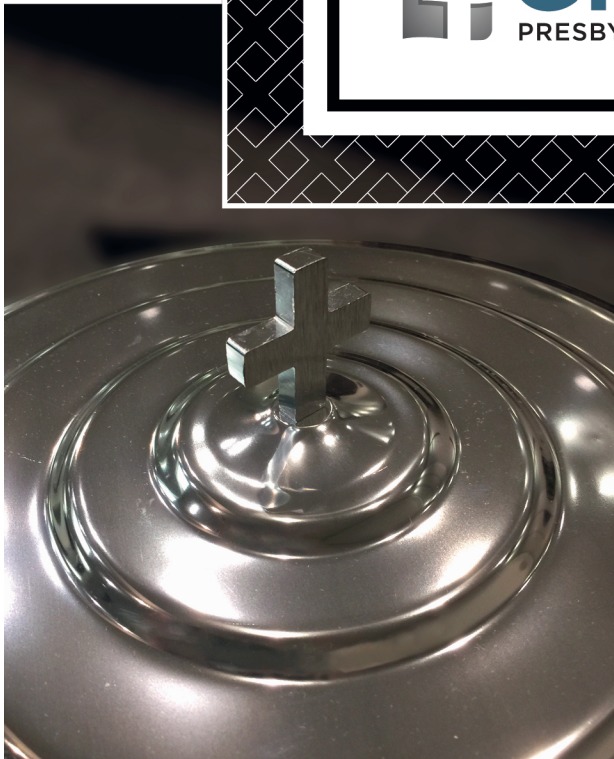


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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# WORSHIP SERVICE

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Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven.  
For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

**John 6:33**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 5 (p. 786 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my sighing.

**Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.**

In the morning, O LORD, you hear my voice;  
in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait in expectation.

**You are not a God who takes pleasure in evil; with you the wicked cannot dwell.**

The arrogant cannot stand in your presence; you hate all who do wrong.

**You destroy those who tell lies; bloodthirsty and deceitful men the LORD abhors.**

But I, by your great mercy, will come into your house;  
in reverence will I bow down toward your holy temple.

**Lead me, O LORD, in your righteousness because of my enemies—  
make straight your way before me.**

Not a word from their mouth can be trusted; their heart is filled with destruction.

**Their throat is an open grave; with their tongue they speak deceit.**

Declare them guilty, O God! Let their intrigues be their downfall.

**Banish them for their many sins, for they have rebelled against you.**

But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy.

**Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.**

For surely, O LORD, you bless the righteous;

**you surround them with your favor as with a shield.**

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

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

***Praise to the Lord, the Almighty***

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near, join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!  
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;  
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do, if with his love he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,  
Decked thee with health, and with loving hand guided and stayed thee.  
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief, spreading his wings to o'ershade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!  
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly fore'er we adore him. 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\*

Isaiah 44:6-20

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 394

## *This Day at Thy Creating Word*

This day at thy creating word  
First o'er the earth the light was poured:  
O Lord, this day upon us shine  
And fill our souls with light divine.

This day the Lord for sinners slain  
In might victorious rose again:  
O Jesus, may we rais—ed be  
From death of sin to life in thee!

This day the Holy Spirit came  
With fiery tongues of cloven flame:  
O Spirit, fill our hearts this day  
With grace to hear and grace to pray.

O day of light and life and grace,  
From earthly toil sweet resting place,  
Thy hallowed hours, blest gift of love,  
Give we again to God above.

All praise to God the Father be,  
All praise, eternal Son, to thee,  
Whom, with the Spirit, we adore  
Forever and forevermore. 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\*

John 8:48-59

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 90])

Hymn 30

### *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

All: Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.

Men: Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;  
Sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

Women: Before the hills in order stood, or earth received her frame,  
From everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

Men: A thousand ages in your sight are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.

Women: The busy tribes of flesh and blood, with all their lives and cares,  
Are carried downward by your flood, and lost in foll'wing years.

Men: Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away;  
They fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.

All: Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:  
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“God Is Yahweh”  
Exodus 3:13-17

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Pastor Rudy Manrique

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 535

### ***O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!***

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean  
In its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me,  
Is the current of thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward,  
To thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
How he loveth, ever loveth,  
Changeth never, nevermore;  
How he watches o’er his loved ones,  
Died to call them all his own;  
How for them he intercedeth,  
Watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
Love of ev’ry love the best:  
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing,  
’Tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus!  
’Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory,  
For it lifts me up to thee. 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

## “God Is Yahweh”

Exodus 3:13-17

1. Yahweh is the One True God.  
Isaiah 44:6-20  
Christ is the Way, Truth, and Life (John 14:6)
2. Yahweh is the Eternal God.  
Psalm 90:2  
Christ is Eternal (John 8:58; Revelation 1:17-18; 2:8; 22:13)
3. Yahweh is the God of the covenants.  
Genesis 3:15; 9:11; 15:18  
Christ is the fulfillment of the covenants (John 10:14; Matthew 26:26-29)



# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## Monday, July 29

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 24:1 - 25:28; Romans 12:1-21; Psalm 22:19-31; Prov. 20:8-10

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 24

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

## Tuesday, July 30

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 26:1 - 28:27; Romans 13:1-14; Psalm 23:1-6; Proverbs 20:11

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 26

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

## Wednesday, July 31

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 29:1-36; Romans 14:1-23; Psalm 24:1-10; Proverbs 20:12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 27

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

## Thursday, August 1

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 30:1 - 31:21; Romans 15:1-22; Psalm 25:1-15; Prov. 20:13-15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 28

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

## Friday, August 2

Scripture: 2 Chron. 32:1 - 33:13; Romans 15:23 - 16:9; Psalm 25:16-22; Prov. 20:16-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 29

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

## Saturday, August 3

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 33:14 - 34:33; Romans 16:10-27; Psalm 26:1-12; Prov. 20:19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 30

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

## Sunday, August 4

Scripture: 2 Chron. 35:1 - 36:23; 1 Corinthians 1:1-17; Psalm 27:1-6; Prov. 20:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 31

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**

God has many names and titles in the Bible, each of which reveals a different aspect of his glory and majesty. When Moses asked for God's name, God replied with, "I AM." The fact that God answered Moses by giving this specific name indicated that God wanted Moses and all of Israel to know him. While this name reveals God's eternity and power, the fact that God revealed it to Moses showed that God desires to make himself known to his people. It is an amazing wonder to think that the eternal God condescends to reveal himself to us so that we might love him and worship him. Alec Motyer, in his commentary on Genesis, writes:

"I AM WHO I AM" is without doubt an enigmatic statement and conceals at least as much as it tells. It is an open-ended assertion of divine sufficiency: "Whatever circumstance may arise, I will be there and I will be sufficient." The understanding of the divine name accords with the opening promise of the section ("...I will be with you..."), but it also means that no matter how much of himself the Lord is now revealing to Moses, he is also (so to speak) keeping himself in reserve. There is an endless abundance yet to be explored and experienced. There is no way in which our emerging needs in ever-changing circumstances and demands can "catch him out," prove him inadequate or reach the end of his resources and competencies. We live under the umbrella of "the unsearchable riches of Christ." In the same spirit Jesus says, "No-one knows the Son except the Father, and no-one knows the Father except the Son" (Matt. 11:27) and Paul says, "no-one knows the thoughts of God except the Spirit of God" (1 Cor. 2:11).

1. For review, read Exodus 3:1-12. Which of his attributes did God reveal to Moses in these verses? Why did God reveal himself in these ways to Moses?
2. Read Exodus 3:13. Why did Moses ask this question?
3. Read Exodus 3:14-15. What does God's name reveal about who God is?
4. Review the sermon outline on p. 8 and read the passages that reference Jesus' "I Am" statements from John's Gospel. How does knowing that Jesus is God help you understand his work of redemption for you? How does it lead you to greater worship of him?
5. How does knowing that you are in a covenant with God through Christ encourage you and give you assurance of salvation?



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