

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 26, 2021

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.”

John 6:33

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 100 (p. 821)

Shout for joy to the LORD, all the earth.

**Worship the LORD with gladness;
come before him with joyful songs.**

Know that the LORD is God.

**It is he who made us, and we are his;
we are his people, the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving
and his courts with praise;

give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the LORD is good and his love endures forever;

his faithfulness continues through all generations.

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

Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands

Amidst us our Beloved stands,
And bids us view his pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side,
Blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board,
When at his table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet,
When Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim,
We see the signs, but see not him;
O may his love the scales displace,
And bid us see him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts,
Your present smile a heav'n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be,
Let every saint your glory see! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we approach your throne of grace, confident that we are being heard because of Christ's mediation and the Spirit's intercession.

All: Forgive our sins, we pray, and help us to put off greed, pride, anger, unbelief, covetousness, impurity, and all the sinful, earthly thoughts and desires that still have influence in our lives.

Leader: Through the power of your Holy Spirit, cause us to put on our new nature, clothing ourselves with compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, bearing with one another, and if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other as we have been forgiven.

All: Above all, cause us to put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony, as we together await the return of our Savior, Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Isaiah 44:21-22

Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant; I formed you; you are my servant; O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me. I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 3

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 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*

Matthew 26:36-56

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 Ben Muresan

“Betrayed and Arrested”
John 18:1-11

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 305

Arise, My Soul, Arise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
Before the throne my Surety stands, before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on his hands.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
His all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
His blood atoned for ev’ry race, his blood atoned for ev’ry race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for me.
“Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry, “Forgive him, O forgive,” they cry,
“Nor let that ransomed sinner die!”

My God is reconciled; his pard’ning voice I hear;
He owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
With confidence I now draw nigh, with confidence I now draw nigh,
And “Father, Abba, Father!” cry. 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.*

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, September 27

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 8

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

Tuesday, 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 101

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

Wednesday, September 29

Scripture: Isaiah 57:15 - 59:21; Philippians 1:1-26; Psalm 71:1-24; Proverbs 24:9-10

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 102

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

Thursday, September 30

Scripture: Isaiah 60:1 - 62:5; Philippians 1:27 - 2:18; Psalm 72:1-20; Proverbs 24:11-12

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 103

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

Friday, October 1

Scripture: Isaiah 62:6 - 65:25; Philippians 2:19 - 3:3; Psalm 73:1-28; Proverbs 24:13-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 104

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

Saturday, October 2

Scripture: Isaiah 66:1-24; Philippians 3:4-21; Psalm 74:1-23; Proverbs 24:15-16

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 105

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

Sunday, October 3

Scripture: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:30; Philippians 4:1-23; Psalm 75:1-10; Proverbs 24:17-20

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 106

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 66:1-7

Leader: Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you. All the earth worships you and sings praises to you; they sing praises to your name.”

All: Come and see what God has done: he is awesome in his deeds toward the children of man. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the river on foot. There did we rejoice in him, who rules by his might forever, whose eyes keep watch on the nations—let not the rebellious exalt themselves.

Hymn*

“Forever Settled in the Heavens” Hymn 59

Congregational Confession of Sin

Our Father, we acknowledge and believe that you are holy, holy, holy and that the whole earth is full of your glory. As we examine ourselves in the light of your law, we are reminded of how we fall short of your glory. We have offended you with our thoughts, words, and deeds. Rather than seeking to conform ourselves to your law, we have all too eagerly conformed to the pattern of this passing evil age. Forgive us, we pray. Apart from Christ there is nothing in us that gives us reason for hope, yet in him we have forgiveness. Help us to rejoice in your assurance of pardon and to live godly, righteous, and devout lives as we await our Savior’s return, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Ephesians 4:31-32

Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.

Hymn

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name” Hymn 246

Scripture Reading*

Isaiah 52:13 - 53:12

Hymn

“Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted” Hymn 257

Prayer

Sermon

“The Motive To Debate”
2 Timothy 2:22-26

Rudy Manrique

Hymn*

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners” Hymn 498

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.

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.