

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 19, 2021

Praise the LORD. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens.

Psalm 150:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 92 (p. 817)

It is good to praise the LORD and make music to your name, O Most High,

to proclaim your love in the morning and your faithfulness at night, to the music of the ten-stringed lyre and the melody of the harp.

For you make me glad by your deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy at the works of your hands.

How great are your works, O LORD, how profound your thoughts!

The senseless man does not know, fools do not understand,

that though the wicked spring up like grass and all evildoers flourish, they will be forever destroyed.

But you, O LORD, are exalted forever.

For surely your enemies, O LORD, surely your enemies will perish; all evildoers will be scattered.

You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine oils have been poured upon me.

My eyes have seen the defeat of my adversaries; my ears have heard the rout of my wicked foes.

The righteous will flourish like a palm tree, they will grow like a cedar of Lebanon;

planted in the house of the LORD, they will flourish in the courts of our God.

They will still bear fruit in old age, they will stay fresh and green,

proclaiming, "The LORD is upright; he is my Rock, and there is no wickedness in him."

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

Sing Praise to the Lord!

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him in the height;
Rejoice in his word, you angels of light.
You heavens, adore him by whom you were made,
And worship before him in brightness arrayed.

Sing praise to the Lord! Praise him on the earth
In tuneful accord, you saints of new birth.
Praise him who has brought you his grace from above;
Praise him who has taught you to sing of his love.

Sing praise to the Lord! All things that give sound,
Each jubilant chord, re-echo around.
Loud organs, his glory tell forth in deep tone,
And trumpets, the story of what he has done.

Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: O most holy God, we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

All: We have broken your holy laws by our deeds and our words and the sinful affections of our hearts.

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out our transgressions.

All: For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all our sins and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Psalm 27

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 676

Day by Day and with Each Passing Moment

Day by day and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He whose heart is kind beyond all measure
Gives unto each day what he deems best—
Lovingly, its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

Every day the Lord himself is near me
With a special mercy for each hour;
All my cares he fain would bear, and cheer me,
He whose name is Counselor and Pow'r.
The protection of his child and treasure
Is a charge that on himself he laid;
"As your days, your strength shall be in measure,"
This the pledge to me he made.

Help me then in every tribulation
So to trust your promises, O Lord,
That I lose not faith's sweet consolation
Offered me within your holy Word.
Help me, Lord, when toil and trouble meeting,
E'er to take, as from a father's hand,
One by one, the days, the moments fleeting,
Till I reach the promised land. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 91. *How do the sacraments become effectual means of salvation?*

A. The sacraments become effectual means of salvation, not from any virtue in them, or in him who administers them, but only by the blessing of Christ, and the working of his Spirit in those who by faith receive them.

Q. 92. *What is a sacrament?*

A. A sacrament is a holy ordinance instituted by Christ, in which, by perceptible signs, Christ and the benefits of the new covenant are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Q. 93. *Which are the sacraments of the New Testament?*

A. The sacraments of the New Testament are Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

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*

Ephesians 1

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 16])

(printed on p. 12)

Preserve Me, O My God

Preserve me, O my God; you are my refuge true.
I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good apart from you."
The saints throughout the earth—in them is my delight,
For excellent are they who live as holy in your sight.

Those seeking other gods shall multiply their pain;
Their gifts of blood I offer not; their gods I will not name.
O LORD, you are to me my cup and portion sure;
The lot that you assign to me you guard and keep secure.

The lot that fell to me is beautiful and fair;
The heritage in which I dwell is good beyond compare.
I praise the LORD above, whose counsel guides aright.
My heart instructs me in his love in seasons of the night.

I keep before me still the LORD whom I have proved;
At my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.
My heart is therefore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.
My body, too, will rest secure in hope unwavering.

For you will not forsake my soul unto the grave,
Nor will you leave your Holy One to see the tomb's decay.
Life's pathway you make known, full joy of boundless store
Is found with you; at your right hand are pleasures evermore. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Clayton Willis

“Jesus Prayed for Us”
John 17:20-26

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 347

The Church’s One Foundation

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation by water and the Word;
From heav’n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev’ry nation, yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses, with ev’ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

‘Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee. 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, September 20

Scripture: Isaiah 33:10 – 36:22; Galatians 5:13-26; Psalm 64:1-10; Proverbs 23:23

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 7

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

Tuesday, September 21

Scripture: Isaiah 37:1 – 38:22; Galatians 6:1-18; Psalm 65:1-13; Proverbs 23:24

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 95

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

Wednesday, September 22

Scripture: Isaiah 39:1 – 41:16; Ephesians 1:1-23; Psalm 66:1-20; Proverbs 23:25-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 96

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

Thursday, September 23

Scripture: Isaiah 41:17 – 43:13; Ephesians 2:1-22; Psalm 67:1-7; Proverbs 23:29-35

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 97

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

Friday, September 24

Scripture: Isaiah 43:14 - 45:10; Ephesians 3:1-21; Psalm 68:1-18; Proverbs 24:1-2

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 98

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

Saturday, September 25

Scripture: Isaiah 45:11 - 48:11; Ephesians 4:1-16; Psalm 68:19-35; Proverbs 24:3-4

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 99

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

Sunday, September 26

Scripture: Isaiah 48:12 - 50:11; Ephesians 4:17-32; Psalm 69:1-18; Proverbs 24:5-6

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 100

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

In John 17:24 Jesus prays that his elect, those for whom he has specifically prayed for salvation, “may be with with me where I am.” For those who know and love Jesus and find it a delight and joy to obediently follow and serve him while on earth, what greater reward is there than to be fully and eternally in his glorious presence? Heaven doesn’t consist of the riches and rewards we will receive from our heavenly Father. It is not mansions or streets paved with gold that we will value and cherish above all; it is Jesus. Heaven is being with Jesus. George Hutcheson writes:

The glory and happiness of heaven to the elect will consist much in being in Christ’s company, in whom they delight so much on earth, to follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth, and to enjoy him fully, without separation any more; for so is heaven here described in Christ’s prayer, “that they may be with me where I am.”

To know that Jesus was about to die for our salvation, and to hear in his prayer that he desires us to be with him is itself a staggering blessing! What greater blessing could there be than to be with Jesus forever? What greater hope will be satisfied when we are ushered into his eternal presence never to be separated from him again?

1. How is heaven usually depicted on TV and in movies? When you think of heaven, how do you picture it? How does Jesus’ description of heaven differ from popular depictions?
2. Read Psalm 27. What is David’s desire in v. 4? How is that desire finally and fully fulfilled in Christ?
3. Chapter 33 of the Westminster Confession of Faith, describing the events of the last judgment, says that after the judgment “the righteous go into everlasting life, and receive that fulness of joy and refreshing which shall come from the presence of the Lord.” How does this compare to Jesus’ description of heaven in John 17:24?
4. Make it a point to pray for an increasing desire to serve Jesus, and an increasing desire to be with him, as he desires for you to be with him.

Preserve Me, O My God

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1. ¹Pre - serve me, O my God; you are my ref - uge true.
 2. ⁴Those seek - ing oth - er gods shall mul - ti - ply their pain;
 3. ⁶The lot that fell to me is beau - ti - ful and fair;
 4. ⁸I keep be - fore me still the LORD whom I have proved;
 5. ¹⁰For you will not for - sake my soul un - to the grave,

²I say, "You are my Lord. I have no good a - part from you."
 their gifts of blood I of - fer not; their gods I will not name.
 • the her - i - tage in which I dwell is good be - yond com - pare.
 at my right hand he guards from ill, and I shall not be moved.
 nor will you leave your Ho - ly One to see the tomb's de - cay.

³The saints through - out the earth— in them is my de - light,
⁵O LORD, you are to me my cup and por - tion sure;
 • ⁷I praise the LORD a - bove, whose coun - sel guides a - right.
⁹My heart is there - fore glad; my tongue with joy will sing.
¹¹Life's path - way you make known, full joy of bound - less store

for ex - cel - lent are they who live as ho - ly in your sight.
 the lot that you as - sign to me you guard and keep se - cure.
 • My heart in - structs me in his love in sea - sons of the night.
 My bod - y, too, will rest se - cure in hope un - wav - er - ing.
 is found with you; at your right hand are plea - sures ev - er - more.