

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 15, 2021

All you have made will praise you, O LORD; your saints will extol you.

Psalm 145:10

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 4 (p. 786)

Answer me when I call to you, O my righteous God.

**Give me relief from my distress;
be merciful to me and hear my prayer.**

How long, O men, will you turn my glory into shame?
How long will you love delusions and seek false gods?

**Know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself;
the LORD will hear when I call to him.**

In your anger do not sin;
when you are on your beds, search your hearts and be silent.

Offer right sacrifices and trust in the LORD.

Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?"

Let the light of your face shine upon us, O LORD.

You have filled my heart with greater joy
than when their grain and new wine abound.

**I will lie down and sleep in peace,
for you alone, O LORD, make me dwell in safety.**

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

All Creatures of Our God and King

All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam,

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise him, alleluia!

Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, ye lights of evening, find a voice,

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou fire so masterful and bright, that givest man both warmth and light,

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!

Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on him cast your care,

O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Almighty God, you are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you. Hear us as we come to you humbly confessing our sins and transgressions, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness.

All: We confess that we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. 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. Enable us to receive and rest in the truth that we have been justified by faith and have peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow after our Savior, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 4:9-11

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 529

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,
All thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit,
Let us find the promised rest:
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
Pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 79. *Which is the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment is, “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house; you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male servant, or his female servant, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is your neighbor’s.”

Q. 80. *What is required in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and loving frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Q. 81. *What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?*

A. The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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*

Luke 24:44-53

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 37])

Hymn 671

Forever Trusting in the Lord

Forever trusting in the Lord,
Take heed to do his will;
So shall you dwell within the land,
And he your needs shall fill.

Delight now in the Lord, and he
Will grant your heart's request;
To him commit your way in faith,
And thus you shall be blessed.

And he shall make your righteousness
Shine brightly as the light,
And as the burning noonday sun
Your judgment shall be bright.

Rest in the Lord with quiet trust,
Wait patiently for him;
Though wickedness triumphant seem,
Let not your faith grow dim. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“Prayer in Jesus’ Name”
John 16:23-27

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 629

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry
Ev’rything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our ev’ry weakness—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge—
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he’ll take and shield thee;
Thou wilt find a solace there. Amen.

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Sung to TRINITY)

To the great One in Three
Eternal praises be, hence evermore.
His sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
And to eternity love and adore. Amen.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, August 16

Scripture: Nehemiah 11:1 - 12:26; 1 Cor. 10:14-33; Psalm 34:11-22; Prov. 21:14-16

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 2

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

Tuesday, August 17

Scripture: Nehemiah 12:27 - 13:31; 1 Cor. 11:1-16; Psalm 35:1-16; Prov. 21:17-18

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 65

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

Wednesday, August 18

Scripture: Esther 1:1 - 3:15; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34; Psalm 35:17-28; Prov. 21:19-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 66

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

Thursday, August 19

Scripture: Esther 4:1 - 7:10; 1 Corinthians 12:1-26; Psalm 36:1-12; Proverbs 21:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 67

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

Friday, August 20

Scripture: Esther 8:1 - 10:3; 1 Cor. 12:27 - 13:13; Psalm 37:1-11; Prov. 21:23-24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 68

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

Saturday, August 21

Scripture: Job 1:1 - 3:26; 1 Corinthians 14:1-17; Psalm 37:12-29; Proverbs 21:25-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 69

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

Sunday, August 22

Scripture: Job 4:1 - 7:21; 1 Corinthians 14:18-40; Psalm 37:30-40; Proverbs 21:27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 70

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

Jesus knew that he would soon be arrested and handed over to be crucified (Luke 18:4). As he walked with his disciples toward Gethsemane, he took the opportunity to prepare them for what was about to happen. It is revealing that the main topic of this last conversation with his disciples before his death was prayer. The importance of prayer is further confirmed by the fact that Jesus himself spent considerable time in prayer immediately before his arrest (John 17; Matthew 26:36-44; Mark 14:32-40; Luke 22:39-46). James Boice, in his commentary on John, highlights the importance of prayer by pointing us to a book by Reuben A. Torrey:

Why is prayer important? Reuben A. Torrey answers that question comprehensively and wisely in a little book entitled *How to Pray*, listing eleven reasons: (1) Because there is a devil and because prayer is the God-appointed means of resisting him; (2) Because prayer is God's way for us to obtain what we need from him; (3) Because the apostles, whom God set forth to be a pattern for us, considered prayer to be the most important business of their lives; (4) Because prayer occupied a prominent place and played a very important part in the earthly life of our Lord; (5) Because prayer is the most important part of the present ministry of our Lord, since he is now interceding for us (Heb. 7:25); (6) Because prayer is the means God has appointed for our receiving mercy from him and of obtaining grace to help in time of need; (7) Because prayer is the means of obtaining the fullness of God's joy; (8) Because prayer with thanksgiving is the means of obtaining freedom from anxiety and, in anxiety's place, that peace that passes understanding; (9) Because prayer is the method appointed for our obtaining the fullness of God's Holy Spirit; (10) Because prayer is the means by which we are to keep watchful and be alert at Christ's return; and (11) Because prayer is used by God to promote our spiritual growth, bring power into our work, lead others to faith in Christ, and bring all other blessings to Christ's church.

1. Read through Matthew 26:36-44; Mark 14:32-40; Luke 22:39-46; John 17. How many of the eleven reasons given by Reuben A. Torrey on why prayer is important do you find in Jesus' prayer before his betrayal?
2. How important is prayer to God? How important is prayer to you?
3. In John 16:23 Jesus tells his disciples that whatever they ask of the Father in Jesus' name, it will be given. Does this mean that God is obligated to give us anything we pray for as long as we tack on the phrase "in Jesus' name"? Why or why not? What does it mean to pray "in Jesus' name"?
4. How does Jesus describe the deep desire God has to hear and answer our prayers in John 16:26-27?