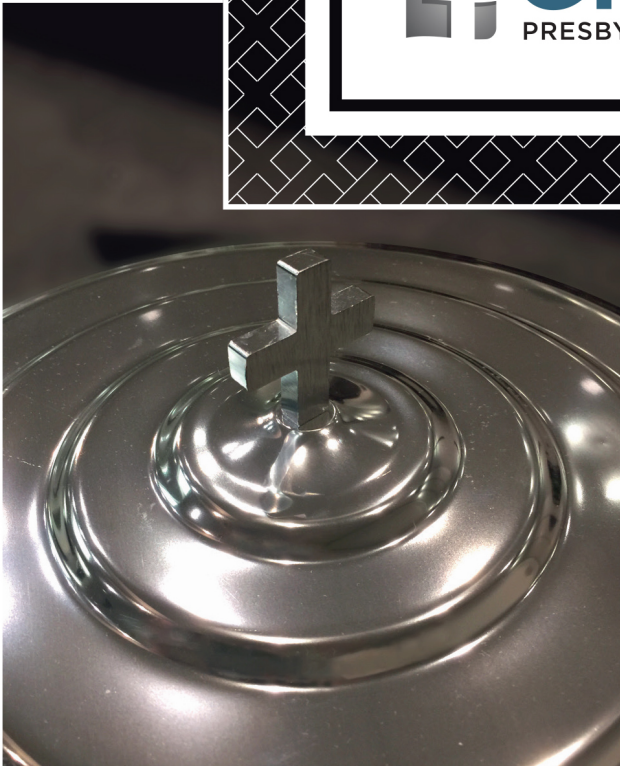




 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Let all the earth fear the LORD;
let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!
Psalm 33:8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 98 (p. 820 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;

his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The LORD has made his salvation known,

and revealed his righteousness to the nations.

He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to the house of Israel;

all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth,

burst into jubilant song with music;

make music to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing,

with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn—shout for joy before the LORD, the King.

Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it.

Let the rivers clap their hands, let the mountains sing together for joy;

let them sing before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.

He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, we believe that your Law is holy, and your commandments are righteous and good. Your Law reveals our sin and how desperately we need your saving grace. The Third Commandment of your Law 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."

Leader: We confess that we have broken this commandment by not treating your name with the honor and reverence that you deserve. We have been distracted in worship and in our prayers and Bible reading. We are ashamed and sorry for how we have sinned against you. Forgive us and guide our thoughts, words, and deeds to be in conformity to what is glorifying and pleasing to you. Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to honor and serve you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jude 24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month) (Sung to “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”)
Hymn 707

Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee;
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.
Perish ev’ry fond ambition, all I’ve sought or hoped or known;
Yet how rich is my condition, God and heav’n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like man, untrue;
And, while thou shalt smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,
Foes may hate and friends may shun me; show thy face, and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, ’twill but drive me to thy breast;
Life with trials hard may press me, heav’n will bring me sweeter rest.
O ’tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me;
O ’twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with thee.

Take, my soul, thy full salvation, rise o’er sin and fear and care;
Joy to find in ev’ry station something still to do or bear;
Think what Spirit dwells within thee, what a Father’s smile is thine,
What a Savior died to win thee: child of heav’n, shouldst thou repine?

Hasten on from grace to glory, armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heav’n’s eternal day’s before thee, God’s own hand shall guide thee there.
Soon shall close thy earthly mission, swift shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope soon change to glad fruition, faith to sight, and prayer to praise. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 7. *What are the decrees of God?*

A. The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, by which, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q. 8. *How does God execute his decrees?*

A. God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 9. *What is the work of creation?*

A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

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*

Philippians 4:2-9

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month: Psalm 80)

(music printed on p. 12)

Great Shepherd Who Leadest Thy People

Great shepherd who leadest thy people in love,
'Mid cherubim dwelling, shine thou from above;
In might come and save us, thy people restore,
And we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.

O haste, Lord, to hear us and pity our woes,
Affliction our portion, despised by our foes.
O Lord God Almighty, in mercy restore,
And we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.

A place for thy people thou, Lord, didst prepare,
Thy vine deeply rooted rewarded thy care;
Its branches, like cedars, majestic and free,
Spread over the mountains from river to sea.

Thy vineyard no longer thy tender care knows,
Defenseless, the victim and spoil of her foes;
O turn, we beseech thee, all glory is thine,
Look down in thy mercy and visit thy vine.

The branch of thy planting is burned and cut down,
Brought nigh to destruction because of thy frown;
The man of thy right hand with wisdom endue,
The son of man strengthen thy pleasure to do.

When thou shalt revive us, thy name we will praise,
And nevermore, turning, depart from thy ways;
O Lord God Almighty, in mercy restore,
And we shall be saved when thy face shines once more. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Church Life”
Colossians 3:15-17

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me

What gift of grace is Jesus, my Redeemer; there is no more for heaven now to give.
He is my joy, my righteousness and freedom, my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus, for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken, for by my side, the Savior, He will stay.

I labor on in weakness and rejoicing, for in my need His power is displayed.
To this I hold: my Shepherd will defend me; through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

No fate I dread; I know I am forgiven; the future sure, the price, it has been paid.
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon, and He was raised to overthrow the grave.

To this I hold: my sin has been defeated; Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.

With every breath I long to follow Jesus, for He has said that He will bring me home.

And day by day I know He will renew me until I stand with joy before the throne.

To this I hold: my hope is only Jesus; all the glory evermore to Him.
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat: yet not I, but through Christ in me. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

SERMON NOTES

“Church Life”
Colossians 3:15-17

Strive to make church life:

1. Peaceful
Romans 5:1
2. Word-centered
2 Timothy 3:16-17
3. Christ-centered
Acts 11:26

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, June 22

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 25

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

Tuesday, 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 85

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

Wednesday, June 24

Scripture: 2 Kings 6:1 - 7:20; Acts 15:36 - 16:15; Psalm 142:1-7; Proverbs 17:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 86

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

Thursday, June 25

Scripture: 2 Kings 8:1 - 9:13; Acts 16:16-40; Psalm 143:1-12; Proverbs 17:26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 87

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

Friday, June 26

Scripture: 2 Kings 9:14 - 10:31; Acts 17:1-34; Psalm 144:1-15; Proverbs 17:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 88

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs.
The Shepherd's Church Plant in Riverside and the Manrique Family.

Saturday, June 27

Scripture: 2 Kings 10:32 - 12:21; Acts 18:1-22; Psalm 145:1-21; Proverbs 18:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 89

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

Sunday, June 28

Scripture: 2 Kings 13:1 - 14:29; Acts 18:23 - 19:12; Psalm 146:1-10; Proverbs 18:2-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 90

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 the Dominican Republic

Dave Eby in Uganda

Christ Bible Institute in Japan

The Shepherd's Church in Riverside

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

At Colossians 3:15 and following, Paul begins to apply doctrine to both church life and family life. The emphasis is on the fact that we have been saved by grace through Christ, and this ought to reveal itself in how we interact in the church and at home. The overarching themes are of peace and thankfulness. Having received peace with God through Jesus Christ, we are thankful and desire to extend that same peace to others. Richard Phillips, in his commentary on Colossians, writes:

A Christian has every reason to live thankfully before God. We have been forgiven our sins at the cost of Christ's blood. We were loved by God when we were unlovable and reprobate. We have waiting for us beyond this world of woe an eternal inheritance in glory. How can we be discontent, despite all the lesser and greater disappointments we experience in this life? We are cared for by a loving, sovereign, and faithful God, both physically and spiritually. The Christian who lives in this realization will find it easy for Christ's peace to rule in his or her heart. Ultimately, Paul shows, Christ's peace will rule in hearts that are most satisfied with him. Thinking about ourselves in Christ—as, in the words of Colossians 3:12, “chosen ones, holy and beloved”—we will express our thanks to God by showing thanks to one another.

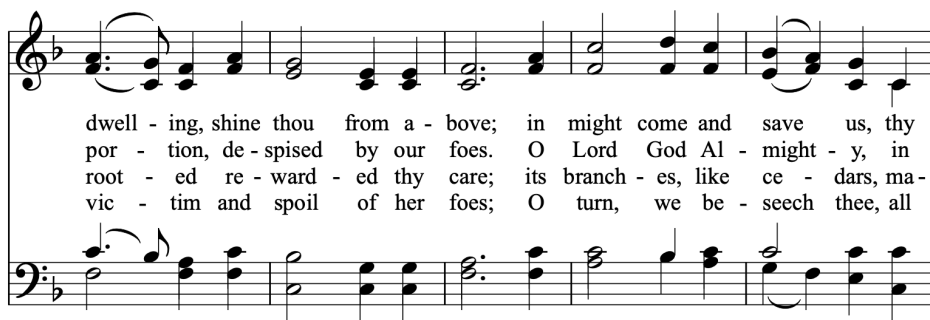
1. For review, read Colossians 3:1-14. How does Paul weave together indicatives (who we are by faith in Christ) with imperatives (how we are to live by faith as Christians)? Why is it important to see how the imperatives flow out of the indicatives?
2. Read Colossians 3:15. Why is the peace Paul refers to here both “vertical and horizontal” according to what you learned in the sermon? How can you let the peace of Christ “rule” in your heart in a more effective way?
3. Read Colossians 3:16. What does this verse teach about the importance of Scripture in church life? How can you use Scripture to lovingly teach and admonish yourself and those in our church?
4. Read Colossians 3:17. What does this verse teach about Christ-centeredness as a church? How can you assist in making our church more Christ-centered?
5. Notice how Paul underlines the importance of thankfulness in verses 15-17. Why is thankfulness such an important aspect of church life?

Great Shepherd Who Leadest Thy People

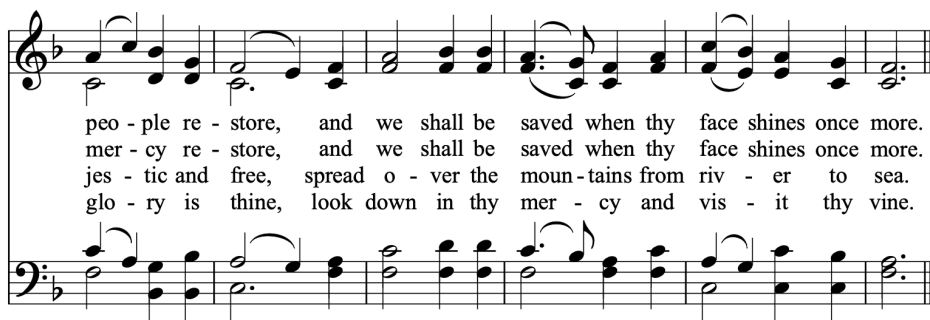
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1. Great shep-herd who lead-est thy peo-ple in love, 'mid cher-u-bim
 2. O haste, Lord, to hear us and pit-y our woes, af-flic-tion our
 3. A place for thy peo-ple thou, Lord, didst pre-pare, thy vine deep-ly
 4. Thy vine-yard no long-er thy ten-der care knows, de-fense-less, the



dwell-ing, shine thou from a-bove; in might come and save us, thy
 por-tion, de-spised by our foes. O Lord God Al-might-y, in
 root-ed re-ward-ed thy care; its branch-es, like ce-dars, ma-
 vic-tim and spoil of her foes; O turn, we be-seech thee, all



peo-ple re-store, and we shall be saved when thy face shines once more.
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 jes-tic and free, spread o-ver the moun-tains from riv-er to sea.
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5. The branch of thy planting is burned and cut down,
 brought nigh to destruction because of thy frown;
 the man of thy right hand with wisdom endue,
 the son of man strengthen thy pleasure to do.

6. When thou shalt revive us, thy name we will praise,
 and nevermore, turning, depart from thy ways;
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