

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, November 10, 2019

God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**1 Corinthians 1:9**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

### Greeting and Blessing\*

### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 150 (p. 841)

### Hymn of Preparation\*

Hymn 310

#### *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
And bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
And take his servants up to their eternal home.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice! Amen.

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Our God and Father, we praise you for the loving kindness you have shown us in Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

**All:** Forgive us, O Lord, for our many sins. We confess that we are guilty of pride and unbelief, of anger and lust. We have sinned against you by breaking your commandments and by wasting your good gifts to us. Our transgressions are ever before us, and they weigh heavy on our hearts.

**Leader:** Grant us repentant hearts to understand the sinfulness of our sins but also the assurance of forgiveness that comes by faith in the Lord Jesus. We thank you that our sins will not be counted against us, because they all have been laid upon Christ.

**All:** All praise to you, O God, for such wondrous grace! We are loved with an everlasting love! Grant that we, by your Spirit, may live daily unto you and may seek to glorify you in thought, word, and deed. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen.

## Private Confession of Our Sins

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

\* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading\*

Congregational Response

Ezekiel 34

Hymn 716

### *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*

Sing to the Lord of harvest,  
sing songs of love and praise;  
with joyful hearts and voices  
your alleluias raise!

By him the rolling seasons  
in fruitful order move;  
sing to the Lord of harvest  
a song of happy love.

By him the clouds drop fatness,  
the deserts bloom and spring,  
the hills leap up in gladness,  
the valleys laugh and sing.  
He filleth with his fullness  
all things with large increase;  
he crowns the year with goodness,  
with plenty, and with peace.

Heap on his sacred altar  
the gifts his goodness gave,  
the golden sheaves of harvest,  
the souls he died to save.  
Your hearts lay down before him  
when at his feet you fall,  
and with your lives adore him  
who gave his life for all.

To God the gracious Father,  
who made us “very good,”  
to Christ, who, when we wandered,  
restored us with his blood,  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
who doth upon us pour  
his blessed dews and sunshine,  
be praise forevermore. 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

#### Tithes and Offerings

#### 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\*

Luke 15

Congregational Response (Psalm 138)

Hymn 88

### *With Grateful Heart My Thanks I Bring*

With grateful heart my thanks I bring,  
before the great thy praise I sing;  
I worship in thy holy place  
and praise thee for thy truth and grace;  
for truth and grace together shine  
in thy most holy word divine.

I cried to thee and thou didst save,  
thy word of grace new courage gave;  
the kings of earth shall thank thee, Lord,  
for they have heard thy wondrous word;  
yea, they shall come with songs of praise,  
for great and glorious are thy ways.

O Lord, enthroned in glory bright,  
thou reignest in the heav'nly height;  
the proud in vain thy favor seek,  
but thou hast mercy for the meek;  
through trouble though my pathway be,  
thou wilt revive and strengthen me.

Thou wilt stretch forth thy mighty arm  
to save me when my foes alarm;  
the work thou hast for me begun  
shall by thy grace be fully done;  
forever mercy dwells with thee;

Pastoral Prayer (based on Luke 6:46-49)

Sermon

“Lost and Found”  
John 1:43-44

Pastor Ben Muresan

## GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 164

### *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad, the honors of thy Name.

Jesus, the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.

He breaks the power of reigning sin, he sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, his blood availed for me.

He speaks and, list'ning to his voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.

Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb, your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy. Amen.



## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

When we read in John 1:43 that Jesus “decided to go to Galilee,” it seems like a small detail. We might view it in the same way that we ourselves make decisions in life, such as when we decide to go to a particular restaurant or shop at a certain supermarket instead of the one closer to our house—pretty mundane stuff. However, when we read about Jesus’ decision, we need to see behind it the full force of God’s decree working itself out in Jesus’ ministry, because by going to Galilee, Jesus found Philip and called him to be a disciple. Philip was one of the elect of God, chosen in Christ before eternity, and what we see in John 1:43 is the plan of God fulfilled in his life. It’s not as though Jesus stumbled upon Philip. There was intentionality on Jesus’ part. He came to seek and to save the lost.

1. For review, read John 1:35-42. What are some things you learn about evangelism in these verses?
2. Read Ephesians 1:3-6. What do you learn about election? Read and consider Westminster Confession of Faith chapter 3, paragraphs 5-6 as you work through your answer.
3. What did God promise to do in Ezekiel 34:11-12 and why?
4. How did Jesus fulfill God’s promise according to Luke 15:1-7 and Luke 19:1-10?
5. What is the significance of Jesus’ command to Philip in John 1:43? What does it look like to follow Jesus?
6. In preparation for next week, read John 1:45. What do you think Philip meant in his explanation to Nathanael?