

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, September 5, 2021

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Psalm 43:5

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 16 (p. 788)

Keep me safe, O God,

for in you I take refuge.

I said to the LORD, “You are my Lord; apart from you I have no good thing.”

**As for the saints who are in the land,
they are the glorious ones in whom is all my delight.**

The sorrows of those will increase who run after other gods.

I will not pour out their libations of blood or take up their names on my lips.

LORD, you have assigned me my portion and my cup; you have made my lot secure.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

I will praise the LORD, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

**I have set the LORD always before me.
Because he is at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices; my body also will rest secure,

**because you will not abandon me to the grave,
nor will you let your Holy One see decay.**

You have made known to me the path of life;

**you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

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

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my list'ning ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: the battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Most holy and merciful Father, we confess that we have sinned against you by not keeping your commandments.

All: We confess that we have preferred the ways of this world to your ways. We have rebelled against your wisdom and sought after foolishness. We have rejected your fatherly commands and have done what is right in our own eyes.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. 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: Give us a growing desire to joyfully serve you and one another as we follow after 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

Romans 3:21-24

But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it—the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Deuteronomy 5:6-21 (ESV); Matthew 22:34-40

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. 85. *What does God require of us, that we may escape his wrath and curse, due to us for sin?*

A. To escape the wrath and curse of God, due to us for sin, God requires of us faith in Jesus Christ, repentance to life, with the diligent use of all the outward means by which Christ communicates to us the benefits of redemption.

Q. 86. *What is faith in Jesus Christ?*

A. Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, by which we receive and rest on him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

Q. 87. *What is repentance to life?*

A. Repentance to life is a saving grace, by which a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and understanding of the mercy of God in Christ, does, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it to God, with full intention of, and endeavor after, new obedience.

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*

1 Peter 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 His Disciples”
John 17:6-19

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 500

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee;
Let the water and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace;
Foul, I to the Fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee. 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.

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, September 6

Scripture: Song of Solomon 1:1 - 4:16; 2 Cor. 8:16-24; Psalm 50:1-23; Prov. 22:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 5

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

Tuesday, September 7

Scripture: Song of Solomon 5:1 - 8:14; 2 Cor. 9:1-15; Psalm 51:1-19; Prov. 22:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

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

Wednesday, September 8

Scripture: Isaiah 1:1 - 2:22; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18; Psalm 52:1-9; Proverbs 22:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 84

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

Thursday, September 9

Scripture: Isaiah 3:1 - 5:30; 2 Corinthians 11:1-15; Psalm 53:1-6; Proverbs 22:28-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 85

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

Friday, September 10

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1 - 7:25; 2 Corinthians 11:16-33; Psalm 54:1-7; Proverbs 23:1-3

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 86

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

Saturday, September 11

Scripture: Isaiah 8:1 - 9:21; 2 Corinthians 12:1-10; Psalm 55:1-23; Proverbs 23:4-5

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 87

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

Sunday, September 12

Scripture: Isaiah 10:1 - 11:16; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21; Psalm 56:1-13; Proverbs 23:6-8

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 88

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

When praying for his disciples in John 17:6, Jesus testifies to the Father that the disciples have “kept your word.” He also testifies that the words the Father gave him, he gave to his disciples, and they received them and believed that Jesus was sent by the Father (v. 8). Notice the close connection between the Word of God and faith in Jesus. These two things are inseparable, for “faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ” (Romans 10:17). But hearing the Word of God in a saving manner entails *keeping* the Word of God, and keeping the Word of God involves more than merely doing what it commands. Martin Lloyd-Jones states:

You do not really keep the word of God unless you obey it. It is a word that cannot be kept only in your intellect; it has to be put in your heart and in your will also. The man who keeps the word of God is the man whose whole personality is keeping it, the man who is meditating and rejoicing in it, whose heart warms to it, and so obeys it.

To hear and keep the Word of God, as defined by Lloyd-Jones, is to be changed by the Word. It is through the hearing and true keeping of God's Word that we can be sure that while we are in the world, we, like Jesus, are not of the world.

1. What does it mean to hear the Word of God? How is merely hearing the Word different from believing the Word?
2. What does it mean to keep the Word of God? Read Psalm 1. Does this psalm describe someone who has merely heard the Word of God or is keeping the Word of God? How does Psalm 1:2 answer that question?
3. Read John 17:11, 12. What did Jesus do for the disciples while he was with them? What does he ask the Father to do for his disciples after his ascension?
4. Look up chapter 17 of the Westminster Confession of Faith. How does the Confession define and describe God “keeping” us in his name? How is being kept in God's name connected to Ephesians 1:3-14?

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.