



# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Shout for joy to God, all the earth;  
sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise!

**Psalm 66:1**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 30 (p. 794 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

I will exalt you, O LORD, for you lifted me out of the depths  
and did not let my enemies gloat over me.

**O LORD my God, I called to you for help and you healed me.**

O LORD, you brought me up from the grave; you spared me from going down into the pit.

**Sing to the LORD, you saints of his; praise his holy name.**

For his anger lasts only a moment, but his favor lasts a lifetime;

**weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning.**

When I felt secure, I said, "I will never be shaken."

**O LORD, when you favored me, you made my mountain stand firm;  
but when you hid your face, I was dismayed.**

To you, O LORD, I called; to the Lord I cried for mercy:

**"What gain is there in my destruction, in my going down into the pit?**

**"Will the dust praise you? Will it proclaim your faithfulness?**

**"Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me; O LORD, be my help."**

You turned my wailing into dancing; you removed my sackcloth and clothed me with joy,  
that my heart may sing to you and not be silent.

**O LORD my God, I will give you thanks forever.**

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

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

***Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! In his temple God be praised;  
In the high and heav'nly places be the sounding anthem raised.  
*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.*

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah for his mighty acts of fame;  
Excellent his might and greatness, fitting praises then proclaim.  
*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.*

Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah with the trumpet's joyful sound;  
Praise with harp and praise with organ, let his glorious praise abound.  
*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen.*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! All that breathe, Jehovah praise;  
Let the voices God has given joyful anthems to him raise.  
*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen. Amen.*

**Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Our strong and faithful God, we come before you acknowledging that you are light and that in you there is no darkness at all.

**All:** We confess that we have walked in darkness rather than living according to what you have revealed to us in your Word. We have sinned against you and our neighbors, and we are not worthy to be called your children.

**Leader:** We earnestly repent and are sincerely sorry for our sins. Enable us to receive and rest in the truth that we have been justified by faith and have peace with you through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** All glory, honor, and praise be to you, O God, through 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\***

Exodus 27:1-8

**Congregational Response** (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 128

### ***God Moves in a Mysterious Way***

God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;  
He plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines of never-failing skill  
He treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread  
Are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;  
Behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour;  
The bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.

Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;  
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 30.** *How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?*

**A.** The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

**Q. 31.** *What is effectual calling?*

**A.** Effectual calling is the work of God's Spirit, by which, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

**Q. 32.** *What benefits are there in this life for those who are effectually called?*

**A.** Those who are effectually called partake in justification, adoption, sanctification, and the other benefits that, in this life, do either accompany them or flow from them.

## 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\*

Leviticus 1:1-9

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 9:1-2, 7-11])

Hymn 48

### *O Lord Most High, with All My Heart*

O Lord Most High, with all my heart  
Your wondrous works I will proclaim;  
I will be glad and give you thanks  
And sing the praises of your name.

The Lord, the everlasting King,  
Is seated on his judgment throne;  
The righteous Judge of all the world  
Will make his perfect justice known.

Jehovah will a refuge prove,  
A refuge strong for all oppressed,  
A safe retreat, where weary souls  
In troubled times may surely rest.

All they, O Lord, that know your Name  
Their confidence in you will place,  
For you have ne'er forsaken them  
Who earnestly have sought your face.

Sing praises to the Lord Most High,  
To him who does in Zion dwell;  
Declare his mighty deeds abroad,  
His deeds among the nations tell. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Bronze Altar of Burnt Offering”  
Exodus 27:1-8; 38:1-7

## **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, September 22**

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 18

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

## **Tuesday, 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 65

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

## **Wednesday, 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 66

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Aruba and persecuted Christians.

## **Thursday, 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 67

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

## **Friday, 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 68

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

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

## **Saturday, September 27**

Scripture: Isaiah 51:1 – 53:12; Ephesians 5:1-33; Psalm 69:19-36; Proverbs 24:7

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 69

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

## **Sunday, September 28**

Scripture: Isaiah 54:1 – 57:14; Ephesians 6:1-24; Psalm 70:1-5; Proverbs 24:8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 70

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 56** “When All Your Mercies, O My God”

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

**Devotion by Rob Olson**

**Hymn 30** “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

**Prayer for Our Nation**

**Hymn 712** “O God of Love, O King of Peace”

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

**Hymn 600** “He Leadeth Me”

**Closing Prayer**



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