

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 6, 2021

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances;  
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

**1 Thessalonians 5:16-18**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 32 (p. 795)

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

**Blessed is the man whose sin the LORD does not count against him and in whose spirit is no deceit.**

When I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long.

**For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was sapped as in the heat of summer.**

Then I acknowledged my sin to you and did not cover up my iniquity.

**I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD” — and you forgave the guilt of my sin.**

Therefore let everyone who is godly pray to you while you may be found;

**surely when the mighty waters rise, they will not reach him.**

You are my hiding place;

**you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.**

I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you and watch over you.

**Do not be like the horse or the mule, which have no understanding but must be controlled by bit and bridle or they will not come to you.**

Many are the woes of the wicked, but the LORD’s unfailing love surrounds the man who trusts in him.

**Rejoice in the LORD and be glad, you righteous; sing, all you who are upright in heart!**

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

***For the Beauty of the Earth***

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.*

For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely giv'n,  
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,  
*Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise. Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Lord God, you are holy, holy, holy. The whole earth is full of your glory. As we think about your holiness, we realize how we fall short of all that you require of us.

**All:** We have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Instead of being lights in this world to lead others toward you, we have often chosen to walk in darkness.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray, and renew our wills. We desire to be conformed more and more to the likeness of Christ; grant us grace and work in us by your Holy Spirit to that end.

**All:** Thank you for the assurance we have of forgiveness through the blood of our Savior, 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\*

Exodus 20:1-17; Romans 13:8-10

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. 49.** *Which is the second commandment?*

**A.** The second commandment is “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

**Q. 50.** *What is required in the second commandment?*

**A.** The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.

**Q. 51.** *What is forbidden in the second commandment?*

**A.** The second commandment forbids the worshipping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

**Q. 52.** *What are the reasons attached to the second commandment?*

**A.** The reasons attached to the second commandment are: God’s sovereignty over us, his ownership in us, and the zeal he has for his own worship.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Doxology\*

Hymn 731

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.

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

Ephesians 4:1-16

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 Clayton Willis

“Pastoral Instructions”  
1 Thessalonians 5:12-22

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 585

### *Take My Life, and Let It Be*

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose,  
Ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee. Amen.

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

Honor, glory, might, and merit,  
Be to God and God alone!  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
One in Three and Three in One. Amen.







# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, June 7**

Scripture: 1 Kings 2:1 - 3:2; Acts 5:1-42; Psalm 125:1-5; Proverbs 16:25

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 25

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

## **Tuesday, 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 5

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

## **Wednesday, June 9**

Scripture: 1 Kings 5:1 - 6:38; Acts 7:1-29; Psalm 127:1-5; Proverbs 16:28-30

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 6

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Burkina Faso and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, June 10**

Scripture: 1 Kings 7:1-50; Acts 7:30-50; Psalm 128:1-6; Proverbs 16:31-33

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 7

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

## **Friday, June 11**

Scripture: 1 Kings 8:1-66; Acts 7:51 - 8:13; Psalm 129:1-8; Proverbs 17:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 8

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

Our pregnant moms.

## **Saturday, June 12**

Scripture: 1 Kings 9:1 - 10:29; Acts 8:14-40; Psalm 130:1-8; Proverbs 17:2-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 9

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

## **Sunday, June 13**

Scripture: 1 Kings 11:1 - 12:19; Acts 9:1-25; Psalm 131:1-3; Proverbs 17:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 10

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

The Apostle Paul is giving final instructions to the Thessalonian believers as he concludes his letter. In this last section before the benediction, Paul is giving general pastoral instruction on how to live faithfully and obediently in anticipation of the return of Jesus. In doing so, Paul is addressing the Thessalonian believers as a congregation, encouraging them to strive together in faith in order to fulfill their calling as a church.

So what is the calling of the church? Some say the primary calling of the church is evangelism. Others say the church's primary purpose is mercy ministry. Still others say the primary calling of the church is to be a safe place from the persecutions of the world. All of these are true to some extent, but none of them are the primary calling of the church. Richard Phillips writes:

Certainly, the church must evangelize, minister, and protect, but these are not God's main purposes for the church. According to Paul, the purpose of the church is that we, God's people, should grow spiritually so that we increasingly attain to Christlike holiness and maturity.

Paul admonishes the church to respect the authority instituted by the Lord, to minister to one another, to recognize and appreciate the blessings found in Christ, and to rely on the power of the Holy Spirit because they make up the primary purpose of the church since by them we grow and "attain Christlike holiness and maturity."

1. How does Paul describe the role of pastors/elders (those who labor among you) and the role of church members in verses 12-13? Compare these verses to Hebrews 13:17-19. What is the work of the pastor/elder? What kind of submission is in view in these verses?
2. What are the three commands Paul gives in 1 Thessalonians 5:14? Who is Paul addressing in this verse? How does this help you to understand your responsibility toward your fellow believers?
3. Read 1 Thessalonians 5:15. Why do you think Paul had to include this verse in his instructions to the church?
4. What are the three commands Paul gives the church in verses 16-18? What does Paul mean by "always," "without ceasing," and "in all circumstances"? How does Paul connect these traits to the sanctifying work of the Holy Spirit? (see v. 19)
5. What are some specific ways these commands serve to point us to the example and life of the Lord Jesus?

## 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.