

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 17, 2020

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.
2 Corinthians 3:17

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 29 (p. 794 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

A PSALM OF DAVID.

Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness.

The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory thunders, the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.

The voice of the LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars; the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the LORD strikes with flashes of lightning.

The voice of the LORD shakes the desert; the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.

The voice of the LORD twists the oaks and strips the forests bare.

And in his temple all cry, "Glory!"

The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.

The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 4

All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

All praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of wonders, pow'r, and love, the God of our salvation!
With healing balm my soul he fills, the God who every sorrow stills. To God all praise and glory!

What God's almighty pow'r hath made his gracious mercy keepeth;
By morning dawn or evening shade his watchful eye ne'er sleepeth;
Within the kingdom of his might, lo, all is just and all is right. To God all praise and glory!

I cried to him in time of need: Lord God, O hear my calling!
For death he gave me life indeed and kept my feet from falling.
For this my thanks shall endless be; O thank him, thank our God with me. To God all praise and glory!

The Lord forsaketh not his flock, his chosen generation;
He is their refuge and their rock, their peace and their salvation.
As with a mother's tender hand he leads his own, his chosen band. To God all praise and glory!

Ye who confess Christ's holy name, to God give praise and glory!
Ye who the Father's pow'r proclaim, to God give praise and glory!
All idols underfoot be trod, the Lord is God! The Lord is God! To God all praise and glory!

Then come before his presence now and banish fear and sadness;
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well. To God all praise and glory! Amen.

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Heavenly Father, we come before you with guilt and shame as we consider how we have offended you by our sinful actions, our hurtful words, and our disgraceful thoughts.

All: 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 not worthy to be called your children.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray, and grant us repentant hearts. Help us to lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and strengthen us to run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at your right hand.

All: All praise, honor, glory, and power be to you: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Private Confession of Our Sins

Assurance of Forgiveness

Titus 2:11-14

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Congregational Response

Hymn 329

Come, O Creator Spirit Blest

Come, O Creator Spirit blest, and in our hearts take up your rest;
Spirit of grace, with heav'nly aid come to the souls whom you have made.

You are the Comforter, we cry, sent to the earth from God Most High,
Fountain of life and fire of love, and our anointing from above.

Bringing from heav'n our sev'nfold dow'r, sign of our God's right hand of pow'r,
O blessed Spirit, promised long, your coming wakes the heart to song.

Make our dull minds with rapture glow, let human hearts with love o'erflow;
And when our feeble flesh would fail, may your immortal strength prevail.

Far from our souls the foe repel, grant us in peace henceforth to dwell;
Ill shall not come, nor harm betide, if only you will be our guide.

Show us the Father, Holy One, help us to know th'eternal Son;
Spirit divine, forevermore you will we trust and you adore. Amen.

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 33. *What is justification?*

A. Justification is an act of God's free grace, in which he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Q. 34. *What is adoption?*

A. Adoption is an act of God's free grace, by which we are received as sons of God, and have a right to all the privileges of that standing.

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

Acts 1:1-11

Congregational Response

Hymn 501

Just As I Am, Without One Plea

Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thy love unknown has broken ev'ry barrier down;
Now, to be thine, yea, thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer (based on Psalm 13)

Sermon

Pastor Ben Muresan

“Filled with the Holy Spirit”
John 7:37-39

1. The Water of Life

Isaiah 12:3
Exodus 17
Ezekiel 47
Revelation 22:1-3, 17

2. The Life-Giving Spirit

Acts 2, 8, 10

3. The Fullness of the Spirit

John 3:8
Ephesians 5:18-21

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving

Hymn 335

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would gracious be;
And with words that help and heal would thy life in mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek would for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would truthful be;
And with wisdom kind and clear let thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly speak my Lord’s sincerity.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would mighty be;
Mighty so as to prevail where unaided man must fail;
Ever by a mighty hope pressing on and bearing up.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I myself would holy be;
Separate from sin, I would choose and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be, give to him who gave me thee! 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.

LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

We learned about the Covenant of Redemption a few weeks ago as we studied John 6. The Covenant of Redemption is the eternal pact between the Persons of the Trinity in which the Father chose a people in the Son to be in time brought to saving faith through the Spirit. The Spirit does this as he unites us to Christ and thereby makes us partakers of Christ and all his benefits. Rather than drawing attention to himself, the Spirit draws our attention to Christ for our salvation and ongoing assurance. In his book, *Rediscovering the Holy Spirit: God's Perfecting Presence in Creation, Redemption, and Everyday Life*, Michael Horton writes:

The Spirit is the “guarantee” or “pledge of our inheritance” (Ephesians 1:14). The Old Covenant law forbade requiring a poor person's cloak as a ransom or a pledge for repayment. Closer to our experience is the credit system. Jesus Christ has already purchased our entire redemption. Nevertheless, we do not presently enjoy our salvation in its fullness. Paul says in Romans 8 that we will not experience our adoption as children of God in the fullest sense until our bodies are raised. But the Holy Spirit has been given to us as the Trinity's down payment, guaranteeing the disbursement of funds from the treasury of Christ's infinite merit until one day we are not only justified and in the process of being sanctified, but we stand glorified and untouched by temptation in the world to come. That may be a future hope, but the present possession of the Holy Spirit is a pledge and in some sense a foretaste of that great and glorious day.

1. For review, read John 7:14-52 and try to answer the following questions: Where did Jesus get his knowledge? Where was Jesus from? Where was Jesus going to go and why?
2. Why is it significant that Jesus made his declaration in verses 37-39 during the Feast of Tabernacles?
3. What was Jesus calling the people to do? How is Jesus' invitation similar to Isaiah 55:1-3, 6-7?
4. What does the prophet see in his vision recorded in Ezekiel 47:1-12? What effect does the water flowing from the temple have on all that it touches? What similarities do you see between this passage, Revelation 22:1-5, 17, and our sermon text?
5. What does Jesus say he and the Father will do after Jesus' ascension in John 14:16; 15:26; and 16:7?
6. What will the Spirit do according to John 14:17, 26; 15:26; and 16:8-15?
7. What does it mean to be filled with the Spirit? According to the Apostle Paul in Ephesians 5:15-21, what are some evidences of being filled with the Spirit in a Christian's life?
8. In preparation for next Sunday, read John 8:12-30. What do you think is the spiritual significance of this “I Am” saying of Jesus?

HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

*The daily reading schedule follows the One Year Bible Reading Plan.
Use our church directory to pray for an individual or family each day.*

Monday, May 18

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

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 3

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

Tuesday, 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 103

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

Wednesday, 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 104

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

Thursday, 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 105

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

Friday, May 22

Scripture: 2 Samuel 1:1 - 2:11; John 12:20-50; Psalm 118:19-29; Proverbs 15:27-28

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 106

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

Saturday, May 23

Scripture: 2 Samuel 2:12 - 3:39; John 13:1-30; Psalm 119:1-16; Proverbs 15:29-30

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 107

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

Sunday, May 24

Scripture: 2 Samuel 4:1 - 6:23; John 13:31 - 14:14; Psalm 119:17-32; Prov. 15:31-32

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 1

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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