

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 25, 2021

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 86 (p. 814)

Hear, O LORD, and answer me, for I am poor and needy.

Guard my life, for I am devoted to you.

You are my God; save your servant who trusts in you.

Have mercy on me, O LORD, for I call to you all day long.

Bring joy to your servant, for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

You are forgiving and good, O Lord, abounding in love to all who call to you.

Hear my prayer, O LORD; listen to my cry for mercy.

In the day of my trouble I will call to you, for you will answer me.

Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord; no deeds can compare with yours.

**All the nations you have made will come and worship before you, O Lord;
they will bring glory to your name.**

For you are great and do marvelous deeds;

you alone are God.

Teach me your way, O LORD, and I will walk in your truth;

give me an undivided heart, that I may fear your name.

I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever.

For great is your love toward me; you have delivered me from the depths of the grave.

The arrogant are attacking me, O God; a band of ruthless men seeks my life—
men without regard for you.

**But you, O Lord, are a compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger,
abounding in love and faithfulness.**

Turn to me and have mercy on me; grant your strength to your servant
and save the son of your maidservant.

**Give me a sign of your goodness, that my enemies may see it and be put to shame,
for you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.**

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

How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

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When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim: my God, how great thou art.

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Father, we join our voices with all of creation and with the heavenly host in acknowledging that you are great and most worthy of praise.

All: Yet as we praise you, we are reminded of our sinfulness and unworthiness. Your law bears witness against us by revealing how we have sinned against you and others.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Sanctify us by your Spirit, and cleanse us from every defilement of body and soul.

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

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Exodus 40:16-38

Congregational Response

Hymn 642

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.

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.

THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading*

Romans 6:1-14

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month)

Hymn 57 (printed on p. 12)

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
Nor for help on man depend;
He shall die, to dust returning,
And his purposes shall end.

Happy is the man that chooses
Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing
On the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,
Seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression,
Righteousness he will maintain.

Food he daily gives the hungry,
Sets the mourning pris'ner free,
Raises those bowed down with anguish,
Makes the sightless eye to see.
Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
And the stranger he befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow,
Judgment on the wicked sends.

Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
Of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
Through all ages he is King;
Unto him, your God, O Zion,
Joyful hallelujahs sing. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

What Difference Does the Holy Spirit Make?
He Unites Us to Christ
John 14:18-20

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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

What Difference Does the Holy Spirit Make?
He Unites Us to Christ
John 14:18-20

1. Jesus died for our sins and rose again. (vv. 18-19)
1 Corinthians 15:3-4
Isaiah 53:5
2. We died with him and have been raised with him. (v. 19)
Ephesians 1:3-4
Romans 6:1-11
1 Corinthians 15:20-22
3. By the Holy Spirit, we have uninterrupted union with Christ. (v. 20)
John 14:23
Ephesians 2:19-22

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, April 26

Scripture: Judges 6:1-40; Luke 22:54 - 23:12; Psalm 95:1 - 96:13; Proverbs 14:5-6

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 19

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

Tuesday, April 27

Scripture: Judges 7:1 - 8:17; Luke 23:13-43; Psalm 97:1 - 98:9; Proverbs 14:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 76

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

Wednesday, April 28

Scripture: Judges 8:18 - 9:21; Luke 23:44 - 24:12; Psalm 99:1-9; Proverbs 14:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 77

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Bosnia & Herzegovina and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, April 29

Scripture: Judges 9:22 - 10:18; Luke 24:13-53; Psalm 100:1-5; Proverbs 14:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 78

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

Friday, April 30

Scripture: Judges 11:1 - 12:15; John 1:1-28; Psalm 101:1-8; Proverbs 14:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79

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

Our pregnant moms.

Saturday, May 1

Scripture: Judges 13:1 - 14:20; John 1:29-51; Psalm 102:1-28; Proverbs 14:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

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

Sunday, May 2

Scripture: Judges 15:1 - 16:31; John 2:1-25; Psalm 103:1-22; Proverbs 14:17-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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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EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

All: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Hymn*

“O Worship the King” Hymn 2

Congregational Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we come before you with guilt and shame as we consider how we have offended you by our sinful actions, our hurtful words, and our disgraceful thoughts. Forgive us, we pray, and grant us faith to believe and not doubt that in Christ we have full salvation and eternal life. Give us prayerful hearts and willing minds that seek to do what is pleasing in your sight, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Hymn

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” Hymn 299

Scripture Reading*

2 Timothy 1

Hymn

“Jesus Shall Reign” Hymn 441

Prayer

Sermon

“Pondering the Way that Is Right”
Psalm 101

Pastor Clayton Willis

Hymn*

“I Belong to Jesus” Hymn 129

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit, be to God and God alone!
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, One in Three and Three in One. Amen.

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Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.