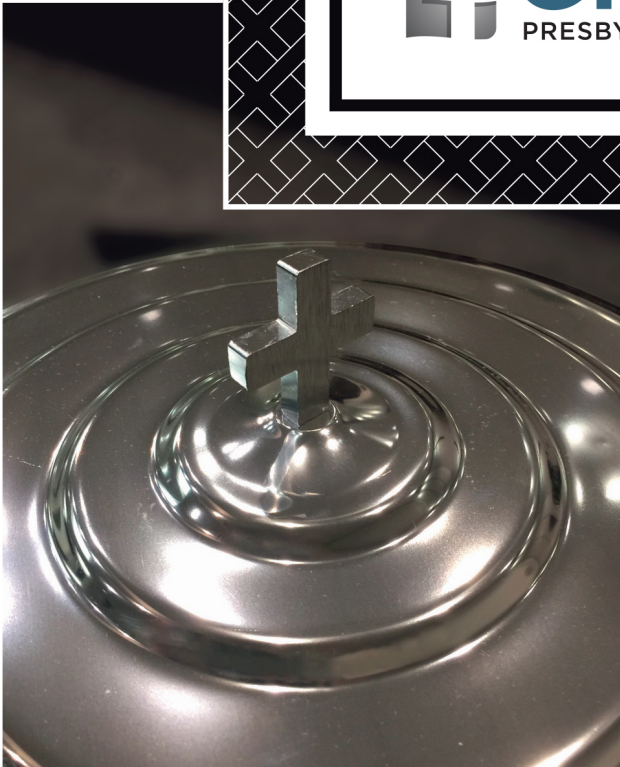


 **GRACE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 13, 2025

But I will sing of your strength;  
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.  
For you have been to me a fortress  
and a refuge in the day of my distress.  
**Psalm 59:16**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 100 (p. 821 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;  
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving  
and his courts with praise;

**give thanks to him and praise his name.**

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

**his faithfulness continues through all generations.**

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

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

***Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise***

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
’Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we thank you for your moral law which is summarized in the Ten Commandments. Each of the commandments reveal your holiness and our sinfulness.

**All:** The Fifth Commandment is: “Honor your father and your mother, that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.”

**Leader:** We confess that we have broken this commandment by not giving proper respect to those whom you have placed in authority over us. Help us to correct our errors and to trust in your sovereignty over every sphere of our lives, including your providence over those whom you have appointed to lead us.

**All:** Strengthen us by your Holy Spirit to serve and please 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**

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Exodus 19

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 261

### *What Wondrous Love Is This*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!  
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,  
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;  
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,  
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;  
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,  
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,  
And through eternity I'll sing on! 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 ❖

### 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\*

Hebrews 12:18-29

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 5])

Hymn 51

## *O Jehovah, Hear My Words*

O Jehovah, hear my words, to my thoughts attentive be;  
Hear my cry, my King, my God, I will make my prayer to thee.  
With the morning light, O Lord, thou shalt hear my voice arise,  
And expectant I will bring prayer as morning sacrifice.

Thou, Jehovah, art a God who delightest not in sin;  
Evil shall not dwell with thee, nor the proud thy favor win.  
Evildoers thou dost hate, lying tongues thou wilt defeat;  
God abhors the man who loves violence and base deceit.

In the fulness of thy grace to thy house I will repair;  
Bowing toward thy holy place, in thy fear to worship there.  
Lead me in thy righteousness, let my foes assail in vain;  
Lest my feet be turned aside, make thy way before me plain.

False and faithless are my foes, in their mouth no truth is found;  
Deadly are the words they speak, all their thoughts with sin abound.  
Bring, O God, their plans to naught, hold them guilty in thy sight,  
For against thee and thy law they have set themselves to fight.

O let all that trust thy care ever glad and joyful be;  
Let them joy who love thy name, safely guarded, Lord, by thee.  
For a blessing from thy store to the righteous thou wilt yield;  
Thou wilt compass him about with thy favor as a shield. Amen.

## Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“We All Need a Mediator”  
Exodus 20:18-21

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

### Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 172

#### *Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder*

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior’s name!  
He has hushed the law’s loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai’s flame;  
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqueror’s crown:  
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy’s store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:  
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
“You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy, Lamb of God!” 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

## “We All Need a Mediator”

Exodus 20:18-21

1. Our need is revealed by God's holiness.

Isaiah 6:3-5

2. Our need is revealed by our sinfulness.

Romans 3:19-20

3. Our need is satisfied by Christ.

Hebrews 9:15; 10:22; 12:22-24



# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, July 14**

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:37 - 18:17; Romans 2:1-24; Psalm 10:16-18; Prov. 19:8-9

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 8

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

## **Tuesday, July 15**

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 19:1 - 21:30; Romans 2:25 - 3:8; Psalm 11:1-7; Prov. 19:10-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 5

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

## **Wednesday, July 16**

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 22:1 - 23:32; Romans 3:9-31; Psalm 12:1-8; Proverbs 19:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 6

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Afghanistan and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, July 17**

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 24:1 - 26:11; Romans 4:1-12; Psalm 13:1-6; Proverbs 19:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 7

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

## **Friday, July 18**

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 26:12 - 27:34; Romans 4:13 - 5:5; Psalm 14:1-7; Prov. 19:17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 8

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

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

## **Saturday, July 19**

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 28:1 - 29:30; Romans 5:6-21; Psalm 15:1-5; Proverbs 19:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 9

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

## **Sunday, July 20**

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 1:1 - 3:17; Romans 6:1-23; Psalm 16:1-11; Proverbs 19:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 10

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 Belize**

**Dave Eby in Uganda**

**Christ Bible Institute in Japan**

**The Shepherd's Church in Riverside**

# **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**

## **Prelude**

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

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

**Leader:** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

**All:** The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

### **Hymn\***

“Forever Settled in the Heavens” Hymn 59

### **Congregational Confession of Sin**

Gracious God, we come to you this evening seeking your forgiveness. We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors by doing what you forbid and neglecting what you require. We depended on our own strength and stumbled. We leaned on our own understanding and made foolish decisions. We sought the things of this world and failed to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness. We repent of our sins, and we ask for your mercy. We praise 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.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

### **Hymn**

“Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness” Hymn 520

### **Scripture Reading\***

Psalm 144

### **Hymn**

“Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord” Hymn 465

### **Prayer**

### **Sermon**

“The Weapon We Need for the Battle We Face”

Pastor Derek Rishmawy

1 Samuel 17:1-11, 20-26, 32-54

### **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.



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