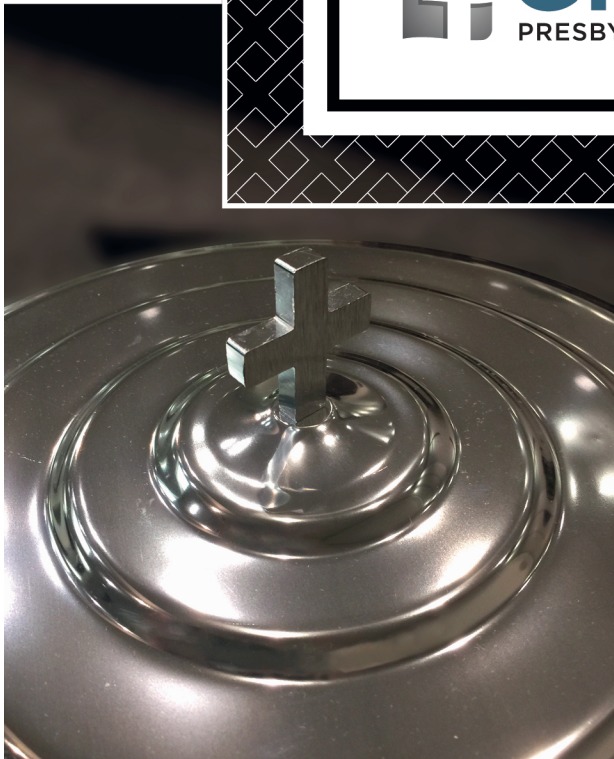


 **GRACE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# WORSHIP SERVICE

June 9, 2024

You make known to me the path of life;  
in your presence there is fullness of joy;  
at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

**Psalms 16:11**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalms 139:1-14 (p. 836 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

O LORD, you have searched me and you know me.

**You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.**

You discern my going out and my lying down; you are familiar with all my ways.

**Before a word is on my tongue you know it completely, O LORD.**

You hem me in—behind and before; you have laid your hand upon me.

**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, too lofty for me to attain.**

Where can I go from your Spirit?

**Where can I flee from your presence?**

If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

**if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.**

If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea,

**even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.**

If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me,"

**even the darkness will not be dark to you;**

**the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to you.**

For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb.

**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;**

your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

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

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

## Hymn of Preparation\*

### *Before the Throne of God Above*

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is Love, who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.  
I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the just, is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,  
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!  
One with himself I cannot die. My soul is purchased by his blood!  
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God. Amen.

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Gracious God, you caution us in your Word, saying: “Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil. Avoid it; do not go on it; turn away from it and pass it on.”

**All:** Father, we confess that we have not obeyed your Word. Though you have blessed us with eternal riches in Christ, we have preferred the ways of this world. We have rebelled against your wisdom and sought after foolishness. We have rejected your fatherly commands and have done what is right in our own eyes.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray, and enable us by your Holy Spirit to love your commandments and to walk in your ways.

**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, now and forever. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 1:8-22

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 lisp'ing, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave:  
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;  
When this poor lisp'ing, 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. 94.** *What is Baptism?*

- A.** Baptism is a sacrament, in which the washing with water in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, does signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and receiving of the benefits of the Covenant of Grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

### **Q. 95.** *To whom is Baptism to be administered?*

- A.** Baptism is not to be administered to any who are out of the visible Church, until they profess their faith in Christ and obedience to him; but the infants of those who are members of the visible Church are to be baptized.

## 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.

❖ *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\*

Romans 8:18-30

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

“A Savior Is Born”  
Exodus 2:1-10

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 108

### ***Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right***

Whate’er my God ordains is right:  
His holy will abideth;  
I will be still whate’er he doth,  
And follow where he guideth.  
He is my God; though dark my road,  
He holds me that I shall not fall:  
Wherefore to him I leave it all.

Whate’er my God ordains is right:  
He never will deceive me;  
He leads me by the proper path;  
I know he will not leave me.  
I take, content, what he hath sent;  
His hand can turn my griefs away,  
And patiently I wait his day.

Whate’er my God ordains is right:  
Though now this cup, in drinking,  
May bitter seem to my faint heart,  
I take it, all unshrinking.  
My God is true; each morn anew  
Sweet comfort yet shall fill my heart,  
And pain and sorrow shall depart.

Whate’er my God ordains is right:  
Here shall my stand be taken;  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
Yet am I not forsaken.  
My Father’s care is round me there;  
He holds me that I shall not fall:  
And so to him I leave it all. 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.



## SERMON NOTES

## “A Savior Is Born”

Exodus 2:1-10

1. God is always with us (even when it seems he isn't!).

Exodus 1

2. God reveals himself in the faith of his people.

Acts 7:20-22; Hebrews 11:23

3. God reveals himself through his ordinary providence.

Over world history. (Daniel 2:20-22)

Over our lives. (Psalm 139:13-16)

Over our actions. (Proverbs 21:1)

God's providence will never fail. (Isaiah 14:24-27)

He works all things for his glory and our good. (Romans 8:28; Acts 7:20-22)



# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, June 10**

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 17

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

## **Tuesday, 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 91

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

## **Wednesday, 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 92

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in San Marino and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, 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 93

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

## **Friday, June 14**

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

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 94

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

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

## **Saturday, 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 95

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

## **Sunday, 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 96

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**

## **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

### **Prelude**

### **Greeting and Call to Worship\***

Psalm 100

**Leader:** Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

**All:** Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

### **Hymn\***

“For the Beauty of the Earth” Hymn 116

### **Congregational Confession of Sin**

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love. According to your great compassion, blot out our transgressions. Wash away all our iniquity, and cleanse us from our sin. Against you, you only, have we sinned and done what is evil in your sight. Wash us, that we may be whiter than snow, for a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Restore us to fellowship with you, that we may walk in the full assurance of your promises, and in the freedom of knowing that you care for us and have brought us to yourself by the death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose strong Name we pray. Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

### **Hymn**

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I” Hymn 706

### **Scripture Reading\***

Ephesians 6:10-20

### **Hymn**

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name” Hymn 246

### **Prayer**

### **Sermon**

“The Sandals of Peace”  
Ephesians 6:15

Pastor Ben Muresan

### **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

### **Hymn\***

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” Hymn 457

### **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.