

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 9, 2021

The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.

Psalm 126:3

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 87 (p. 815)

He has set his foundation on the holy mountain;
the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.

Glorious things are said of you, O city of God:

“I will record Rahab and Babylon among those who acknowledge me—

**Philistia too, and Tyre, along with Cush—
and will say, “This one was born in Zion.”**

Indeed, of Zion it will be said,
“This one and that one were born in her,

and the Most High himself will establish her.”

The LORD will write in the register of the peoples:
“This one was born in Zion.”

**As they make music they will sing,
“All my fountains are in you.”**

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

Give to Our God Immortal Praise

Give to our God immortal praise; mercy and truth are all his ways:
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Give to the Lord of lords renown; the King of kings with glory crown:
His mercies ever shall endure, when lords and kings are known no more.

He built the earth, he spread the sky, and fixed the starry lights on high:
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

He fills the sun with morning light; he bids the moon direct the night:
His mercies ever shall endure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.

He sent his Son with pow'r to save from guilt and darkness and the grave:
Wonders of grace to God belong; repeat his mercies in your song.

Through this vain world he guides our feet, and leads us to his heav'nly seat:
His mercies ever shall endure, when this vain world shall be no more. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all who call upon you. Hear us as we come to you, humbly confessing our sins and transgressions.

All: We confess that we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom and sought after foolishness. We have rejected your fatherly commands and have done what is right in our own eyes.

Leader: Have mercy on us, we pray, and grant us your forgiveness. Cause us 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 Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:2-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

John 14

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. 39. *What is the duty that God requires of man?*

A. The duty that God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 40. *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

A. The rule that God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Q. 41. *Where is the moral law found to be summarized?*

A. The moral law is found summarized in the Ten Commandments.

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 15:12-28

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 117])

Hymn 7 (printed on p. 12)

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

From all that dwell below the skies
let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung
through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song;
to every land the strains belong.
In cheerful sound all voices raise
and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord;
eternal truth attends your word.
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore
till suns shall rise and set no more. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“The Coming of the Lord”
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 310

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heav’n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God’s right hand till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! 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.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, May 10

Scripture: 1 Samuel 8:1 - 9:27; John 6:22-42; Psalm 106:32-48; Proverbs 14:34-35

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 21

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

Tuesday, May 11

Scripture: 1 Samuel 10:1 - 11:15; John 6:43-71; Psalm 107:1-43; Proverbs 15:1-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 88

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

Wednesday, May 12

Scripture: 1 Samuel 12:1 - 13:23; John 7:1-30; Psalm 108:1-13; Proverbs 15:4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 89

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

Thursday, May 13

Scripture: 1 Samuel 14:1-52; John 7:31-53; Psalm 109:1-31; Proverbs 15:5-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 90

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

Friday, May 14

Scripture: 1 Samuel 15:1 - 16:23; John 8:1-20; Psalm 110:1-7; Proverbs 15:8-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 91

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

Our pregnant moms: Emily Manrique (due 10/28) and Katherine Rodgers (due 7/1).

Saturday, May 15

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1 - 18:4; John 8:21-30; Psalm 111:1-10; Proverbs 15:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 92

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

Sunday, May 16

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:5 - 19:24; John 8:31-59; Psalm 112:1-10; Proverbs 15:12-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 93

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

Interest in the end times (eschatology) has seemed to fluctuate over the history of the church. During the time of the Apostle Paul it appeared that many Christians were very interested in attempting to discern when the Lord Jesus would return. This interest was evidenced by some Christians even selling their possessions and quitting their jobs in anticipation of the imminent return of Jesus. At other times in church history, theologians and pastors refrained from teaching on the end times because they thought it was too complicated and confusing for ordinary Christians to understand.

But the Apostle Paul didn't shrink away from teaching and preaching about the return of Jesus. The remedy for faltering faith is the hopeful expectation of Jesus' return. This anticipation enables believers to endure hardship and persecution and grief because we know that at Jesus' return sin will be dealt with, death and suffering and pain will be destroyed, and perfect justice will be administered.

At this point in church history, Christians tend to be overly interested in the details of the end times. We sometimes forget that the Holy Spirit inspired Paul to write about the return of Jesus so that we would find our assurance and comfort in Jesus himself, and not get bogged down in trying to discern the details surrounding his return.

1. Read 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18. Why is Paul writing about the return of Jesus (see especially vv. 13 & 18)? In light of this, what should our focus be regarding our study of the return of Jesus?
2. What are some particular ways that vv. 14-17 give you hope and encouragement?
3. List the details about Jesus' return that Paul provides in vv. 14-17. Look up Westminster Confession of Faith chapter 33 and compare it with the list you made. Are there any similarities or differences? What are they?
4. How is v. 16 especially comforting and encouraging? How does this verse connect to Jesus' promise in John 14:3?
5. In v. 18 Paul tells us to "encourage one another with these words." How can you encourage others with Paul's teaching on the return of Jesus?

From All That Dwell below the Skies

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Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Ps. 117:1

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery
3. E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's name be
land the strains be - long. In cheer - ful sound all voic - es
truth at - tends your word. Your praise shall sound from shore to

sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.
raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Based on Psalm 117
Isaac Watts, 1719; mod.

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John Hatton, 1793