

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 12, 2020

And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you  
will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

**Philippians 1:6**

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

## ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing

Responsive Reading

Psalm 33 (p. 796 in the *Trinity Hymnal*)

Sing joyfully to the LORD, you righteous; it is fitting for the upright to praise him.

**Praise the LORD with the harp; make music to him on the ten-stringed lyre.**

Sing to him a new song; play skillfully, and shout for joy.

**For the word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does.**

The LORD loves righteousness and justice;

**the earth is full of his unfailing love.**

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made, their starry host by the breath of his mouth.

**He gathers the waters of the sea into jars; he puts the deep into storehouses.**

Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the people of the world revere him.

**For he spoke, and it came to be; he commanded, and it stood firm.**

The LORD foils the plans of the nations; he thwarts the purposes of the peoples.

**But the plans of the LORD stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.**

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.

**From heaven the LORD looks down and sees all mankind;**

from his dwelling place he watches all who live on earth—

**he who forms the hearts of all, who considers everything they do.**

No king is saved by the size of his army; no warrior escapes by his great strength.

**A horse is a vain hope for deliverance; despite all its great strength it cannot save.**

But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him, on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,

**to deliver them from death and keep them alive in famine.**

We wait in hope for the LORD;

**he is our help and our shield.**

In him our hearts rejoice, for we trust in his holy name.

**May your unfailing love rest upon us, O LORD, even as we put our hope in you.**

Hymn of Preparation

Hymn 465

### *Marvelous Grace Of Our Loving Lord*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,  
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;*

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold, threaten the soul with infinite loss;  
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold, points to the Refuge, the mighty cross.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;*

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin.*

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide, what can avail to wash it away?  
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide; whiter than snow you may be today.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;*

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all our sin. Amen.*

## **Congregational Confession of Sin**

**Leader:** Almighty and most merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

**All:** We have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

**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**

Jeremiah 31:33-34

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, 'Know the LORD,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

## **ADORATION AND PRAISE**

### **First Reading**

Ezekiel 34:25-31

### **Congregational Response** (Hymn of the Month)

Hymn 56

#### ***When All Your Mercies, O My God***

When all your mercies, O my God, my rising soul surveys,  
Transported with the view, I'm lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Unnumbered comforts to my soul your tender care bestowed,  
Before my infant heart conceived from whom those comforts flowed.

When worn with sickness, oft have you with health renewed my face;  
And when in sins and sorrows sunk, revived my soul with grace.

Ten thousand thousand precious gifts my daily thanks employ;  
Nor is the least a cheerful heart that tastes those gifts with joy.

Through ev'ry period of my life your goodness I'll pursue;  
And after death, in distant worlds, the glorious theme renew.

Through all eternity to you a joyful song I'll raise;  
For oh, eternity's too short to utter all your praise. Amen.

## Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

**Q. 49.** *Which is the second commandment?*

**A.** The second commandment is “You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.”

**Q. 50.** *What is required in the second commandment?*

**A.** The second commandment requires the receiving, observing, and keeping pure and entire all such religious worship and ordinances as God has appointed in his Word.

**Q. 51.** *What is forbidden in the second commandment?*

**A.** The second commandment forbids the worshiping of God by images, or any other way not appointed in his Word.

**Q. 52.** *What are the reasons attached to the second commandment?*

**A.** The reasons attached to the second commandment are: God’s sovereignty over us, his ownership in us, and the zeal he has for his own worship.

## 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 8:26-39

Congregational Response (Psalm of the Month [Psalm 8:1-6, 9])

Hymn 114

### *Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name*

Lord, our Lord, thy glorious name  
All thy wondrous works proclaim;  
In the heav'ns with radiant signs  
Evermore thy glory shines.  
Infant lips thou dost ordain  
Wrath and vengeance to restrain;  
Weakest means fulfill thy will,  
Mighty enemies to still.

Moon and stars in shining height  
Nightly tell their Maker's might;  
When thy wondrous heav'ns I scan,  
Then I know how weak is man.  
What is man that he should be  
Loved and visited by thee,  
Raised to an exalted height,  
Crowned with honor in thy sight?

With dominion crowned he stands  
O'er the creatures of thy hands;  
All to him subjection yield  
In the sea and air and field.  
Lord, our Lord, thy glorious name  
All thy wondrous works proclaim;  
Thine the name of matchless worth,  
Excellent in all the earth. Amen.

### Reception of New Members

#### Sacrament of Baptism

### *Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep*

Loving Shepherd of thy sheep, all thy lambs in safety keep;  
Nothing can thy power withstand; none can pluck them from thy hand.

May they praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey,  
Like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy precious love.

Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach thy lambs thy voice to hear;  
Suffer not their steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.

Where thou leadest may they go, walking in thy steps below;  
Then, before thy Father's throne, Savior, claim them for thine own. Amen.

**Pastoral Prayer** (based on Psalm 127)

**Sermon**

Pastor Ben Muresan

“The Good Shepherd Keeps His Sheep Forever”  
John 10:22-30

1. The elect will believe in Christ and will persevere to the end (v. 26).  
John 6:37-40
2. Perseverance is revealed in our ongoing relationship with Christ (v. 27).  
Hebrews 3:12-14; 10:23-25
3. Perseverance is secured through Christ’s finished work (v. 28).  
John 10:11
4. Perseverance is secured through the power of our Triune God (vv. 29-30).  
Romans 8:26-39

**GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE**

**Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Hymn 535

*O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!*

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread his praise from shore to shore;  
How he loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
How he watches o’er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;  
How for them he intercedeth, watcheth o’er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev’ry love the best:  
’Tis an ocean vast of blessing, ’tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! ’Tis a heav’n of heav’ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to 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.

## LORD'S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

When Jonah prayed to the Lord from the belly of the fish, he confessed that “Salvation belongs to the LORD!” (Jonah 2:9). In his moment of desperation, he realized that salvation is all of God. Our salvation began with God the Father’s initiative in election. God the Son then “in the fullness of time” (Galatians 4:4) accomplished all that was necessary for our redemption. God the Holy Spirit is now applying and sealing the benefits of Christ to us, and we are assured that it will all be brought to completion “at the day of Jesus Christ” (Philippians 1:6). Salvation truly belongs to the Lord. This is the basis for the perseverance of the saints. The Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 79 asks: “May not true believers, by reason of their imperfections, and the many temptations and sins they are overtaken with, fall away from the state of grace?” The answer it provides is both instructive and encouraging: “True believers, by reason of the unchangeable love of God, and his decree and covenant to give them perseverance, their inseparable union with Christ, his continual intercession for them, and the Spirit and seed of God abiding in them, can neither totally nor finally fall away from the state of grace, but are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.”

1. Before you begin thinking through the study questions about the sermon text, consider the baptism you saw today and the importance of improving or applying our baptism throughout our Christian lives. Consider for a moment Westminster Larger Catechism Q. 167 which asks: “*How is baptism to be improved by us?*” Answer: The needful but much neglected duty of improving our baptism is to be performed by us all our life long, especially in the time of temptation, and when we are present at the administration of it to others; by serious and thankful consideration of the nature of it, and of the ends for which Christ instituted it, the privileges and benefits conferred and sealed thereby, and our solemn vow made therein; by being humbled for our sinful defilement, our falling short of, and walking contrary to, the grace of baptism, and our engagements; by growing up to assurance of pardon of sin, and of all other blessings sealed to us in that sacrament; by drawing strength from the death and resurrection of Christ, into whom we are baptized, for the mortifying of sin, and quickening of grace; and by endeavoring to live by faith, to have our conversation in holiness and righteousness, as those that have therein given up their names to Christ; and to walk in brotherly love, as being baptized by the same Spirit into one body.”
2. For review, read John 10:1-21. What are some of the things Jesus explains about himself and his ministry that make him the Good Shepherd?
3. Read John 10:26 and compare it with John 3:1-8 and John 6:37-40. What is required in order for a person to be counted among Christ’s sheep?
4. Read John 10:27-30. What does Jesus explain about the security of his sheep?
5. Read Westminster Confession of Faith chapter 17. What kinds of false teachings and heresies did the authors have in mind when they wrote this chapter? How might you use what you learn in this chapter to find assurance in Christ and to minister to others?

# 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, July 13

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 15:1 - 16:36; Romans 1:18-32; Psalm 10:1-15; Proverbs 19:6-7  
Catechism: The Westminster Confession of Faith: Chapter 11  
Pray for: Our federal, state, and local government leaders.

## Tuesday, July 14

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 16:37 - 18:17; Romans 2:1-24; Psalm 10:16-18; Prov. 19:8-9  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 44  
Pray for: Our military, police, fire, and medical personnel.

## Wednesday, July 15

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 19:1 - 21:30; Romans 2:25 - 3:8; Psalm 11:1-7; Prov. 19:10-12  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 45  
Pray for: Our covenant children and Christian military chaplains.  
The churches in the United Kingdom and persecuted Christians.

## Thursday, July 16

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 22:1 - 23:32; Romans 3:9-31; Psalm 12:1-8; Proverbs 19:13-14  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 46  
Pray for: Our Elders, Deacons, Women's Ministry, & the PCA.

## Friday, July 17

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 24:1 - 26:11; Romans 4:1-12; Psalm 13:1-6; Proverbs 19:15-16  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 47  
Pray for: Our members who have ongoing health needs.

## Saturday, July 18

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 26:12 - 27:34; Romans 4:13 - 5:5; Psalm 14:1-7; Prov. 19:17  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 48  
Pray for: The preaching and for our Sunday School teachers.

## Sunday, July 19

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 28:1 - 29:30; Romans 5:6-21; Psalm 15:1-5; Proverbs 19:18-19  
Catechism: The Westminster Shorter Catechism: Q/A 49  
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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