

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, April 7, 2019

Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!

Psalm 115:1

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 121 (p. 831)

Hymn of Preparation*

“Come, Thou Almighty King” Hymn 101

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we know that your commandments are holy, righteous, and good. They reveal your holiness, and they teach us how to live as your children in a way that pleases you.

All: We acknowledge and confess that we have broken all of your commandments. Instead of fleeing from sin, we gave into temptation. Our hearts are weighed down as we consider how we have offended you, our loving Father.

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

Colossians 3:12-14

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Deuteronomy 5:6-21; Matthew 22:34-40

Congregational Response

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

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 10. *How did God create man?*

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.

Q. 11. *What are God's works of providence?*

A. God's works of providence are his most holy, wise, and powerful preserving and governing all his creatures, and all their actions.

Q. 12. *What special act of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate in which he was created?*

A. When God created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, on condition of perfect obedience; forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, on the pain of death.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

Doxology*

Hymn 732

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*

Isaiah 6

Congregational Response

“Holy, Holy, Holy!” Hymn 100

Pastoral Prayer (based on Titus 2:11-14)

Sermon

“Soli Deo Gloria”
Philippians 4:19-20

Pastor Ben Muresan

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

“Fairest Lord Jesus” Hymn 170

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(Hymn 115, verse 5)

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, three in One,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Amen.

LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Glory is first and foremost something that describes who God is. He is the Lord God Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and the whole earth is full of his glory. In response to the glory that he reveals in creation, providence, and grace, we as his creatures give him glory with our worship, thanksgiving, and obedience. Since God is the source of everything, he deserves to receive glory from all his creatures forever. The Apostle Paul writes in Romans 11:36, “For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.” This is the main difference between those who are man-centered and those who are God-centered. God created us to glorify and enjoy him forever, and so we must live not for our own glory, but for his. He must be at the center of all our affections, desires, actions, and motives. Our hearts sing with the Church throughout the ages, “Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!” (Psalm 115:1).

1. For review, read Philippians 4:14-23. What does Paul thank the Philippians for in these verses? Why is it significant that he describes their relationship as a “partnership”?
2. How is God’s glory described in Exodus 33:17 - 34:9; 40:34-38; Isaiah 6:1-7; and 42:8?
3. How does God reveal his glory in our redemption according to John 12:23-24; 27-28; 13:31-32; and Ephesians 1:13-14?
4. Read and discuss Westminster Confession of Faith Q/A 1-2. What are some things we learn in the Bible about how to glorify and enjoy God?
 - 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.
5. Take a few moments to reflect on our series through Philippians. What did you learn while studying this letter that was 1) new; 2) encouraging; and 3) challenging? How would you briefly summarize the purpose and themes of this letter?
6. In preparation for next week, read Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-40; and John 12:12-19. What do you think is the significance of Jesus’ “triumphal entry” according to these passages?

