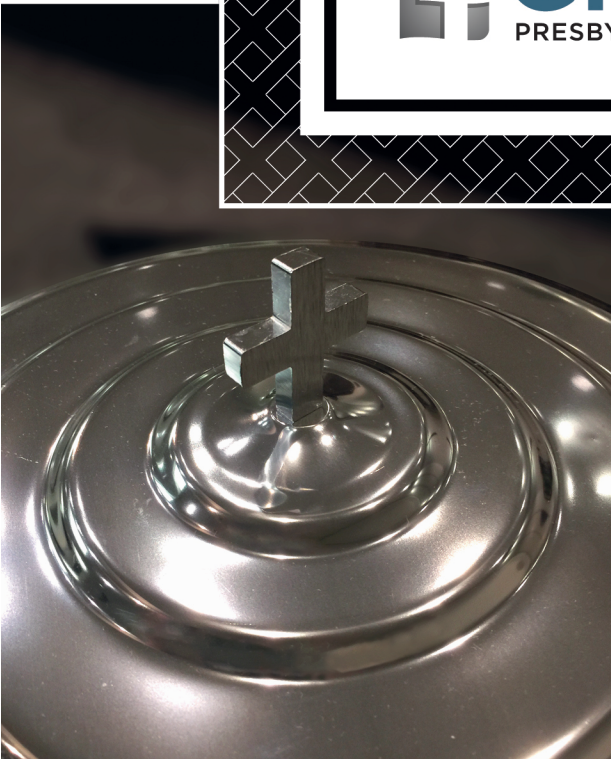




 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

June 30, 2024

The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,
my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

Psalm 18:2

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 1 (p. 785 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked
or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers.

**But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law he meditates day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by streams of water,
which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither.
Whatever he does prospers.

**Not so the wicked!
They are like chaff that the wind blows away.**

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

**For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

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

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

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, we join with your Church around the world, with Christians now in heaven, and with the heavenly host of angels to declare that you are holy, holy, holy; the whole earth is full of your glory.

All: As we think about your holiness, we recognize our unworthiness all the more. We confess that we have sinned against you and others. All the wrongs we have done are not hidden from you. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Enable us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, 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

Ephesians 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 24

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 Nicene Creed (p. 846)

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.
And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of his Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered and was buried; and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.
And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

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.

❖ *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*

Colossians 1:15-23

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

Rev. Dr. Dave Briones

“Divine Generosity and Christian Humility”
Romans 11:33-36

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 521

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus’ name.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace;
In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When he shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in him be found;
Dressed in his righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.

*On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand. Amen.*

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

May the peace of God, our heav'nly Father,
And the grace of Christ, the risen Son,
And the fellowship of God, the Spirit
Keep our hearts and minds within his love.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings.*

May this peace which passes understanding,
And this grace which makes us what we are,
And this fellowship of his communion,
Make us one in spirit and in heart.

*And to him be praise for his glorious reign;
From the depths of earth to the heights of heaven
We declare the name of the Lamb once slain—
Christ eternal, the King of kings. Amen.*

SERMON NOTES

“Divine Generosity and Christian Humility” Romans 11:33-36

1. God Is God, and We Are Not
2. The Gift of “All Things”
 - a. Creation
 - b. Christ
3. Our Response to the Giver
 - a. Adoration
 - b. Humility
 - c. Service

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, July 1

Scripture: 2 Kings 18:13 - 19:37; Acts 21:1-17; Psalm 149:1-9; Proverbs 18:8

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 20

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

Tuesday, July 2

Scripture: 2 Kings 20:1 - 22:2; Acts 21:18-36; Psalm 150:1-6; Proverbs 18:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 2

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

Wednesday, July 3

Scripture: 2 Kings 22:3 - 23:30; Acts 21:37 - 22:16; Psalm 1:1-6; Proverbs 18:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 3

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Senegal and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, July 4

Scripture: 2 Kings 23:31 - 25:30; Acts 22:17 - 23:10; Psalm 2:1-12; Proverbs 18:13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 4

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

Friday, July 5

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 1:1 - 2:17; Acts 23:11-35; Psalm 3:1-8; Proverbs 18:14-15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 5

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

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

Saturday, July 6

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 2:18 - 4:4; Acts 24:1-27; Psalm 4:1-8; Proverbs 18:16-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 6

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

Sunday, July 7

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 4:5 - 5:17; Acts 25:1-27; Psalm 5:1-12; Proverbs 18:19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 7

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

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

“What do you have that you did not receive?” (1 Corinthians 4:7). How would you answer that question? Think about your bank statement, the recent promotion, your marriage, children, grandchildren, your athletic abilities, your spiritual gifts, even your salvation. “What do you have that you did not receive?” I see only two possible answers:

You *did not* receive all that you possess — or — You *did* receive all that you possess.

The first response commits a heinous, theological crime: it confuses the Creator-creature distinction. God alone is the only being in the universe to possess without first receiving something. We, on the other hand, must receive something *extra nos* (“outside of ourselves”) before possessing anything. After all, who can bestow on themselves the gift of life? The second response, then, is the most theologically accurate response a Christian could give: you *did* receive everything that you possess.

Nevertheless, it is one thing to affirm a theological truth in our heads and another to affirm it in our lives. My prayer is that, as we consider one of Paul’s most God-glorifying doxologies (Romans 11:33-36), we would rightly understand our God, ourselves, and our possessions in light of God’s gift of “all things.”

1. Read 1 Cor. 4. What sinful struggles or thoughts dwell in the heart of a Christian who “boasts” about divinely given gifts (1 Cor. 4:7)?
2. Compare Rom. 11:34 and 1 Cor. 2:11-12, 16. If God’s “judgments” and “ways” are “inscrutable” and “unsearchable,” then what enables us to understand him? Will we ever fully understand God?
3. Compare 1 Cor. 8:6 and Col. 1:16. What differences and similarities do you detect? Note especially the specific prepositions (e.g., “from,” “through,” “for”) and the person of the Trinity to whom they are applied. What is the significance of Paul applying “for” to God the Father in 1 Cor. 8:6, but he applies “for” to Christ in Col. 1:16?
4. Re-read Romans 11:33-36. What attributes of God are meant to humble believers, and what does Paul mean by the phrase “all things” (v. 36)? Should our theology (belief about God) always lead to doxology (worship of God)?
5. Read Romans 12:1-3. What are “the mercies of God,” and how do they relate to our obedience: presenting ourselves as a living sacrifice (v. 1), not being conformed but transformed (v. 2), and not thinking too highly of ourselves?
6. Read Westminster Confession of Faith 2.2. Does God need you or me to be complete? If not, why does he save us at all?



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