

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 23, 2019

For all the promises of God find their Yes in Jesus Christ.  
That is why it is through him that we utter our Amen to God for his glory.

**2 Corinthians 1:20**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

## Greeting and Blessing\*

## Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 132 (p. 833)

## Hymn of Preparation\*

“O Worship the King” Hymn 2

## Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Heavenly Father, we confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep, each of us going our own way and seeking our own path.

**All:** We depended on our own strength and stumbled. We leaned on our own understanding and made foolish decisions. We sought the things of this world and failed to seek first your Kingdom and your righteousness.

**Leader:** Have mercy on us, we pray, and grant us forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ. Cause us to grow in love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

**All:** All praise 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

Psalm 103:8-12

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

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

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

## First Reading\*

Psalm 2

## Congregational Response

“He Will Hold Me Fast” (printed on the last page)

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

### Q. 35. *What is sanctification?*

**A.** Sanctification is the work of God’s free grace, by which we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die to sin and live to righteousness.

### Q. 36. *What are the benefits that in this life accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification?*

**A.** The benefits that in this life do accompany or flow from justification, adoption, and sanctification are: assurance of God’s love, peace of conscience, joy in the Holy Spirit, increase of grace, and perseverance to the end.

## 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\***

Joshua 9

**Congregational Response** (Psalm 119:89-97)

“Forever Settled in the Heavens” Hymn 59

**Pastoral Prayer** (based on Ephesians 4:11-16)

**Sermon**

“Always Seek Counsel from the Lord”  
Joshua 9

Pastor Ben Muresan

## GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

**Hymn of Thanksgiving\***

“The Church’s One Foundation” Hymn 347

**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

As God’s people waged holy war against God’s enemies, they were directly opposed by forces allied against them. Joshua 9 is a reminder for us that the Christian life is not characterized by ease and passivity. It is in fact a fight, a race, and a struggle in sanctification that will continue throughout our lives. No Christian is immune to the opposition that comes from the rulers, authorities, and cosmic powers over this present darkness—Satan’s spiritual forces who are allied against us (Ephesians 6:11-12). We need to be aware of Satan’s tactics, especially the way he uses deception and disguise to entice us to sin. While we are in this battle, we are assured of God’s presence and power with us. Though Satan still wields some power and influence, he is, as J.I. Packer writes, “a defeated rebel, having no more power than God allows him and being destined for the lake of fire (Rev. 20:10).” God has given us his Spirit and all the spiritual armor we need to remain steadfast and not be deceived.

1. For review, try to remember some of the application points from Joshua 7-8. Do you think Achan’s punishment was just? Why or why not?
2. How do Psalm 2 and Joshua 9:1-2 connect? How do we know that the nations who joined forces against Israel were actually joining forces against God himself?
3. According to Joshua 9:3, 24-25, why did the people of Gibeon want to make a covenant with Israel? Compare and contrast their desire to escape judgment with Rahab’s in Joshua 2:8-13.
4. What was the cause of the folly of Israel’s leaders according to Joshua 9:14? Why was it so dangerous for Israel to allow the Gibeonites to remain in the Promised Land?
5. Why did Joshua keep the covenant with the Gibeonites even though it was made under false pretenses? Read and discuss Westminster Confession of Faith, chapter 22 (Lawful Oaths and Vows).
6. In preparation for next week, read Psalm 42-43. Our guest preacher will be preaching through these two psalms.



# He Will Hold Me Fast

**System 1:**  
 Treble: A A/C# D D E A A  
 Bass: A/C# D D E A F#m E/G# E A D  
 Lyrics:  
 1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast; When the tempt-er  
 2. Those He saves are His de-light, Christ will hold me fast; Pre-cious in his  
 3. For my life He bled and died, Christ will hold me fast; Just-ice has been

**System 2:**  
 Treble: D C# F#m F#m E/G# E A D D E  
 Bass: D C# F#m F#m E/G# E A D D E  
 Lyrics:  
 would pre-vail, He will hold me fast. I could nev-er keep my hold  
 ho-ly sight, He will hold me fast. He'll not let my soul be lost; His  
 sat-is-sied; He will hold me fast. Raised with Him to end-less life,

**System 3:**  
 Treble: A D E F#m F#m E/G# A  
 Bass: A D E F#m F#m E/G# A  
 Lyrics:  
 Through life's fear-ful path; For my love is oft-en cold; He must hold me  
 Prom-is-es shall last; Bought by Him at such a cost, He will hold me  
 He will hold me fast 'Till our faith is turned to sight, When He comes at

**System 4:**  
 Treble: A D E F#m F#m E/G# A  
 Bass: A D E F#m F#m E/G# A  
 Lyrics:  
 fast. He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
 fast.  
 last!

**System 5:**  
 Treble: A Bm7 A/C# D D E A  
 Bass: A Bm7 A/C# D D E A  
 Lyrics:  
 For my Sa- vior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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