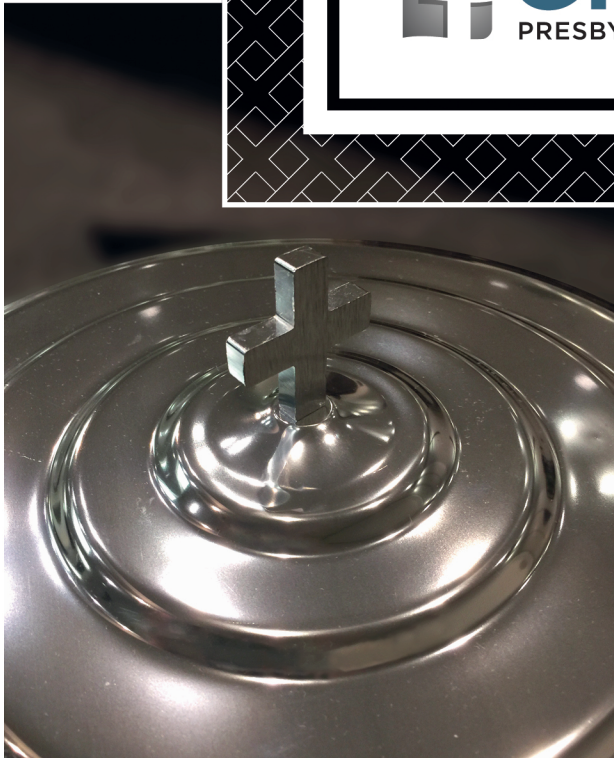


 **GRACE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# WORSHIP SERVICE

July 7, 2024

This God—his way is perfect; the word of the LORD proves true;  
he is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.

**Psalm 18:30**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 90 (p. 816 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.

**Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.**

You turn men back to dust, saying, “Return to dust, O sons of men.”

**For a thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by,  
or like a watch in the night.**

You sweep men away in the sleep of death; they are like the new grass of the morning—  
**though in the morning it springs up new, by evening it is dry and withered.**

We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.

**You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.**

All our days pass away under your wrath;

**we finish our years with a moan.**

The length of our days is seventy years—or eighty, if we have the strength;

**yet their span is but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.**

Who knows the power of your anger? For your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

**Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.**

Relent, O LORD! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

**Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy  
and be glad all our days.**

Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

**May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.**

May the favor of the Lord our God rest upon us; establish the work of our hands for us—

**yes, establish the work of our hands.**

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

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

***How Great Thou Art***

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur, and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, he bled and died to take away my sin.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee: how great thou art, how great thou art! Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Our God and Father, we praise you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

**All:** Forgive us, O Lord, for our many sins. We confess that we are guilty of pride and unbelief, of anger and lust. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by wasting your good gifts to us. Our transgressions are ever before us, and they weigh heavy on our hearts.

**Leader:** Grant us repentant hearts to understand the sinfulness of our sins but also the assurance of forgiveness that comes by faith in the Lord Jesus. We thank you that our sins will not be counted against us, because they all have been laid upon him.

**All:** All praise to you, O God, for such wondrous grace! We are loved with an everlasting love! Grant that we, by your Spirit, may live daily unto you and may seek to glorify you in thought, word, and deed. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

**Private Confession of Our Sins**

**Assurance of Forgiveness**

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Isaiah 6

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 Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 101.** *For what do we pray in the first petition?*

**A.** In the first petition, which is, “Hallowed be thy Name,” we pray that God would enable us, and others, to glorify him in all the means by which he makes himself known, and that he would arrange all things to his own glory.

**Q. 102.** *For what do we pray in the second petition?*

**A.** In the second petition, which is, “Thy kingdom come,” we pray that Satan’s kingdom may be destroyed, and that the kingdom of grace may be advanced, ourselves and others brought into it, and kept in it, and that the kingdom of glory may be hastened.

**Q. 103.** *For what do we pray in the third petition?*

**A.** In the third petition, which is, “Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven,” we pray that God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.

## 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.

❖ *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 10:19-25

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 Holy”  
Exodus 3:1-5

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

### Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

#### *In Christ Alone*

In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song;  
This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My comforter, my all in all—here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;  
For ev’ry sin on him was laid—here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground his body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory, sin’s curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am his and he is mine—bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death—this is the pow’r of Christ in me;  
From life’s first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow’r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand;  
Till he returns or calls me home—here in the pow’r of Christ I’ll stand. 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.



## SERMON NOTES

## “God Is Holy”

Exodus 3:1-5

1. God reveals himself to us.  
Deuteronomy 29:29  
2 Timothy 3:16-17
2. God is holy. We cannot approach him because of our sinfulness.  
Isaiah 6:3-5  
Exodus 19:5-6
3. God makes us holy in Christ. We may now approach him with confidence.  
1 Peter 2:9-10  
Hebrews 10:19-25



# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## Monday, July 8

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 5:18 - 6:81; Acts 26:1-32; Psalm 6:1-10; Proverbs 18:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 21

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

## Tuesday, July 9

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 7:1 - 8:40; Acts 27:1-20; Psalm 7:1-17; Proverbs 18:22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 8

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

## Wednesday, July 10

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 9:1 - 10:14; Acts 27:21-44; Psalm 8:1-9; Proverbs 18:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 9

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Serbia and persecuted Christians.

## Thursday, July 11

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 11:1 - 12:18; Acts 28:1-31; Psalm 9:1-12; Proverbs 19:1-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 10

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

## Friday, July 12

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 12:19 - 14:17; Romans 1:1-17; Psalm 9:13-20; Proverbs 19:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 11

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

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

## Saturday, July 13

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 15:1 - 16:36; Romans 1:18-32; Psalm 10:1-15; Proverbs 19:6-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 12

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

## Sunday, July 14

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

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 13

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

As God prepared to call Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt, Moses and Israel first had to learn who God was. They did not have a Bible like we do today. Their faith consisted of knowing God through his revelation in creation and through his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. So God had to come personally to reveal himself, and in doing so, God first revealed to Moses that he is holy. Why did God reveal this attribute first and not his love or wisdom or infinity? The reason is because God's holiness reveals his perfection and glory. God is not the highest creation, but stands outside of his creation as the Holy One. Moses and Israel had to learn that the God who was calling them out of Egypt was not just a little bigger and stronger than Pharaoh and the idols of Egypt; God was and is holy, holy, holy. J.I. Packer in his book, *Concise Theology*, writes:

When Scripture calls God or individual persons of the Godhead “holy,” the word signifies everything about God that sets him apart from us and makes him an object of awe, adoration, and dread to us. It covers all aspects of his transcendent greatness and moral perfection and thus is an attribute of all his attributes, pointing to the “Godness” of God at every point.

1. For review, scan the first two chapters of Exodus and try to recall some of the things you have learned so far in our study of this book. How do these opening chapters connect with the book of Genesis? How was God's providence evident in Moses' life?
2. Read Exodus 3:1. Why is it significant that Moses was a shepherd? How was this a sign of his humility? How might God have been preparing Moses to lead Israel out of Egypt by having him first become a shepherd?
3. Read Exodus 3:2-5. Who was the angel of the Lord? What parts of this passage reveal his identity?
4. Why did God tell Moses not to come near? What do you learn about God's holiness from this passage and passages such as Isaiah 6 and Leviticus 22:1-9?
5. Read Hebrews 10:19-25. Why does the writer tell us to draw near? What has Christ accomplished that allows us now to approach God?
6. What are the means God has given us to approach him? How do these reveal his grace and kindness toward us?



23101 La Palma Ave  
Yorba Linda, California 92887  
(714) 692-2390  
GracePresPCA@gmail.com

**[gracepresbyterian.net](http://gracepresbyterian.net)**  
**[facebook.com/gracepresbyterian](https://facebook.com/gracepresbyterian)**