



## **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, June 1, 2025

If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Colossians 3:1

Prelude

### Welcome and Announcements

### **ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

### **Greeting and Blessing\***

### **Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 24 (p. 791 in the Trinity Hymnal)

The earth is the LORD'S, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;

# for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.

Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place?

He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

He will receive blessing from the LORD and vindication from God his Savior.

# Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

### Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

### Who is he, this King of glory? The LORD Almighty—he is the King of glory.

\* Congregation is requested to stand, if able. The pastor will read the plain text; the congregation will read the bold text.

### Hymn of Preparation\*

### A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

A hymn of glory let us sing; new songs thro'out the world shall ring: *Alleluia! Alleluia!* Christ, by a road before untrod, ascendeth to the throne of God. *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!* 

The holy apostolic band upon the Mount of Olives stand; *Alleluia! Alleluia!* And with his followers they see Jesus' resplendent majesty. *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!* 

To whom the angels, drawing nigh: "Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia! "This is the Savior," thus they say, "this is his noble triumph day." Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

"Again shall ye behold him so as ye today have seen him go, *Alleluia! Alleluia!* In glorious pomp ascending high, up to the portals of the sky." *Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!* 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. Thank 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 blessed us with eternal riches in Christ, we have preferred the ways of this world. 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: Forgive us, we pray. Help us not to grow weary of doing good, but instead fill us with devotion to you and love for others that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith.
- 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

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Hymn 289

Romans 5:6-9

### **ADORATION AND PRAISE**

### **First Reading\***

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

### Thee We Adore, Eternal Lord!

Thee we adore, eternal Lord! We praise thy name with one accord. Thy saints, who here thy goodness see, through all the world do worship thee, Through all the world do worship thee.

To thee aloud all angels cry, the heav'ns and all the pow'rs on high: Thee, holy, holy, holy King, Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing, Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing.

Apostles join the glorious throng, and prophets swell th'immortal song; Thy martyrs' noble army raise eternal anthems to thy praise, Eternal anthems to thy praise.

From day to day, O Lord, do we exalt and highly honor thee! Thy name we worship and adore, world without end, forevermore, World without end, forevermore. Amen. Isaiah 55 Hymn 19

• Tithes and offerings may be placed in the box at the entrance to the sanctuary or given online through our church's website.

### **Confession of Faith**

#### **Q. 101.** For what do we pray in the first petition?

- **A.** In the first petition, which is, "Hallowed be thy Name," we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all the means by which he makes himself known, and that he would arrange all things to his own glory.
- Q. 102. For what do we pray in the second petition?
- **A.** In the second petition, which is, "Thy kingdom come," we pray that Satan's kingdom may be destroyed, and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

### Q. 103. For what do we pray in the third petition?

**A.** In the third petition, which is, "Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven," we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship \*

### Doxology\*

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.

Hymn 731

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

### THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

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

### 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. Luke 18:9-14

Hymn 7

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**Pastoral Prayer** 

Sermon

Pastor Chris Hartshorn

"The Chief of Sinners" 1 Timothy 1:12-17

### **GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

### Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

(sung to The Church's One Foundation)

### More Than Conquerors

All hail the mighty Conqueror, Christ Jesus, our great King! All hail the glorious Warrior, to whom our praise we bring. May he be given honors by all his ransomed host: We, too, are more than conquerors who make his name our boast.

Yet how can we inherit this title "conqueror" too? We have not earned the merit or fame that is his due. For we have only failed him by ev'ry sin and doubt; Indeed, we cruelly nailed him and cast the Conqueror out.

But rising up victorious he conquered death and sin, And reigns in heaven glorious, each conflict set to win. To those of his own choosing he shares the victory; Says, "Though you once were losing, come conquer now through me."

> "You cannot be defeated by trials in this life. The conquest is completed o'er Satan, sin, and strife. No pain, no tribulation, no danger, famine, sword, No—nothing in creation can conquer those in God."

Now since our God is for us what have we then to fear? Though enemies deplore us, we face them all with cheer. For we will be triumphant: each foe will be trod down Beneath the Christ exultant, who shares the Conqueror's crown. Amen.

### **Benediction\***

#### **Congregational Benediction Response\***

Hymn 290

#### Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Hail the day that sees him rise *Alleluia!* To his throne above the skies; *Alleluia!* Christ, the Lamb for sinners giv'n, *Alleluia!* Enters now the highest heav'n. *Alleluia!* 

There for him high triumph waits; *Alleluia!* Lift your heads, eternal gates, *Alleluia!* He hath conquered death and sin, *Alleluia!* Take the King of glory in! *Alleluia!* 

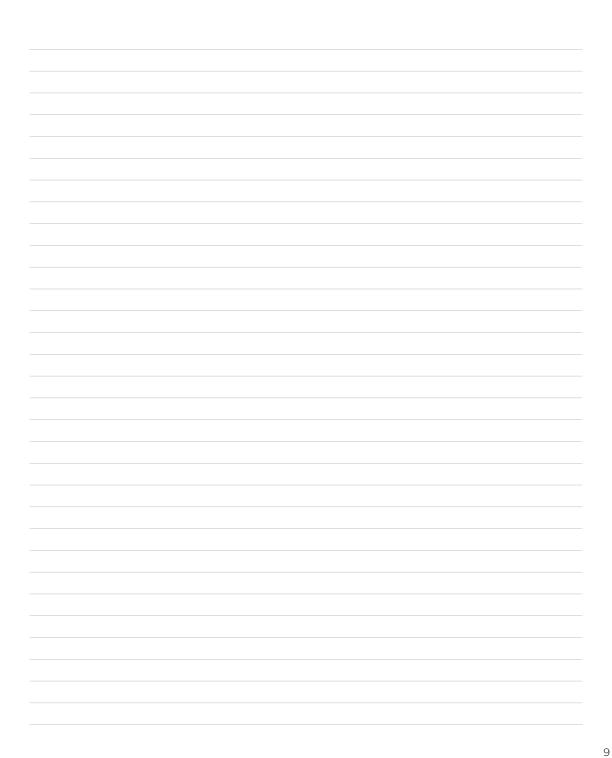
See, he lifts his hands above! *Alleluia!* See, he shows the prints of love! *Alleluia!* Hark! his gracious lips bestow *Alleluia!* Blessings on his church below. *Alleluia!* 

Lord, beyond our mortal sight, *Alleluia!* Raise our hearts to reach thy height; *Alleluia!* There thy face unclouded see, *Alleluia!* Find our heav'n of heav'ns in thee! *Alleluia!* Amen.

### **SERMON NOTES**

"The Chief of Sinners" 1 Timothy 1:12-17

- From Blasphemer to Believer (vv. 12–13) The mercy of Christ transforms enemies into servants.
- Grace Overflowing to the Foremost Sinner (vv. 14–15)
   Christ came not for the righteous, but for sinners—including the worst.
- A Pattern of Perfect Patience (v. 16)
   Paul's testimony becomes a beacon of hope for others.
- Doxology from the Depths (v. 17) True theology leads to heartfelt worship.



# **HOME WORSHIP GUIDE**

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

### Monday, June 2

Scripture: 2 Samuel 19:11 - 20:13; John 21:1-25; Psalm 120:1-7; Proverbs 16:16-17 Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 2 Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

### Tuesday, June 3

Scripture: 2 Samuel 20:14 - 21:22; Acts 1:1-26; Psalm 121:1-8; Proverbs 16:18
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 76
Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

### Wednesday, June 4

Scripture: 2 Samuel 22:1 - 23:23; Acts 2:1-47; Psalm 122:1-9; Proverbs 16:19-20
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 77
Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains. The churches in Vietnam and persecuted Christians.

### Thursday, June 5

Scripture: 2 Samuel 23:24 - 24:25; Acts 3:1-26; Psalm 123:1-4; Proverbs 16:21-23 Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 78 Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

### Friday, June 6

Scripture: 1 Kings 1:1-53; Acts 4:1-37; Psalm 124:1-8; Proverbs 16:24
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79
Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs. The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

### Saturday, June 7

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1 - 3:2; Acts 5:1-42; Psalm 125:1-5; Proverbs 16:25 Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80 Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

### Sunday, June 8

Scripture: 1 Kings 3:3 - 4:34; Acts 6:1-15; Psalm 126:1-6; Proverbs 16:26-27 Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81 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

### LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Paul never forgot what Jesus had done for him. Once a violent persecutor, Paul now stands as a trophy of divine mercy. He calls himself the "foremost" of sinners—not to wallow in guilt but to magnify the Savior who "came into the world to save sinners." His story is meant to give hope to the hopeless, to show that no one is too far gone. And as he reflects on God's grace, Paul breaks into doxology. When we see ourselves rightly—as needy sinners—and Christ rightly—as a patient and powerful Redeemer—worship is the only fitting response. Let this passage reawaken your awe at the mercy of God in Christ Jesus.

- 1. Read Acts 9:1-6. What do we learn about God's initiative in salvation from Paul's conversion?
- 2. In verse 15 of the sermon passage, Paul says Christ came "to save sinners." Why is it important that Paul adds "of whom I am the foremost"?
- 3. What does verse 16 mean when it says Paul's life was meant to be an example for others?
- 4. How does Paul's doxology in verse 17 reflect a heart transformed by grace?
- 5. Read Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 75. How do Christ's offices as Prophet, Priest, and King shine through this passage?



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