

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 14, 2023

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalms 28 (p. 793 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

To you I call, O LORD my Rock; do not turn a deaf ear to me.

For if you remain silent, I will be like those who have gone down to the pit.

Hear my cry for mercy as I call to you for help,

as I lift up my hands toward your Most Holy Place.

Do not drag me away with the wicked, with those who do evil,

who speak cordially with their neighbors but harbor malice in their hearts.

Repay them for their deeds and for their evil work;

repay them for what their hands have done and bring back upon them what they deserve.

Since they show no regard for the works of the LORD and what his hands have done,

he will tear them down and never build them up again.

Praise be to the LORD, for he has heard my cry for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield;

my heart trusts in him, and I am helped.

My heart leaps for joy and I will give thanks to him in song.

The LORD is the strength of his people, a fortress of salvation for his anointed one.

Save your people and bless your inheritance; be their shepherd and carry them forever.

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

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

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful Name;
The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh—his presence we have.
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love. Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we marvel today that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. We were your enemies, living in stubborn opposition to your Word, yet you loved us, pursued us, and brought us into your family.

All: We confess that despite the grace we have received in Christ, we have sinned against you and others with our thoughts, words, and deeds. We have failed to honor you and give you the thanks and praise you alone deserve.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant that as we hear your assurance of pardon, we would accept, receive, and rest on Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life.

All: We ask all this through Jesus Christ, our risen and ascended Lord, who lives and reigns with you in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Genesis 26:34 - 27:29

Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

More Than Conquerors

All hail the mighty Conqueror, Christ Jesus, our great King!
All hail the glorious Warrior, to whom our praise we bring.
May he be given honors by all his ransomed host:
We, too, are more than conquerors who make his name our boast.

Yet how can we inherit this title “conqueror” too?
We have not earned the merit or fame that is his due.
For we have only failed him by ev’ry sin and doubt;
Indeed, we cruelly nailed him and cast the Conqueror out.

But rising up victorious he conquered death and sin,
And reigns in heaven glorious, each conflict set to win.
To those of his own choosing he shares the victory;
Says, “Though you once were losing, come conquer now through me.”

“You cannot be defeated by trials in this life.
The conquest is completed o’er Satan, sin, and strife.
No pain, no tribulation, no danger, famine, sword,
No—nothing in creation can conquer those in God.”

Now since our God is for us what have we then to fear?
Though enemies deplore us, we face them all with cheer.
For we will be triumphant: each foe will be trod down
Beneath the Christ exultant, who shares the Conqueror’s crown. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 73. *Which is the eighth commandment?*

A. The eighth commandment is, “You shall not steal.”

Q. 74. *What is required in the eighth commandment?*

A. The eighth commandment requires that we utilize only lawful means in obtaining and furthering the wealth and outward estate of ourselves and others.

Q. 75. *What is forbidden in the eighth commandment?*

A. The eighth commandment forbids whatever does, or may, unjustly hinder our own, or our neighbor’s, wealth or outward estate.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship ❖

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 734

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.

❖ *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*

Genesis 27:30 - 28:9

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [from Psalm 100])

Hymn 65

Before Jehovah's Awesome Throne

Before Jehovah's awesome throne,
All nations, bow with sacred joy;
Know that the Lord is God alone,
He can create, and he destroy—
He can create, and he destroy.

His sovereign pow'r, without our aid,
Made us of dust and formed us men;
And when like wand'ring sheep we strayed,
He brought us to his fold again—
He brought us to his fold again.

We are his people, we his care,
Our souls and all our mortal frame;
What lasting honors shall we rear,
Almighty Maker, to your name?—
Almighty Maker, to your name?

We'll crowd your gates with thankful songs,
High as the heav'ns our voices raise;
And earth, with her ten thousand tongues,
Shall fill your courts with sounding praise—
Shall fill your courts with sounding praise.

Wide as the world is your command,
Vast as eternity your love;
Firm as a rock your truth must stand,
When rolling years shall cease to move—
When rolling years shall cease to move. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Nothing Can Stop God’s Plan of Redemption”
Genesis 26:34 - 28:9

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

Hymn 689

Be Still, My Soul

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev’ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav’nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know his love, his heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast’ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last. 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.

SERMON NOTES

“Nothing Can Stop God’s Plan of Redemption”

Genesis 26:34 - 28:9

1. Be aware of how sin affects all of your relationships so that you can fight against it.

Husbands and wives (Genesis 3:12, 16)

Parents and kids

Siblings

Ephesians 5:22 - 6:4

2. Be confident that God's grace is for sinners like you.

Titus 3:3-7

3. Be assured that God's grace is more powerful than your sin.

Romans 9:10-13

Acts 2:22-24

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

Monday, May 15

Scripture: 1 Samuel 17:1 - 18:4; John 8:21-30; Psalm 111:1-10; Proverbs 15:11

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 27

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

Tuesday, May 16

Scripture: 1 Samuel 18:5 - 19:24; John 8:31-59; Psalm 112:1-10; Proverbs 15:12-14

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 76

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

Wednesday, May 17

Scripture: 1 Samuel 20:1 - 21:15; John 9:1-41; Psalm 113:1 - 114:8; Proverbs 15:15-17

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 77

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

Thursday, May 18

Scripture: 1 Samuel 22:1 - 23:29; John 10:1-21; Psalm 115:1-18; Proverbs 15:18-19

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 78

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

Friday, May 19

Scripture: 1 Samuel 24:1 - 25:44; John 10:22-42; Psalm 116:1-19; Proverbs 15:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 79

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

Saturday, May 20

Scripture: 1 Samuel 26:1 - 28:25; John 11:1-54; Psalm 117:1-2; Proverbs 15:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 80

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

Sunday, May 21

Scripture: 1 Sam. 29:1 - 31:13; John 11:55 - 12:19; Psalm 118:1-18; Proverbs 15:24-26

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 81

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.

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EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

Prelude

Greeting and Call to Worship*

Psalm 111:1-4; 9-10

Leader: Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.

All: He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name! The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!

Hymn*

“My God, How Wonderful Thou Art” Hymn 35

Congregational Confession of Sin

Gracious God, 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 ashamed and sorry for how we have displeased you. Forgive us and renew our wills. We desire to be conformed more and more to the likeness of Christ. Hear our prayer and grant us our request, for we ask in Jesus’ Name. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Hymn

“God, Be Merciful to Me” Hymn 486

Scripture Reading*

Exodus 40

Hymn

“Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands” Hymn 427

Prayer

Sermon

Listen to Jesus!
Luke 9:28-36

Pastor Ben Muresan

Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Hymn*

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place” Hymn 468

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.

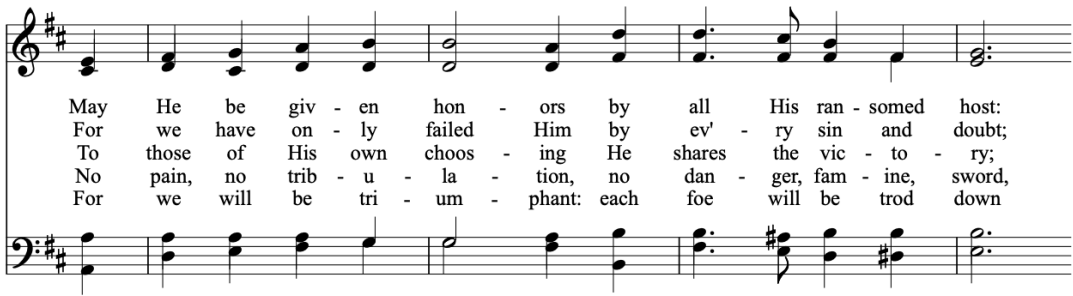
More Than Conquerors



1. All hail the might - y Con - queror, Christ Je - sus, our great King!
 2. Yet how can we in - her - it this ti - tle "con - queror" too?
 3. But ris - ing up vic - to - rious He con - quered death and sin,
 4. "You can - not be de - feat - ed by tri - als in this life.
 5. Now since our God is for us what have we then to fear?



All hail the glo - rious War - rior, to Whom our praise we bring.
 We have not earned the mer - it or fame that is His due.
 And reigns in Heav - en glo - rious, each con - flict set to win.
 The con - quest is com - plet - ed o'er Sa - tan, sin and strife.
 Though en - e - mies de - plore us, we face them all with cheer.



May He be giv - en hon - ors by all His ran - somed host;
 For we have on - ly failed Him by ev' - ry sin and doubt;
 To those of His own choos - ing He shares the vic - to - ry;
 No pain, no trib - u - la - tion, no dan - ger, fam - ine, sword,
 For we will be tri - um - phant: each foe will be trod down



We, too, are more than con - querors who make His name our boast.
 In - deed, we cruel - ly nailed Him and cast the Con - queror out.
 Says, "Though you once were los - ing, come con - quer now through me."
 No noth - ing in cre - a - tion can con - quer those in God."
 Be - neath the Christ ex - ult - ant, who shares the Con - queror's crown.