

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, May 2, 2021

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

**Psalm 136:1**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing\*

Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 133 (p. 834)

How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!

**It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard,  
running down on Aaron's beard, down upon the collar of his robes.**

It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion.

**For there the LORD bestows his blessing, even life forevermore.**

Hymn of Preparation\*

Hymn 75

### *O Father, You Are Sovereign*

O Father, you are sovereign in all the worlds you made;  
Your mighty word was spoken and light and life obeyed.  
Your voice commands the seasons and bounds the ocean's shore,  
Sets stars within their courses and stills the tempest's roar.

O Father, you are sovereign in all affairs of man;  
No pow'rs of death or darkness can thwart your perfect plan.  
All chance and change transcending, supreme in time and space,  
You hold your trusting children secure in your embrace.

O Father, you are sovereign, the Lord of human pain,  
Transmuting earthly sorrows to gold of heav'nly gain.  
All evil over-ruling, as none but Conqu'ror could,  
Your love pursues its purpose—our souls' eternal good.

O Father, you are sovereign! We see you dimly now,  
But soon before your triumph earth's every knee shall bow.  
With this glad hope before us our faith springs up anew:  
Our sovereign Lord and Savior, we trust and worship you! Amen.

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

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Our sovereign heavenly Father, we humble ourselves now in your presence and confess that we have sinned against you and others.

**All:** We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. All the wrongs that we have done are not hidden from you.

**Leader:** Our sins and failures weigh heavy on our hearts, and we feel how our fellowship with you has suffered. Forgive us and restore us, we pray, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave himself for us.

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

## Private Confession of Our Sins

### Assurance of Forgiveness

Revelation 1:5-6

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

## ADORATION AND PRAISE

### First Reading\*

Genesis 1

### Congregational Response

Hymn 468

### *My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*

My faith has found a resting place, from guilt my soul is freed;  
I trust the ever-living One, his wounds for me shall plead.  
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

Enough for me that Jesus saves, this ends my fear and doubt;  
A sinful soul I come to him, he'll never cast me out.  
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

My heart is leaning on the Word, the written Word of God:  
Salvation by my Savior's name, salvation thro' his blood.  
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me.*

My great Physician heals the sick, the lost he came to save;  
For me his precious blood he shed, for me his life he gave.  
*I need no other argument, I need no other plea, it is enough that Jesus died, and that he died for me. Amen.*

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 37.** *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?*

**A.** The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves until the resurrection.

**Q. 38.** *What benefits do believers receive from Christ at the resurrection?*

**A.** At the resurrection, believers, being raised up in glory, shall be openly acknowledged and acquitted in the Day of Judgment, and made perfectly blessed in the full enjoying of God to all eternity.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

### 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\*

Romans 1:18-32

### Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 117])

Hymn 7 (printed on p. 12)

#### *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong.  
In cheerful sound all voices raise and fill the world with joyful praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your word.  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more. Amen.

## **Pastoral Prayer**

## **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Peter Jones

Worshipping the God of Twoism  
Romans 1:18-27

## **Reception of New Members**

Pastor Ben Muresan

### **Questions to New Members from Book of Church Order 57-5:**

All of you being here present to make a public profession of faith are to assent to the following declarations and promises, by which you enter into a solemn covenant with God and his Church:

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving his displeasure, and without hope save in his sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon him alone for salvation as he is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## **Installation of Pastor Clayton Willis**

Pastor Ben Muresan

### **Questions to Pastor Clayton Willis from Book of Church Order 21-9:**

1. Are you now willing to take charge of this congregation as their Associate Pastor, agreeable to your declaration in accepting its call?
2. Do you conscientiously believe and declare, as far as you know your own heart, that, in taking upon you this charge, you are influenced by a sincere desire to promote the glory of God and the good of the Church?
3. Do you solemnly promise that, by the assistance of the grace of God, you will endeavor faithfully to discharge all the duties of an Associate Pastor to this congregation, and will be careful to maintain a deportment in all respects becoming a minister of the Gospel of Christ, agreeable to your ordination engagements?

### **Questions to the Congregation from Book of Church Order 21-10:**

1. Do you, the people of this congregation, continue to profess your readiness to receive Clayton Willis, whom you have called to be your Associate Pastor?
2. Do you promise to receive the word of truth from his mouth with meekness and love, and to submit to him in the due exercise of discipline?
3. Do you promise to encourage him in his labors, and to assist his endeavors for your instruction and spiritual edification?
4. Do you engage to continue to him while he is your Associate Pastor that competent worldly maintenance which you have promised, and to furnish him with whatever you may see needful for the honor of religion and for his comfort among you?

## **Charge to Pastor Clayton Willis**

Pastor Bryan Schafer

## **Charge to the Congregation**

Pastor Ben Muresan

**Questions to Erwin de Castro from Book of Church Order 24-6:**

1. Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, as originally given, to be the inerrant Word of God, the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
2. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures; and do you further promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the fundamentals of this system of doctrine, you will, on your own initiative, make known to your Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?
3. Do you approve of the form of government and discipline of the Presbyterian Church in America, in conformity with the general principles of biblical polity?
4. Do you accept the office of ruling elder in this church, and promise faithfully to perform all the duties thereof, and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your life, and to set a worthy example before the Church of which God has made you an officer?
5. Do you promise subjection to your brethren in the Lord?
6. Do you promise to strive for the purity, peace, unity and edification of the Church?

**Questions to the Congregation from Book of Church Order 24-6:**

Do you, the members of this church, acknowledge and receive Erwin de Castro as a ruling elder, and do you promise to yield to him all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which his office, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of this Church, entitles him?

## **GOD'S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

Hymn of Thanksgiving\*

Hymn 347

### *The Church's One Foundation*

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
She is his new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;  
With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder men see her sore oppressed,  
By schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,  
Yet saints their watch are keeping, their cry goes up, "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail.

'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore;  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:  
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee. Amen.

**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.





# HOME WORSHIP GUIDE

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

## **Monday, May 3**

Scripture: Judges 17:1 - 18:31; John 3:1-21; Psalm 104:1-24; Proverbs 14:20-21

Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 20

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

## **Tuesday, May 4**

Scripture: Judges 19:1 - 20:48; John 3:22 - 4:3; Psalm 104:25-35; Proverbs 14:22-23

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 82

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

## **Wednesday, May 5**

Scripture: Judges 21:1 - Ruth 1:22; John 4:4-42; Psalm 105:1-15; Proverbs 14:24-25

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 83

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

## **Thursday, May 6**

Scripture: Ruth 2:1 - 4:22; John 4:43-54; Psalm 105:16-36; Proverbs 14:26-27

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 84

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

## **Friday, May 7**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 1:1 - 2:21; John 5:1-23; Psalm 105:37-45; Proverbs 14:28-29

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 85

Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health care needs and our pregnant moms.

## **Saturday, May 8**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:22 - 4:22; John 5:24-47; Psalm 106:1-12; Proverbs 14:30-31

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 86

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

## **Sunday, May 9**

Scripture: 1 Samuel 5:1 - 7:17; John 6:1-21; Psalm 106:13-31; Proverbs 14:32-33

Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 87

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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## **LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS**

Today we are facing serious and growing opposition in the culture to the truth of the Christian faith, but we have a profound answer to pagan unbelief found at the beginning of Romans, originally spoken for Christians living in pagan Rome. God the Creator is the only answer to human questions about life, and the answer makes so much sense, even for present-day scientists. That the personal Creator is also the loving Redeemer is the very message of the Gospel for a fallen world. As these two churches come together, may they celebrate their unity in knowing the transcendent God of Scripture in his being as Creator, utterly distinct from us, and as Redeemer, taking on human form to become one with us to save us from our sins.

1. What is Twoism and Oneism?
2. How does this fit with Theology?
3. How does this fit with Spirituality?
4. How does this fit with Sexuality?
5. How can we use this for evangelism?

# From All That Dwell below the Skies

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*Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Ps. 117:1*

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -  
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery  
3. E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's name be  
land the strains be - long. In cheer - ful sound all voic - es  
truth at - tends your word. Your praise shall sound from shore to

sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.  
raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

Based on Psalm 117  
Isaac Watts, 1719; mod.

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John Hatton, 1793