

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, June 9, 2019

When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, for he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

**John 16:13-14**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

## Greeting and Blessing\*

## Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 130 (p. 833)

## Hymn of Preparation\*

“Come, O Come, Thou Quickening Spirit” Hymn 331

## 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:** You know us even better than we know ourselves; none of our sins are hidden from your sight. It grieves us that we continually fall short of what your Word commands.

**Leader:** Forgive us, O Lord, and cause us to walk in your ways. Remove from us every worldly desire, every anxious thought, and every bitter resentment. Work in us by your Holy Spirit so that we will always seek to do what is pleasing in your sight.

**All:** We ask all this through the merit and mediation of our Savior, 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

1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

\* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

## First Reading\*

Genesis 15

## Congregational Response

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

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 30.** *How does the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ?*

**A.** The Spirit applies to us the redemption purchased by Christ by working faith in us, and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling.

**Q. 31.** *What is effectual calling?*

**A.** Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, by which, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he persuades and enables us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.

**Q. 32.** *What benefits are there in this life for those who are effectually called?*

**A.** Those who are effectually called partake in justification, adoption, sanctification, and the other benefits that, in this life, do either accompany them or flow from them.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

## Tithes and Offerings

## 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

<b>Second Reading*</b>	Joshua 5:13 - 6:27
<b>Congregational Response</b> (Psalm 119:89-97)	“Forever Settled in the Heavens” Hymn 59
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b> (based on Proverbs 3:5-6)	
<b>Sermon</b>	Pastor Ben Muresan
	“Whose Side Are You On?” Joshua 5:13 - 6:27

## GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

<b>Hymn of Thanksgiving*</b>	“Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me” Hymn 335
<b>Benediction*</b>	
<b>Congregational Benediction Response*</b>	(Sung to TRINITY)
	To the great One in Three eternal praises be, hence evermore. His sovereign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore. Amen.

## LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

Israel’s victory over Jericho was a significant event for God’s people. God told Joshua to “Be strong and of good courage; be not frightened; neither be dismayed; for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9). Then, at the beginning of chapter 6, the LORD assured Joshua, saying, “See! I have given Jericho into your hand.” Even though God’s method for victory must have seemed foolish to those in Jericho, Joshua and Israel obeyed God’s instructions. They trusted in his promise to give them the land and obeyed what he commanded them to do. By their obedience they revealed that they were on the Lord’s side and as a result they sought to submit to his will. Whose side are you on? Is your allegiance to the Lord revealed in what you think, do, and say? Consider these questions as you review the sermon.

1. Before you begin to consider the book of Joshua, take a moment to reflect on the importance of Pentecost in redemptive history. In what ways is Pentecost misunderstood by some Christians today? To help you think through this, read Heidelberg Catechism Q/A 53: *What do you believe concerning “the Holy Spirit”?*  
  
First, he, as well as the Father and the Son, is eternal God.  
  
Second, he has been given to me personally, so that, by true faith, he makes me share in Christ and all his blessings, comforts me, and remains with me forever.
2. Read Joshua 5:13-15. What are some hints in the text that reveal that the Commander was Christ himself? What is significant about the Commander’s answer to Joshua’s question?
3. Why did God employ such a strange method for conquering Jericho? How does this connect with what Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 1:18 - 2:5?
4. How does Joshua 6:21-27 reveal both God’s just judgment and his grace? According to Genesis 15:16 and Leviticus 18:21-30, why were the people of Jericho judged so severely by God?
5. Why did Rahab and her household receive grace according to Hebrews 11:31?
6. In preparation for next week, read Joshua 7. What do you think God was teaching Israel through this defeat? Do you think Achan’s punishment was too severe? Why or why not?



# He Will Hold Me Fast

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

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,

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

fast.  
 fast.  
 last!

He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;

For my Sa-rior loves me so, He will hold me fast.

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