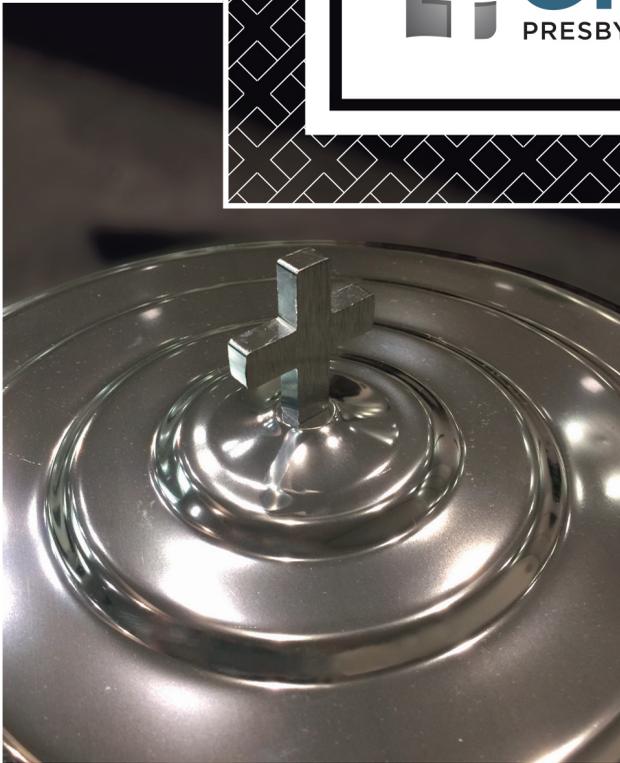




 **GRACE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.

**Psalm 62:8**

## 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.*

***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!*

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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!*

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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!*

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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:** Heavenly Father, we love your commandments because they reveal your holiness and the way you want us to live for your glory as your people.

**All:** The Eighth Commandment is, "You shall not steal."

**Leader:** We confess that we have broken this commandment by not being sufficiently diligent in our work and by envying the prosperity of others. We have not been faithful stewards of your gifts of time, money, energy, health, intellect, and influence.

**All:** Forgive us, we pray, and make us people who are marked by gratitude for your blessings and generosity with the possessions you have entrusted to us. We ask all this through the merit and mediation of 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**

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 24:12 - 25:9

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. 19.** *What is the misery of that estate into which man fell?*

**A.** All mankind, by their fall, lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries of this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell forever.

**Q. 20.** *Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?*

**A.** God, having out of his mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace, to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery, and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.

**Q. 21.** *Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?*

**A.** The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man, and so was, and continues to be, God and man, in two distinct natures, and one Person forever.

## 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.

❖ *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\*

Exodus 35:1-29

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [based on Psalm 31])

Hymn 684

### *My Times Are in Thy Hand*

My times are in thy hand;  
My God, I wish them there;  
My life, my friends, my soul, I leave  
Entirely to thy care.

My times are in thy hand,  
Whatever they may be;  
Pleasing or painful, dark or bright,  
As best may seem to thee.

My times are in thy hand;  
Why should I doubt or fear?  
My Father's hand will never cause  
His child a needless tear.

My times are in thy hand,  
Jesus the Crucified;  
Those hands my cruel sins had pierced  
Are now my guard and guide. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Giving and Serving Cheerfully”  
Exodus 24:12 - 25:9; 35:1-29

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 585

### ***Take My Life, and Let It Be***

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee,  
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee,  
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose,  
Ev’ry pow’r as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne,  
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for thee,  
Ever, only, all for thee. Amen.

**Benediction\***

**Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Sung to STUTTGART [Hymn 5])

May the grace of Christ our Savior  
And the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favor,  
Rest upon us from above.

Thus may we abide in union  
With each other and the Lord,  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
Joys which earth cannot afford. Amen.





# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, August 18**

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 13

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

## **Tuesday, 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 35

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

## **Wednesday, 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 36

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

## **Thursday, 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 37

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

## **Friday, 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 38

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

## **Saturday, August 23**

Scripture: Job 8:1 - 11:20; 1 Corinthians 15:1-28; Psalm 38:1-22; Proverbs 21:28-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 39

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

## **Sunday, August 24**

Scripture: Job 12:1 - 15:35; 1 Corinthians 15:29-58; Psalm 39:1-13; Proverbs 21:30-31

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 40

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 GATHERING for PRAYER and HYMNS**

**Scripture Reading and Opening Prayer**

**Hymn 114** “Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name”

**Prayer of Praise, Adoration, and Thanksgiving**

**Devotion by Rob Watson**

**Hymn 131** “Children of the Heavenly Father”

**Prayer for Church Members, Family, and Friends**

**Hymn 457** “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

**Prayer for The Shepherd’s Church and Our Missionaries**

**Hymn 693** “Blessed Assurance”

**Closing Prayer**



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