

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 27, 2020

My mouth will declare the LORD'S praise;
let every living thing bless his holy name forever and ever.

Psalm 145:21

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 42 (p. 800)

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A MASKIL OF THE SONS OF KORAH.

As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, O God.

My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?

My tears have been my food day and night,

while men say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

These things I remember as I pour out my soul:

how I used to go with the multitude, leading the procession to the house of God, with shouts of joy and thanksgiving among the festive throng.

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

My soul is downcast within me; therefore I will remember you from the land of the Jordan, the heights of Hermon—from Mount Mizar.

Deep calls to deep in the roar of your waterfalls; all your waves and breakers have swept over me.

By day the LORD directs his love, at night his song is with me—a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God my Rock, "Why have you forgotten me?"

"Why must I go about mourning, oppressed by the enemy?"

My bones suffer mortal agony as my foes taunt me, saying to me all day long, "Where is your God?"

Why are you downcast, O my soul? Why so disturbed within me?

Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All praise we would render; O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we join with your Church around the world, with Christians now in heaven, and with the heavenly host, to declare that you are holy, holy, holy; the whole earth is full of your glory.

All: We acknowledge the vast difference between who we are as creatures and who you are as our Creator. We are painfully aware of how we have sinned and fall short of what you instruct us in your Word.

Leader: Grant us faith to believe and not doubt that in Christ we have full salvation and eternal life. Give us prayerful hearts and willing minds that seek to do what is pleasing in your sight.

All: We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our 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

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading

Daniel 7:9-14

Congregational Response

Hymn 457

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
Mount of God's unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
Hither by thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by thy good pleasure,
Safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
Wand'ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger,
Interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
Daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
Bind my wand'ring heart to thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—
Prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,
Seal it for thy courts above. 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

Doxology

Hymn 731

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

Mark 11:12-26

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 84])

Hymn 371 (*music on pg. 6*)

O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely

O Lord of Hosts, how lovely the place where thou dost dwell!
Thy tabernacles holy in pleasantness excel.
My soul is longing, fainting, Jehovah's courts to see;
My heart and flesh are crying, O living God, for thee.

Blest who thy house inhabit, they ever give thee praise;
Blest all whom thou dost strengthen, who love the sacred ways.
So they from strength unwearied go forward unto strength,
Till they appear in Zion before the Lord at length.

O hear, Lord God of Jacob, to me an answer yield;
The face of thine anointed, behold, O God, our shield.
One day excels a thousand if spent thy courts within;
I'll choose thy threshold, rather than dwell in tents of sin.

Our sun and shield, Jehovah, will grace and glory give;
No good will he deny them that uprightly do live.
O God of hosts, Jehovah, how blest is ev'ry one
Who confidence reposes on thee, O Lord, alone. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Hour Has Come for the Son of Man to Be Glorified”
John 12:20-26

1. Salvation for People of Every Tribe, Tongue, and Nation (vv. 20-22)
Acts 10:44-48
2. Salvation that Is Accomplished by Jesus in His “Hour” of Glory (vv. 23-24)
John 2:4; 4:21-23; 7:30; 8:20
3. To Receive this Salvation, We Must Love and Follow Jesus Above All (vv. 25-26)
Mark 8:34-38

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.

GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin. Amen.*

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.

O Lord of Hosts, How Lovely

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How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD Almighty! Ps. 84:1

1. O Lord of Hosts, how love - ly the place where thou dost dwell!
2. Blest who thy house in - hab - it, they ev - er give thee praise;
3. O hear, Lord God of Ja - cob, to me an an - swer yield;
4. Our sun and shield, Je - ho - vah, will grace and glo - ry give;

Thy tab - er - na - cles ho - ly in pleas - ant - ness ex - cel.
blest all whom thou dost strength - en, who love the sa - cred ways.
the face of thine a - noint - ed, be - hold, O God, our shield.
no good will he de - ny them that up - right - ly do live.

My soul is long - ing, faint - ing, Je - ho - vah's courts to see;
So they from strength un - wea - ried go for - ward un - to strength,
One day ex - cels a thou - sand if spent thy courts with - in;
O God of hosts, Je - ho - vah, how blest is ev - 'ry - one

my heart and flesh are cry - ing, O liv - ing God, for thee.
till they ap - pear in Zi - on be - fore the Lord at length.
I'll choose thy thresh - old, rath - er than dwell in tents of sin.
who con - fi - dence re - pos - es on thee, O Lord, a - lone.

From Psalm 84
Associate Reformed Presbyterian *Psalter*, 1931; alt. 1961

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Welsh hymn melody
David Evans's *Hymnau a Thonau*, 1865

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 29:1-4, 10-11

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

All: The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD, over many waters. The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty. The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as king forever. May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD bless his people with peace!

Hymn*

“Look, Ye Saints, the Sight Is Glorious” Hymn 299

Congregational Confession of Sin

Heavenly Father, we humble ourselves before you this evening as we confess our many sins. We are guilty of pride and unbelief, of anger and lust. Our transgressions are ever before us, and they weigh heavy on our hearts. Forgive us, we pray. Help us not to grow weary in doing good, but instead fill us with love that comes from a pure heart, a clear conscience, and genuine faith. In Jesus’ Name we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:31-34

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Hymn

“Amazing Grace!” Hymn 460

Scripture Reading*

Ephesians 2

Hymn

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” Hymn 679

Prayer

Sermon

“The Glorious City of God”
Psalm 87

Pastor Clayton Willis

Hymn*

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” Hymn 345

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

“O Bless Our God with One Accord” Hymn 400

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.
Use our church directory to pray for an individual or family each day.*

Monday, September 28

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 22

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

Tuesday, 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 3

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

Wednesday, 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 4

Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.

The churches in Wallis & Futuna and persecuted Christians.

Thursday, 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 5

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

Friday, 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 6

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

Saturday, 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 7

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

Sunday, October 4

Scripture: Jeremiah 2:31 - 4:18; Colossians 1:1-17; Psalm 76:1-12; Proverbs 24:21-22

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 8

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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