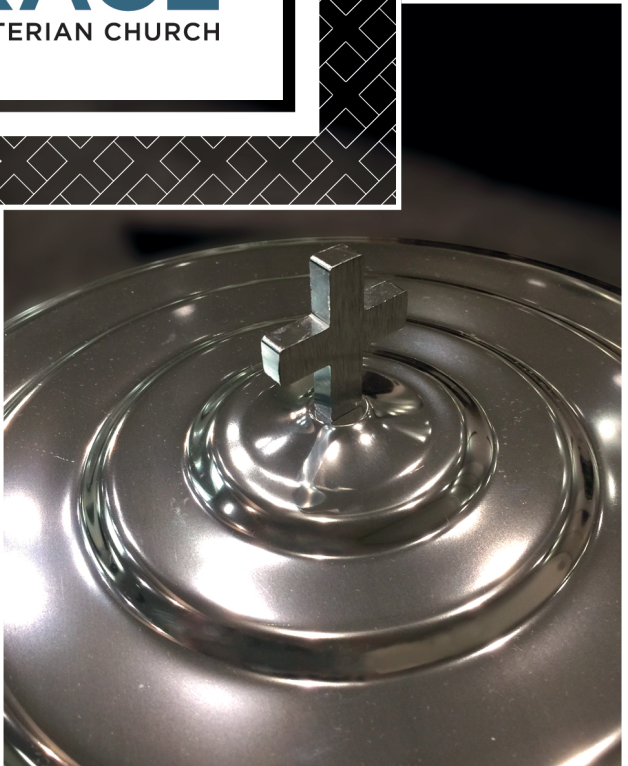


 **GRACE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# WORSHIP SERVICE

March 16, 2025

The salvation of the righteous is from the LORD;  
he is their stronghold in the time of trouble.

**Psalm 37:39**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 97 (p. 820 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The LORD reigns, let the earth be glad;

**let the distant shores rejoice.**

Clouds and thick darkness surround him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

**Fire goes before him and consumes his foes on every side.**

His lightning lights up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

**The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.**

The heavens proclaim his righteousness, and all the peoples see his glory.

**All who worship images are put to shame, those who boast in idols—  
worship him, all you gods!**

Zion hears and rejoices and the villages of Judah are glad because of your judgments, O LORD.

**For you, O LORD, are the Most High over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.**

Let those who love the LORD hate evil,

**for he guards the lives of his faithful ones and delivers them from the hand of the wicked.**

Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart.

**Rejoice in the LORD, you who are righteous, and praise his holy name.**

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

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

***Mighty God, While Angels Bless You***

Mighty God, while angels bless you, may a mortal sing your name?

Lord of men as well as angels, you are every creature's theme.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

Lord of every land and nation, ancient of eternal days,

Sounded through the wide creation be your just and lawful praise.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

For the grandeur of your nature, grand beyond a seraph's thought,

For created works of power, works with skill and kindness wrought.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

But your rich, your free redemption, dark through brightness all along,  
Thought is poor, and poor expression, who dare sing that wondrous song?

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

Brightness of the Father's glory, shall your praise unuttered lie?

Fly, my tongue, such guilty silence, sing the Lord who came to die.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.*

From the highest throne in glory, to the cross of deepest woe,

All to ransom guilty captives, flow my praise, forever flow.

*Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen. Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away our iniquity and cleanse us from our sins.

**All:** For we know our transgressions, and our sins are always before us. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight; so you are right in your verdict and justified when you judge.

**Leader:** Surely we were sinful at birth, sinful from the time we were conceived. Cleanse us, and we will be clean; wash us, and we will be whiter than snow. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and grant us steadfast obedience.

**All:** We praise you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 34:1-28

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 473

### *Jesus Sinners Doth Receive*

“Jesus sinners doth receive”  
Word of surest consolation;  
Word all sorrow to relieve,  
Word of pardon, peace, salvation!  
Naught like this can comfort give:  
“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

On God’s grace we have no claim,  
Yet to us his pledge is given;  
He hath sworn by his own name,  
Open are the gates of heaven.  
Take to heart this word and live:  
“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

When a helpless lamb doth stray,  
After it, the Shepherd, pressing  
Thro’ each dark and dang’rous way,  
Brings it back, his own possessing.  
Jesus seeks thee, O believe:  
“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Oh, how blest it is to know:  
Were as scarlet my transgression,  
It shall be as white as snow  
By thy blood and bitter passion;  
For these words I now believe:  
“Jesus sinners doth receive.”

Now my conscience is at peace,  
From the Law I stand acquitted;  
Christ hath purchased my release  
And my every sin remitted.  
Naught remains my soul to grieve—  
“Jesus sinners doth receive.” Amen.



## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 79.** *Which is the tenth commandment?*

**A.** The tenth commandment is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

**Q. 80.** *What is required in the tenth commandment?*

**A.** The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and loving frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

**Q. 81.** *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?*

**A.** The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

## 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\*

John 1:29-42

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 115:1-3, 9-14, 18])

Hymn 67

### *Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven*

Not unto us, O Lord of heav'n,  
But unto you be glory giv'n;  
In love and truth you do fulfill  
The counsels of your sovereign will;  
Though nations fail your pow'r to own,  
Yet you do reign, and you alone.

Let Israel trust in God alone,  
The Lord whose grace and pow'r are known;  
To him your full allegiance yield,  
And he will be your help and shield.  
All those who fear him God will bless;  
His saints have proved his faithfulness.

All you that fear him and adore,  
The Lord increase you more and more;  
Both great and small who him confess,  
You and your children he will bless.  
Yes, we will ever bless his name;  
Praise you the Lord, his praise proclaim. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

## Sermon

Pastor Rudy Manrique

“Who Is a God Like You?”  
Micah 7:18-20

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

## Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 465

### ***Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord***

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary’s mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

*Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today.

*Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;  
Grace, grace, God’s grace, grace that is greater than all our sin. 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.



## SERMON NOTES

## “Who Is a God Like You?”

Micah 7:18-20

1. There is no one like our God. (v. 18)  
Micah 7:1  
Exodus 34:7
2. God never breaks his promises. (v. 19)  
Luke 15:20  
Psalm 103:13  
Isaiah 53:4-5  
Exodus 15:5  
2 Corinthians 5:21
3. God always remains faithful to his people. (v. 20)  
Genesis 28:14  
Malachi 3:6  
Genesis 15:5  
John 1:29



# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, March 17**

Scripture: Numbers 26:1-51; Luke 2:36-52; Psalm 60:1-12; Proverbs 11:15

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 24

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

## **Tuesday, March 18**

Scripture: Numbers 26:52 – 28:15; Luke 3:1-22; Psalm 61:1-8; Proverbs 11:16-17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 10

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

## **Wednesday, March 19**

Scripture: Numbers 28:16 – 29:40; Luke 3:23-38; Psalm 62:1-12; Proverbs 11:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 11

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Tuvalu and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, March 20**

Scripture: Numbers 30:1 – 31:54; Luke 4:1-30; Psalm 63:1-11; Proverbs 11:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 12

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

## **Friday, March 21**

Scripture: Numbers 32:1 – 33:39; Luke 4:31 – 5:11; Psalm 64:1-10; Proverbs 11:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 13

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

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

## **Saturday, March 22**

Scripture: Numbers 33:40 – 35:34; Luke 5:12-28; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 11:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 14

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

## **Sunday, March 23**

Scripture: Num. 36:1 – Deut. 1:46; Luke 5:29 – 6:11; Psalm 66:1-20; Prov. 11:24-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 15

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**

# **EVENING GATHERING for PRAYER and HYMNS**

**Scripture Reading and Opening Prayer**

**Hymn 30** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**Prayer of Praise, Adoration, and Thanksgiving**

**Devotion**

**Hymn 469** “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place”

**Prayer for Our Church, Presbytery, and Denomination**

**Hymn 644** “May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

**Prayer for Church Members in Need**

**Hymn 402** “Abide with Me”

**Closing Prayer**



## Not unto Us, O Lord of Heaven

*Not to us, LORD, not to us but to your name be the glory, because of your love and faithfulness. Ps. 115:1*

1. Not un - to us, O Lord of heav'n, but un - to  
 2. Let Is - rael trust in God a - lone, the Lord whose  
 3. All you that fear him and a - dore, the Lord in -

you be glo - ry giv'n; in love and truth you do ful -  
 grace and pow'r are known; to him your full al - le - giance  
 crease you more and more; both great and small who him con -

fil the coun - sels of your sov - ereign will; though na - tions  
 yield, and he will be your help and shield. All those who  
 fess, you and your chil - dren he will bless. Yes, we will

fail your pow'r to own, yet you do reign, and you a - lone.  
 fear him God will bless; his saints have proved his faith - ful - ness.  
 ev - er bless his name; praise you the Lord, his praise pro - claim.



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