

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, March 10, 2019

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you.  
Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

**John 14:27**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

## Greeting and Blessing\*

## Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 118 (p. 828)

## Hymn of Preparation\*

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Hymn 92

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Our God and Father, we thank you for the grace and mercy you have shown us through our Lord Jesus Christ. While we were still sinners, he died for us.

**All:** We confess that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Teach us to hate our sins, and cleanse us from our secret transgressions. Work in us by your Spirit, and enable us to do all that you teach us in your holy Word.

**All:** All glory be to you, O God, through 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

Hebrews 4:14-16

Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

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

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

## First Reading\*

Isaiah 46

## Congregational Response (Hymn of the Month)

“Peace, Perfect Peace” Hymn 702

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 1.** *What is the chief end of man?*

**A.** Man’s chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

**Q. 2.** *What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?*

**A.** The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

**Q. 3.** *What do the Scriptures principally teach?*

**A.** The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

## Tithes and Offerings

## 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 6:19-34

**Congregational Response** (Psalm 72:8-14; 17-19) “Christ Shall Have Dominion” Hymn 439

**Pastoral Prayer** (based on Ephesians 1:15-23)

### Sermon

“The Lord Is at Hand”  
Philippians 4:5-7

Pastor Ben Muresan

## GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

### Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

“It Is Well with My Soul” Hymn 691

### Benediction\*

### Congregational Benediction Response\*

“May the Peace of God”

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.

#### REFRAIN

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.

## LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

The peace we have in this life is rooted in the peace we have with God. The gospel assures us that through faith in Christ, we are no longer enemies of God. We believe that he died for our sins, and in doing so he propitiated the wrath of God. He also fulfilled all the requirements of the law, so that we now stand before God forgiven, holy, and righteous. We have peace with God. He is our Father, and we are his children. When we pray, we approach God in the Son and by the Holy Spirit, so we can be assured that he hears and answers our prayers. We can rest in the sure knowledge that he who clothes the grass of the fields and feeds the birds of the air will also care for all our needs. Sinclair Ferguson writes:

It is only when we want to take our lives out of the Father’s hands and have them under our own control that we find ourselves gripped with anxiety. The secret of freedom from anxiety is freedom from ourselves and abandonment of our own plans. But that Spirit emerges in our lives only when our minds are filled with the knowledge that our Father can be trusted implicitly to supply everything we need. (*The Sermon on the Mount*, p. 144)

1. For review, read Philippians 4:4. What does it mean to “rejoice in the Lord always”? What does true joy in the Lord look like in our daily lives? How does it affect our worship?
2. What is the significance of the phrase “the Lord is at hand” in Philippians 4:5? How should knowing that Jesus will return and renew all things affect our “reasonableness”? How should it affect our prayers?
3. Read through Matthew 6:19-34 (which was our second Scripture reading during worship). What are some of the reasons Jesus says are the causes of our anxiety? What does he, our Great Physician, prescribe to relieve our anxiety?
4. What is the connection between prayer and the command to not be anxious in Philippians 4:6? What are your usual approaches to dealing with anxiety? Why is it important that we pray “with thanksgiving” when we go before God?
5. Why does the “peace of God” surpass “all understanding” (Philippians 4:7)? In what sense does God’s peace guard us?
6. In preparation for next week, read Philippians 4:8-9. What does Paul command in these verses? How do you think adopting these virtues in your thought life would affect your daily life?

