

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**Psalm 98:1**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 46 (p. 802)

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,**

though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.

**There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy place where the Most High dwells.**

God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day.

**Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts.**

The LORD Almighty is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth.

**He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow  
and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire.**

“Be still, and know that I am God;

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.”**

The LORD Almighty is with us;

**the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

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

## Hymn of Preparation\*

Hymn 16 (stanzas 1-3, 7)

### *Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord*

Come, let us sing unto the Lord  
New songs of praise with sweet accord;  
For wonders great by him are done,  
His hand and arm have vict'ry won.

The great salvation of our God  
Is seen through all the earth abroad;  
Before the heathen's wond'ring sight  
He has revealed his truth and right.

He called to mind his truth and grace  
In promise made to Israel's race;  
And unto earth's remotest bound  
Glad tidings of salvation sound.

For lo, he comes; at his command  
All nations shall in judgment stand;  
In justice robed and throned in light,  
The Lord shall judge, dispensing right. Amen.

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Almighty and most merciful Father, we acknowledge and publicly confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the sinful intentions and desires of our own hearts.

**All:** We have not obeyed your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done.

**Leader:** We approach your throne of grace, O Lord, and we pray that you would forgive our many sins and transgressions. Restore those who are penitent according to your promises declared to us in the Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us the daily increase of your Holy Spirit that we might put to death the sin that is within us and bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit in our daily lives.

**All:** We ask this through the merit and mediation of our risen and ascended 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

Acts 10:42-43

And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Isaiah 26:16-21

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. 76.** *Which is the ninth commandment?*

**A.** The ninth commandment is, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

**Q. 77.** *What is required in the ninth commandment?*

**A.** The ninth commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in testifying as witnesses.

**Q. 78.** *What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?*

**A.** The ninth commandment forbids whatever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor’s good name.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### Gloria Patri\*

Hymn 734

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\*

Luke 23:44 – 24:12

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

“Resurrection Joy!”  
John 16:16-22

## **GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 252

### *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all. Amen.

## **Benediction\***

### **Congregational Benediction Response\***

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

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.







# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, August 9**

Scripture: Ezra 8:21 - 9:15; 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; Psalm 31:1-8; Proverbs 21:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 1

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

## **Tuesday, August 10**

Scripture: Ezra 10:1-44; 1 Corinthians 6:1-20; Psalm 31:9-18; Proverbs 21:3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 59

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

## **Wednesday, August 11**

Scripture: Nehemiah 1:1 - 3:14; 1 Corinthians 7:1-24; Psalm 31:19-24; Proverbs 21:4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 60

Pray for: Our covenant children, and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in the Central African Republic and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, August 12**

Scripture: Nehemiah 3:15 - 5:13; 1 Corinthians 7:25-40; Psalm 32:1-11; Prov. 21:5-7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 61

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

## **Friday, August 13**

Scripture: Nehemiah 5:14 - 7:73; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Psalm 33:1-11; Prov. 21:8-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 62

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

Our pregnant mom.

## **Saturday, August 14**

Scripture: Nehemiah 8:1 - 9:21; 1 Corinthians 9:1-18; Psalm 33:12-22; Prov. 21:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 63

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

## **Sunday, August 15**

Scripture: Nehemiah 9:22 - 10:39; 1 Cor. 9:19 - 10:13; Psalm 34:1-10; Prov. 21:13

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 64

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' disciples were struggling to understand what Jesus was teaching them as they walked to the garden of Gethsemane. They were confused and saddened because he repeatedly said he was going to leave them (John 13:33; 14:2, 12, 28; 16:5, 7, 10, 16). Even though he had told them plainly that it was necessary for him to be crucified and then be raised from the dead (Mark 8:31), the disciples could not comprehend what he was saying. Jesus was preparing his disciples for the sorrow they would feel at his crucifixion, the loss they would suffer by his death, and the hopelessness they would experience at his burial.

Though you and I did not see Jesus crucified and buried, we, like his disciples, feel deep sorrow knowing that it was for our sins that he died. Charles Spurgeon wrote, "The sword which pierced his heart through and through was forged by our offenses: the vengeance was due for sins which we had committed, and justice exacted its rights at his hands."

The sorrow that the disciples experienced was only for a time, because Jesus rose from the dead, just as he said he would. His resurrection revealed that his death for our sins satisfied God's wrath, which means that we who hope in Christ have peace and joy that can never be taken away.

1. Why were the disciples so confused by Jesus' statements about going away in John 13 - 16? How did what he said not square with their expectations for Jesus as the Messiah?
2. Read John 16:20. Why did the world rejoice at Jesus' crucifixion? How does John 3:19-20 help explain why the world still rejoices at the crucifixion of Jesus today?
3. In John 16:21, Jesus uses an illustration of a woman in childbirth to describe the event that will be sorrowful, but ultimately result in joy. Can you think of a time in your life when God used a sorrowful event to bring about joy?
4. What is the cause of the joy Jesus is speaking of in John 16:20-22? How does Jesus' resurrection connect with our regeneration (Ephesians 2:4-7) and our resurrection on the last day (Romans 8:18-23)?