be?—
“Why hast thou forsaken me?”

Lord, should fear and anguish roll
Darkly o'er my sinful soul,
Thou, who once wast thus bereft
That thine own might ne'er be left,
Teach me by that bitter cry
In the gloom to know thee nigh. 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

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 734

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

1 Corinthians 1:18-30

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 24])

(printed on p. 12)

The Earth and Its Riches

The earth and its riches abundantly stored,
The world and its dwellers belong to the LORD.
For he on the seas its foundations has laid,
And firm on the waters its pillars has stayed.

O who shall the mount of the LORD God ascend?
And who in the place of his holiness stand?
The man of pure heart and of hands without stain,
Who swears not to idols, nor serves what is vain.

Yes, he from the LORD shall a blessing receive;
The God of salvation shall righteousness give.
Thus looking to him is a whole blessed race;
All those who, like Jacob, are seeking your face.

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
O who is the King that in glory draws near?
The LORD, mighty LORD of the battle, is here!

O gates, lift your heads! Ancient doors, lift them high!
The great King of glory to enter draws nigh!
This great King of glory, O who can he be?
The LORD God of hosts, King of glory is he! Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Rudy Manrique

“God’s Power Made Perfect in Weakness”
1 Samuel 17:41-51

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 679

’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me ’neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more!

I’m so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him! How I’ve proved him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more! Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless,
and worship him in humbleness,
 O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father,
 praise the Son,
 and praise the Spirit,
 three in One,
 O praise him, O praise him,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

SERMON NOTES

“God’s Power Made Perfect in Weakness” 1 Samuel 17:41-51

1. Goliath’s Truthful Insults (vv. 41-44)
2. God’s Anointed Representative (v. 45)
3. Power in Weakness (vv. 46-51)

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HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, January 10

Scripture: Genesis 23:1 - 24:51; Matthew 8:1-17; Psalm 9:13-20; Proverbs 3:1-6

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 23

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

Tuesday, January 11

Scripture: Genesis 24:52 - 26:16; Matthew 8:18-34; Psalm 10:1-15; Proverbs 3:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 84

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

Wednesday, January 12

Scripture: Genesis 26:17 - 27:46; Matthew 9:1-17; Psalm 10:16-18; Proverbs 3:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 85

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

Thursday, January 13

Scripture: Genesis 28:1 - 29:35; Matthew 9:18-38; Psalm 11:1-7; Proverbs 3:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 86

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

Friday, January 14

Scripture: Genesis 30:1 - 31:16; Matthew 10:1-23; Psalm 12:1-8; Proverbs 3:13-15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 87

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

Saturday, January 15

Scripture: Genesis 31:17 - 32:12; Matthew 10:24 - 11:6; Psalm 13:1-6; Prov. 3:16-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 88

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

Sunday, January 16

Scripture: Genesis 32:13 - 34:31; Matthew 11:7-30; Psalm 14:1-7; Proverbs 3:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 89

Pray for: Our worship this morning.

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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.

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LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Though often moralized and presented as an example of how believers can overcome the difficulties of life, the battle between David and Goliath points to the humble life and glorious work of the Lord Jesus in conquering Satan, death, and sin for his people. Even amid Israel's covenant unfaithfulness, God remained true to his people by raising a humble king after his own heart in the person of David to represent and protect Israel from her enemies. Just as David came to face Goliath, not with physical weapons, but in the name of the Lord, the Lord Jesus, as he rode humbly on a donkey into Jerusalem, was called "blessed" by the people for having also come in the name of the Lord to accomplish redemption for his people. Through his suffering, crucifixion, resurrection, ascension, and current glorious intercession, the Lord Jesus, once and for all, conquered his enemies for his people and now stands as the mediator between God and man. In other words, Jesus took on the covenant curses, by enduring the wrath of God on the cross, and now represents you as your covenant surety. The story of David and Goliath demonstrates to us that God's power is made perfect in weakness and that the foolishness of the cross is indeed the power of God unto salvation.

1. Why does the narrative at the end of verse 50 mention that, "There was no sword in the hand of David," and does this have any significance for believers today?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 in light of the sermon passage (1 Samuel 17:41-51). What theme do these two texts share in common?
3. How does the battle between David and Goliath foreshadow the person and work of Jesus Christ as portrayed in the gospel?
4. In light of the greater context, read Deuteronomy 28:26. Discuss the significance of Goliath telling David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and to the beasts of the field." Why does David, in verse 46, respond to Goliath with a similar statement?
5. Read 2 Corinthians 10:4, Ephesians 6:10-20, and 1 Samuel 45-47. How should these passages mutually illumine one another and our understanding of the Christian life and spiritual warfare?

The Earth and Its Riches

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1. ¹The earth and its rich - es a - bun - dant - ly stored,
 2. ³O who shall the mount of the LORD God as - cend?
 3. ⁵Yes, he from the LORD shall a bless - ing re - ceive;
 4. ⁷O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!
 5. ⁹O gates, lift your heads! An - cient doors, lift them high!

the world and its dwell - ers be - long to the LORD.
 And who in the place of his ho - li - ness stand?
 • the God of sal - va - tion shall righ - teous - ness give.
 The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!
 The great King of glo - ry to en - ter draws nigh!

²For he on the seas its foun - da - tions has laid,
⁴The man of pure heart and of hands with - out stain,
 • Thus look - ing to him is a whole bless - ed race;
⁸O who is the King that in glo - ry draws near?
¹⁰This great King of glo - ry, O who can he be?

and firm on the wa - ters its pil - lars has stayed.
 who swears not to i - dols, nor serves what is vain.
 • all those who, like Ja - cob, are seek - ing your face.
 The LORD, might - y LORD of the bat - tle, is here!
 The LORD God of hosts, King of glo - ry is he!