

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 13, 2021

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 93 (p. 818)

The LORD reigns, he is robed in majesty;

the LORD is robed in majesty and is armed with strength.

The world is firmly established;
it cannot be moved.

**Your throne was established long ago;
you are from all eternity.**

The seas have lifted up, O LORD, the seas have lifted up their voice;
the seas have lifted up their pounding waves.

**Mightier than the thunder of the great waters,
mightier than the breakers of the sea—the LORD on high is mighty.**

Your statutes stand firm;

holiness adorns your house for endless days, O LORD.

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

Holy, Holy, Holy!

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, in you we live, move, and have our being. We enter into your holy presence confessing our sins and seeking the forgiveness that is found in Christ alone.

All: Our sins trouble us and weigh us down. We are troubled by how our sins have offended you. We are troubled by how they have hurt others. We are troubled by how they have hurt us.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and full of remorse and regret for all we have done to displease you.

All: Forgive our sins, we pray. Cover them by the precious blood of the Lord Jesus, and enable us to live in your light and to walk in all your ways, for we ask in Jesus' Name. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 110

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 689

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 53. *Which is the third commandment?*

A. The third commandment is “You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain, for the LORD will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.”

Q. 54. *What is required in the third commandment?*

A. The third commandment requires the holy and reverent use of God’s names, titles, attributes, ordinances, Word, and works.

Q. 55. *What is forbidden in the third commandment?*

A. The third commandment forbids all profaning or abusing of anything by which God makes himself known.

Q. 56. *What is the reason attached to the third commandment?*

A. The reason attached to the third commandment is that, however those who break this commandment may escape punishment from men, yet the Lord our God will not allow them to escape his righteous judgment.

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*

Philippians 2:1-11

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 32])

Hymn 551 (printed on p. 12)

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

How blest is he whose trespass has freely been forgiv'n,
Whose sin is wholly covered before the sight of heav'n.
Blest he to whom Jehovah will not impute his sin,
Who has a guileless spirit, whose heart is true within.

While I kept guilty silence my strength was spent with grief,
Thy hand was heavy on me, my soul found no relief;
But when I owned my trespass, my sin hid not from thee,
When I confessed transgression, then thou forgavest me.

So let the godly seek thee in times when thou art near;
No whelming floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou savest me from ill,
And songs of thy salvation my heart with rapture thrill.

I graciously will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
And with mine eye upon thee my counsel make thee know.
But be ye not unruly, or slow to understand;
Be not perverse, but willing to heed my wise command.

The sorrows of the wicked in number shall abound,
But those that trust Jehovah, his mercy shall surround.
Then in the Lord be joyful, in song lift up your voice.
Be glad in God, ye righteous, rejoice, ye saints, rejoice. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Reasons to Rejoice”
John 14:28-31

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 660

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift you send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word,
We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know your favor may serve you as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We’ll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still:
To marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. 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, June 14

Scripture: 1 Kings 12:20 - 13:34; Acts 9:26-43; Psalm 132:1-18; Proverbs 17:6

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 26

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

Tuesday, June 15

Scripture: 1 Kings 14:1 - 15:24; Acts 10:1-23; Psalm 133:1-3; Proverbs 17:7-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 11

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

Wednesday, June 16

Scripture: 1 Kings 15:25 - 17:24; Acts 10:24-48; Psalm 134:1-3; Proverbs 17:9-11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 12

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

Thursday, June 17

Scripture: 1 Kings 18:1-46; Acts 11:1-30; Psalm 135:1-21; Proverbs 17:12-13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 13

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

Friday, June 18

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-21; Acts 12:1-23; Psalm 136:1-26; Proverbs 17:14-15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 14

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

Saturday, June 19

Scripture: 1 Kings 20:1 - 21:29; Acts 12:24 - 13:15; Psalm 137:1-9; Proverbs 17:16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 15

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

Sunday, June 20

Scripture: 1 Kings 22:1-53; Acts 13:16-41; Psalm 138:1-8; Proverbs 17:17-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 16

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

While the disciples in the Upper Room were troubled and saddened by the news that Jesus was going to leave them, he gave them reasons to rejoice. He explained that he would soon return to the Father, where he would once again be exalted in glory (John 17:5). During his time on earth as the incarnate Son, Jesus underwent a time of humiliation because he was born of woman and born under the law. But after his suffering and death, he was raised and ascended in glory where he is now seated at the right hand of God. His exaltation was evidence to all things seen and unseen that he was victorious over Satan through his obedience to the Father and his death on the cross.

Like the disciples, we are often prone to feeling troubled and sad as we live in this fallen world. We tend to focus so much on our own day-to-day lives and the setbacks we experience in life that we lose focus of the grand truth that Christ is exalted in glory, ruling and reigning over all creation. Rather than letting the difficulties of this life trouble and sadden us, the Lord Jesus calls us to rejoice in the fact that he is now glorified with the Father as our victorious King. Take a few moments to consider how the current problems in your life that tend to make you feel troubled and sad would lose their grip on you if you consistently viewed them in light of Christ's sovereignty.

1. For review, read John 14 and note the ways Jesus comforts his disciples. What does he promise about the work of the Holy Spirit?
2. In John 14:28, Jesus says that the disciples should have rejoiced because he is going to the Father. Read the following questions and answers from the Westminster Larger Catechism. What benefits do Christians receive as a result of Christ's exalted glory?

Q. 43. *How does Christ execute the office of a prophet?* Christ executes the office of a prophet, in his revealing to the Church, in all ages, by his Spirit and Word, in divers ways of administration, the whole will of God, in all things concerning their edification and salvation.

Q. 44. *How does Christ execute the office of a priest?* Christ executes the office of a priest, in his once offering himself a sacrifice without spot to God, to be a reconciliation for the sins of the people; and in making continual intercession for them.

Q. 45. *How does Christ execute the office of a king?* Christ executes the office of a king, in calling out of the world a people to himself, and giving them officers, laws, and censures, by which he visibly governs them; in bestowing saving grace upon his elect, rewarding their obedience, and correcting them for their sins, preserving and supporting them under all their temptations and sufferings, restraining and overcoming all their enemies, and powerfully ordering all things for his own glory, and their good; and also in taking vengeance on the rest, who know not God, and obey not the gospel.

Q. 54. *How is Christ exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God?* Christ is exalted in his sitting at the right hand of God, in that as God-man he is advanced to the highest favor with God the Father, with all fullness of joy, glory, and power over all things in heaven and earth; and does gather and defend his Church, and subdue their enemies; furnishes his ministers and people with gifts and graces, and makes intercession for them.

3. Consider what we learned in the sermon about how Christ defeated Satan through the cross. How should this truth affect your daily life in the way that you fight against sin and temptation?

How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.

Ps. 32:1

1. How blest is he whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,
 2. While I kept guil - ty si - lence my strength was spent with grief,
 3. So let the god - ly seek thee in times when thou art near;
 4. I gra - cious - ly will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
 5. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in num - ber shall a - bound,

whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.
 thy hand was heav - y on me, my soul found no re - lief;
 • no whelm - ing floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
 and with mine eye up - on thee my coun - sel make thee know.
 but those that trust Je - ho - vah, his mer - cy shall sur - round.

Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im - pute his sin,
 but when I owned my tres - pass, my sin hid not from thee,
 • In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou sav - est me from ill,
 But be ye not un - rul - y, or slow to un - der - stand;
 Then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice.

who has a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
 when I con - fessed trans - gres - sion, then thou for - gav - est me.
 • and songs of thy sal - va - tion my heart with rap - ture thrill.
 be not per - verse, but will - ing to heed my wise com - mand.
 Be glad in God, ye righ - teous, re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.