

# **WORSHIP SERVICE**

Sunday, August 29, 2021

For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup,  
you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**1 Corinthians 11:26**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

## **ENTERING INTO WORSHIP**

**Greeting and Blessing\***

**Responsive Reading\***

Psalm 113 (p. 826)

Praise the LORD.

**Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD.**

Let the name of the LORD be praised, both now and forevermore.

**From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,  
the name of the LORD is to be praised.**

The LORD is exalted over all the nations, his glory above the heavens.

**Who is like the LORD our God, the One who sits enthroned on high,  
who stoops down to look on the heavens and the earth?**

He raises the poor from the dust and lifts the needy from the ash heap;

**he seats them with princes, with the princes of their people.**

He settles the barren woman in her home as a happy mother of children.

**Praise the LORD.**

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

***A Mighty Fortress Is Our God***

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and pow'r are great; and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is he,  
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same, and he must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us.  
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still; his kingdom is forever. Amen.

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Father, we come before you to acknowledge our sin, because if we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**All:** We confess that though you have been faithful, we have been unfaithful. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by not doing the good works that bring you glory and honor.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ we could never stand in your presence. Yet in him you have called us to draw near, and so we boldly approach your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

**All:** Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow 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**

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Psalm 110

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 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.

## THE WORD AND SACRAMENT

Second Reading\*

John 17

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 Ben Muresan

“Jesus Prayed for Himself”  
John 17:1-5

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 55

### ***To God Be the Glory***

To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
And opened the life-gate that we may go in.  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!*  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!*  
*O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,*  
*And give him the glory, great things he has done!*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!  
To ev’ry believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!*  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!*  
*O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,*  
*And give him the glory, great things he has done!*

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;  
But purer and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear his voice!*  
*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!*  
*O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,*  
*And give him the glory, great things he has done! 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

### “Jesus Prayed for Himself” John 17:1-5

1. Why did Jesus need to pray? (v. 1)
  - For communion with his Father. (Mark 1:35)
  - For his own needs. (Hebrews 5:7-10)
  - For his people. (John 17:24; Hebrews 7:25)
2. What did Jesus pray? (vv. 1, 4-5)
  - John 17:24
3. How can you know that Jesus prays for you? (v. 3)
  - Romans 10:9-10

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# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## Monday, August 30

Scripture: Job 34:1 - 36:33; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12; Psalm 44:1-8; Proverbs 22:10-12

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 4

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

## Tuesday, August 31

Scripture: Job 37:1 - 39:30; 2 Corinthians 4:13 - 5:10; Psalm 44:9-26; Proverbs 22:13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 77

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

## Wednesday, September 1

Scripture: Job 40:1 - 42:17; 2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Psalm 45:1-17; Proverbs 22:14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 78

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

## Thursday, September 2

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 1:1 - 3:22; 2 Corinthians 6:1-13; Psalm 46:1-11; Proverbs 22:15

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79

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

## Friday, September 3

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 4:1 - 6:12; 2 Corinthians 6:14 - 7:7; Psalm 47:1-9; Prov. 22:16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

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

## Saturday, September 4

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 7:1 - 9:18; 2 Corinthians 7:8-16; Psalm 48:1-14; Prov. 22:17-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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

## Sunday, September 5

Scripture: Ecclesiastes 10:1 - 12:14; 2 Cor. 8:1-15; Psalm 49:1-20; Prov. 22:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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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# EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

## Prelude

### Greeting and Call to Worship\*

Psalm 89:1-5

**Leader:** I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. For I said, “Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness.”

**All:** You have said, “I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: ‘I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.’” Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD, your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

### Hymn\*

“Hallelujah! Hallelujah!” Hymn 10

### Congregational Confession of Sin

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. Our sins weigh heavy on our hearts and they burden our souls. Forgive us, we pray. Give us a renewed desire to serve you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 1:18

Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they will be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

### Hymn

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” Hymn 648

### Scripture Reading\*

1 Kings 19:1-18

### Hymn

“Jesus Lives, and So Shall I” Hymn 706

### Prayer

### Sermon

“Where Are the Righteous?”  
Psalm 12

Pastor Clayton Willis

### Hymn\*

“Take My Life, and Let It Be” Hymn 585

### 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.