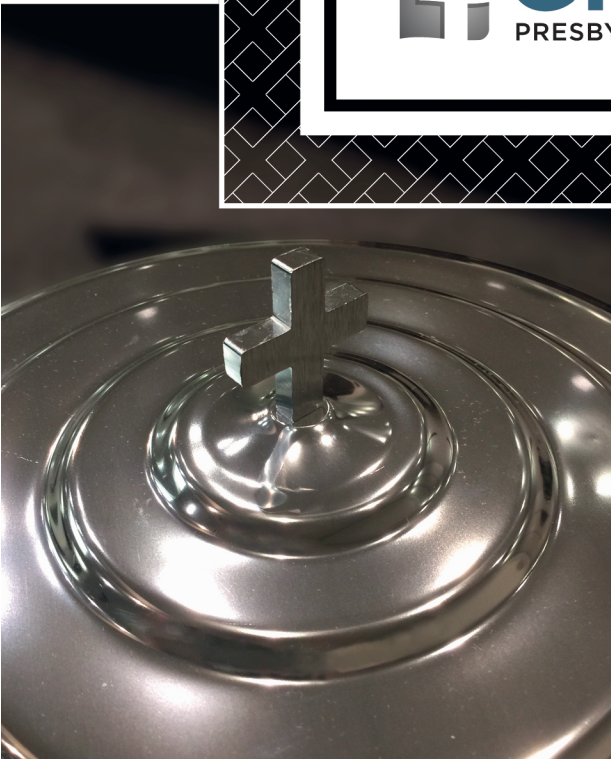




 **GRACE**
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH



WORSHIP SERVICE

August 18, 2024

Good and upright is the LORD;
therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

Psalm 25:8

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 16 (p. 788 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Keep me safe, O God,

for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

**As for the saints who are in the land,
they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.**

The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**I have set the LORD always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

**because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

You have made known to me the path of life;

**you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

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

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

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
And love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth;
Before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness, in fountains, from hill to valley flow.

O'er ev'ry foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all-blessing and all-blessed;
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we join with your Church around the world, with Christians now in heaven, and with the heavenly host of angels, to declare that you are holy, holy, holy; the whole earth is full of your glory.

All: As we think about your holiness, we recognize our unworthiness all the more. We have sinned against you and others. All the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you. Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love and faithfulness.

Leader: Cause us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which we have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

All: 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 2:8-10

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 139

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 348

Jesus, with Thy Church Abide

Jesus, with thy church abide, be her Savior, Lord, and Guide,
While on earth her faith is tried: we beseech thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; grant her patience to endure,
Trusting in thy promise sure: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity,
Winning all to faith in thee: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find,
And the brokenhearted bind: we beseech thee, hear us.

Save her love from growing cold, make her watchmen strong and bold,
Fence her round, thy peaceful fold: we beseech thee, hear us.

May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear aloft its light
Through the realms of heathen night: we beseech thee, hear us.

Arm her soldiers with the cross, brave to suffer toil or loss,
Counting earthly gain but dross: we beseech thee, hear us.

May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin,
Gather all the nations in: we beseech thee, hear us. 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 ❖

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*

Romans 8:31-39

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 103])

Hymn 6

O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

O come, my soul, bless thou the Lord thy Maker, and all within me bless his holy name;
Bless thou the Lord, forget not all his mercies, his pard'ning grace and saving love proclaim.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

Good is the Lord and full of kind compassion, most slow to anger, plenteous in love;
Rich is his grace to all that humbly seek him, boundless and endless as the heav'ns above.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

His love is like a father's to his children, tender and kind to all who fear his name;
For well he knows our weakness and our frailty, he knows that we are dust, he knows our frame.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

We fade and die like flow'rs that grow in beauty, like tender grass that soon will disappear;
But evermore the love of God is changeless, still shown to those who look to him in fear.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight.

High in the heav'ns his throne is fixed forever, his kingdom rules o'er all from pole to pole;
Bless ye the Lord through all his wide dominion, bless his most holy name, O thou my soul.

Bless him forever, wondrous in might, bless him, his servants that in his will delight. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Rudy Manrique

“The Lord Is My Shepherd”
Psalm 23

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 87

The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want

The Lord’s my Shepherd, I’ll not want; he makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again; and me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness, e’en for his own name’s sake.

Yea, though I walk in death’s dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
For thou art with me; and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in presence of my foes;
My head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me:
And in God’s house forevermore my dwelling place shall be. 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 19

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 27

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

Tuesday, 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 44

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

Wednesday, 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 45

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Slovenia and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, 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 46

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

Friday, 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 47

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

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

Saturday, 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 48

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

Sunday, August 25

Scripture: Job 16:1 - 19:29; 1 Corinthians 16:1-24; Psalm 40:1-10; Proverbs 22:1

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 49

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 7 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Prayer of Praise and Gratitude

Devotion

Hymn 465 “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Prayer for Church Members

Hymn 108 “Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

Prayer for Our Nation

Hymn 635 “How Good It Is to Thank the Lord”

Prayer for Our Missionaries and The Shepherd’s Church Plant

Hymn 405 “God, That Madest Earth and Heaven”

Closing Prayer



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