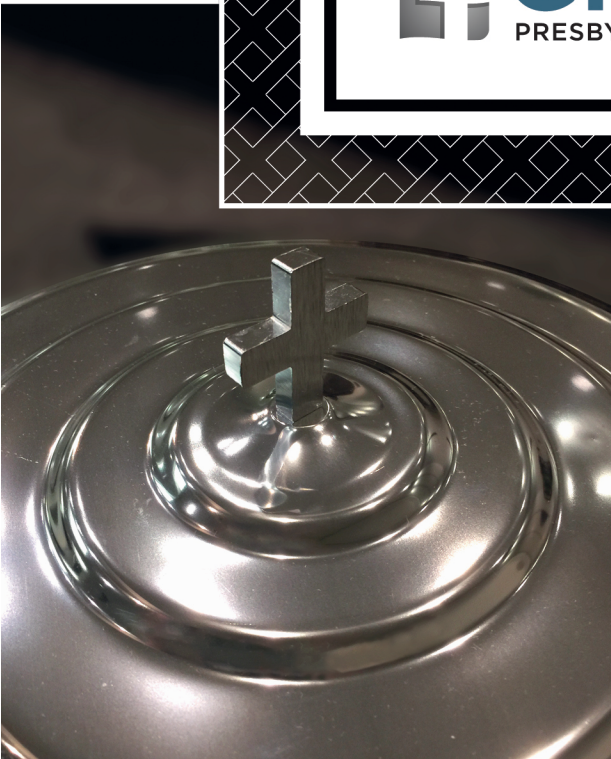


 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

June 16, 2024

I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me; hear my words.

Psalm 17:6

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 146 (p. 839 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

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.

Do not put your trust in princes, in mortal men, who cannot save.

**When their spirit departs, they return to the ground;
on that very day their plans come to nothing.**

Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God,

**the Maker of heaven and earth, the sea, and everything in them—
the LORD, who remains faithful forever.**

He upholds the cause of the oppressed and gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets prisoners free, the LORD gives sight to the blind,

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down, the LORD loves the righteous.

**The LORD watches over the alien and sustains the fatherless and the widow,
but he frustrates the ways of the wicked.**

The LORD reigns forever, your God, O Zion, for all generations.

Praise the LORD.

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

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

God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory

God, all nature sings thy glory, and thy works proclaim thy might;
Ordered vastness in the heavens, ordered course of day and night;
Beauty in the changing seasons, beauty in the storming sea;
All the changing moods of nature praise the changeless Trinity.

Clearer still we see thy hand in man whom thou hast made for thee;
Ruler of creation's glory, image of thy majesty.
Music, art, the fruitful garden, all the labor of his days,
Are the calling of his Maker to the harvest feast of praise.

But our sins have spoiled thine image; nature, conscience only serve
As unceasing, grim reminders of the wrath which we deserve.
Yet thy grace and saving mercy in thy Word of truth revealed
Claim the praise of all who know thee, in the blood of Jesus sealed.

God of glory, power, mercy, all creation praises thee;
We, thy creatures, would adore thee now and through eternity.
Saved to magnify thy goodness, grant us strength to do thy will;
With our acts as with our voices thy commandments to fulfill. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty God and heavenly Father, we approach your throne of grace in sorrow and frustration as we consider how we have sinned against you and others.

All: We have broken your laws, and we have failed to love others as you command us in your Word. Though you have equipped us with many gifts and graces, we did not faithfully use them for your glory.

Leader: Have mercy on us, we pray, and grant us forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. Cause us to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

All: All glory be to you, O God, through 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 2:11-25

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 253

There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 96. *What is the Lord's Supper?*

A. The Lord's Supper is a sacrament, in which by giving and receiving bread and wine, according to Christ's direction, his death is shown forth; and the worthy receivers are, not after a corporal and carnal manner, but by faith, made partakers of his body and blood, with all his benefits, to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace.

Q. 97. *What is required to be worthy of receiving the Lord's Supper?*

A. It is required of those who would receive the Lord's Supper worthily that they examine themselves, as to their knowledge to discern the Lord's body, as to their faith to feed on him, and as to their repentance, love, and new obedience; lest, coming unworthily, they eat and drink judgment on themselves.

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*

Acts 7:17-38

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 103])

Hymn 93

The Tender Love a Father Has

The tender love a father has
For all his children dear,
Such love the Lord bestows on them
Who worship him in fear.

The Lord remembers we are dust,
And all our frailty knows;
Man's days are like the tender grass,
And as the flow'r he grows.

The flow'r is withered by the wind
That smites with blighting breath;
So man is quickly swept away
Before the blast of death.

Unchanging is the love of God,
From age to age the same,
Displayed to all who do his will
And reverence his name.

Those who his gracious cov'nant keep
The Lord will ever bless;
Their children's children shall rejoice
To see his righteousness. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Salvation Comes from the Lord”
Exodus 2:11-25

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*

(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

“Salvation Comes from the Lord”
Exodus 2:11-25

1. Choose Christ instead of the fleeting pleasures of sin. (v. 11)
Hebrews 11:24-26
2 Corinthians 4:16-18
2. Trust in the Lord and not in your own strength. (vv. 12-15)
Acts 7:23-29
3. Know that salvation comes from the Lord. (vv. 16-25)
Psalm 3:8
Titus 3:4-7

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, June 17

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 18

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

Tuesday, 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 97

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

Wednesday, 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 98

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Sao Tome & Principe and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, 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 99

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

Friday, June 21

Scripture: 2 Kings 1:1 - 2:25; Acts 13:42 - 14:7; Psalm 139:1-24; Proverbs 17:19-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 100

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

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

Saturday, June 22

Scripture: 2 Kings 3:1 - 4:17; Acts 14:8-28; Psalm 140:1-13; Proverbs 17:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 101

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

Sunday, June 23

Scripture: 2 Kings 4:18 - 5:27; Acts 15:1-35; Psalm 141:1-10; Proverbs 17:23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 102

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 | Presbyterian Church in Belize

Dave & Darlene Eby | Africa Reformation Theol. Seminary Uganda

Christ Bible Institute | Nagoya, Japan

GATHERING for EVENING PRAYER and HYMNS

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Hymn

“O Lord Most High, with All My Heart” Hymn 48

***Scripture Reading**

Hymn

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” Hymn 32

Devotion

Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World” Hymn 111

Congregational Prayer

Men remain in the sanctuary;
Ladies meet in the fellowship hall

***Hymn**

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” Hymn 78

***Closing Prayer**



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