

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, October 4, 2020

Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.

**Psalm 135:13**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing**

**Responsive Reading**

Psalm 92 (p. 817)

A PSALM. A SONG FOR THE SABBATH.

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

**to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.**

For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

**How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!**

The senseless man does not know, fools do not understand,

**that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be forever destroyed.**

But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.

**For surely your enemies, O LORD, surely your enemies will perish; all evildoers will be scattered.**

You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured upon me.

**My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.**

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

**planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.**

They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

**proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."**

**Hymn of Preparation**

Hymn 2

### *O Worship the King*

O worship the King all glorious above, O gratefully sing his pow'r and his love;  
Our shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your pow'r has founded of old;  
Has 'stablished it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light;  
It streams from the hills; it descends to the plain; and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail;  
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn you above,  
The humbler creation, though feeble their lays, with true adoration shall lisp to your praise. Amen.

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Our God and Father, we praise you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

**All:** We confess that though you have shown us such grace, we have sinned against you and others. Our sins are shameful to us and offensive to you. All the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you.

**Leader:** Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**All:** All praise, honor, glory, and power be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

### First Reading

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

### Congregational Response

Hymn 164

### *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the pow'r of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosen'd tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 82.** *Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?*

**A.** No mere man, since the fall, is able, in this life, to keep perfectly the commandments of God, but does break them daily in thought, word, and deed.

**Q. 83.** *Are all transgressions of the law equally wicked?*

**A.** Some sins in themselves, and by reason of aggravating circumstances, are more wicked in the sight of God than others.

**Q. 84.** *What does every sin deserve?*

**A.** Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life and that which is to come.

## 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 15:50-58

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 92:1-9, 12-15])

Hymn 635 (*music on pg. 6*)

## *How Good It Is to Thank the Lord*

How good it is to thank the Lord,  
And praise to you, Most High, accord,  
To show your love with morning light,  
And tell your faithfulness each night;  
Yea, good it is your praise to sing,  
And all our sweetest music bring.

O Lord, with joy my heart expands  
Before the wonders of your hands;  
Great works, Jehovah, you have wrought,  
Exceeding deep your ev'ry thought;  
A foolish man knows not their worth,  
Nor he whose mind is of the earth.

When as the grass the wicked grow,  
When sinners flourish here below,  
Then is there endless ruin nigh,  
But you, O Lord, are throned on high;  
Your foes shall fall before your might,  
The wicked shall be put to flight.

The righteous man shall flourish well,  
And in the house of God shall dwell;  
He shall be like a goodly tree,  
And all his life shall fruitful be;  
For righteous is the Lord and just,  
He is my rock, in him I trust. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“Living in the Meantime”

1 Thessalonians 1:9-10

1. Living in the meantime means living in active service to God. (v. 9)
2. Living in the meantime means actively waiting for Jesus to return. (v. 10)
3. Living in the meantime is putting our hope in Jesus Himself. (v. 10)

## GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn 461

### *Not What My Hands Have Done*

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul;  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole.  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God;  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load.

Thy work alone, O Christ, can ease this weight of sin;  
Thy blood alone, O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me, O God, not mine, O Lord, to thee,  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free.

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak;  
Thy pow'r alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break.  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do;  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through.

I bless the Christ of God; I rest on love divine;  
And with unfalt'ring lip and heart, I call this Savior mine.  
His cross dispels each doubt; I bury in his tomb  
Each thought of unbelief and fear, each ling'ring shade of gloom.

I praise the God of grace; I trust his truth and might;  
He calls me his, I call him mine, my God, my joy, my light.  
'Tis he who saveth me, and freely pardon gives;  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives. 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.

# How Good It Is to Thank the Lord

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*It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High. Ps. 92:1*

1. How good it is to thank the Lord, and praise to you, Most  
 2. O Lord, with joy my heart ex - pands be - fore the won - ders  
 3. When as the grass the wick - ed grow, when sin - ners flour - ish  
 4. The righ - teous man shall flour - ish well, and in the house of

High, ac - cord, to show your love with morn - ing light, and  
 of your hands; great works, Je - ho - vah, you have wrought, ex -  
 here be - low, then is there end - less ru - in nigh, but  
 God shall dwell; he shall be like a good - ly tree, and

tell your faith - ful - ness each night; yea, good it is your  
 ceed - ing deep your ev - 'ry thought; a fool - ish man knows  
 you, O Lord, are throned on high; your foes shall fall be -  
 all his life shall fruit - ful be; for righ - teous is the

praise to sing, and all our sweet - est mu - sic bring.  
 not their worth, nor he whose mind is of the earth.  
 fore your might, the wick - ed shall be put to flight.  
 Lord and just, he is my rock, in him I trust.

## **LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS**

In this morning's sermon passage, the Apostle Paul commends the Thessalonian believers for turning from idols to serving God and waiting for the return of Jesus. In these two verses (vv. 9 & 10), Paul lays out clearly the effect of gospel-repentance (turning from serving idols) and faith in God's promise (believing that Jesus will return).

Notice how Paul lays out the gospel in v. 10: Jesus is the Son of God, He died on the cross and was raised from the dead, through Him we are delivered from the wrath of God for our sins, and He will come again as He promised.

This gospel is what Paul preached. It is what the Thessalonians believed and what gave them hope as they faithfully endured persecution awaiting the return of their Lord, King, and Savior Jesus Christ. It is no different for us some 2,000 years later. This is the same gospel that we believe and that gives us hope as we faithfully serve God and await the return of our Lord, King, and Savior Jesus Christ.

1. How has the gospel changed the way you live and think?
2. How do you serve God in your life?
3. How is hope in the return of the Lord Jesus lived out in your life?

# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.  
Use our church directory to pray for an individual or family each day.*

## **Monday, October 5**

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 23

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

## **Tuesday, 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 9

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

## **Wednesday, October 7**

Scripture: Jeremiah 8:8 - 9:26; Colossians 3:1-17; Psalm 78:32-55; Proverbs 24:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 10

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Western Sahara and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, October 8**

Scripture: Jeremiah 10:1 - 11:23; Col. 3:18 - 4:18; Psalm 78:56-72; Prov. 24:28-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 11

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

## **Friday, October 9**

Scripture: Jeremiah 12:1 - 14:10; 1 Thess. 1:1 - 2:8; Psalm 79:1-13; Prov. 24:30-34

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 12

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

## **Saturday, October 10**

Scripture: Jeremiah 14:11 - 16:15; 1 Thess. 2:9 - 3:13; Psalm 80:1-19; Prov. 25:1-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 13

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

## **Sunday, October 11**

Scripture: Jeremiah 16:16 - 18:23; 1 Thess. 4:1 - 5:3; Psalm 81:1-16; Proverbs 25:6-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 14

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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