

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 14, 2019

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Romans 1:16-17

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

Greeting and Blessing*

Responsive Reading*

Psalm 135 (p. 834)

Hymn of Preparation*

"In Christ Alone" (printed on the last page of the bulletin)

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Our God and Father, we come to you as your children, grateful for the redemption that is ours in Jesus Christ and aware of our continuing need of your grace.

All: We confess that we have sinned against you by breaking your commandments. 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. Apart from Christ we could never stand in your presence. Yet in him you have called us to draw near, and so we boldly approach your throne of grace that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: All honor, glory, might, and merit 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

Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

ADORATION AND PRAISE

First Reading*

Joshua 10:16-28

Congregational Response

"By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven" Hymn 695

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 39. *What is the duty that God requires of man?*

A. The duty that God requires of man is obedience to his revealed will.

Q. 40. *What did God at first reveal to man for the rule of his obedience?*

A. The rule that God at first revealed to man for his obedience was the moral law.

Q. 41. *Where is the moral law found to be summarized?*

A. The moral law is found summarized in the Ten Commandments.

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

Second Reading*

Joshua 11:1-23

Congregational Response (Psalm 23)

“The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” Hymn 87

Profession of Faith

Pastoral Prayer (based on Psalm 92)

Sermon

“Fight the Good Fight of the Faith”
Joshua 10:16 - 12:24

Pastor Ben Muresan

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

“O God Beyond All Praising” Hymn 660

Benediction*

Congregational Benediction Response*

(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.

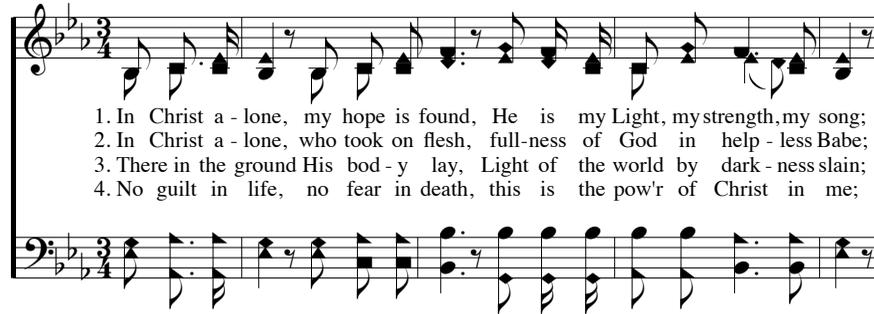
LORD’S DAY DEVOTION AND QUESTIONS

In Joshua 10 - 12 we read about the many battles that Israel fought as they were led by the Commander of the Lord’s army—by God himself. These chapters in Joshua provide only short summaries of Israel’s victories, but we have to read in-between the lines and remember that many of these battles were difficult and required courage and perseverance. Israel was in ongoing warfare. This is a picture of the Christian life. There will never be a time in this life where we will not be fighting against sin, temptation, and evil. Yet even in the midst of this struggle, we find comfort and courage in knowing that we are following after the greater Joshua, Jesus Christ, who was victorious over Satan and sin, who leads us in this good fight of the faith, and who will return to crush all evil.

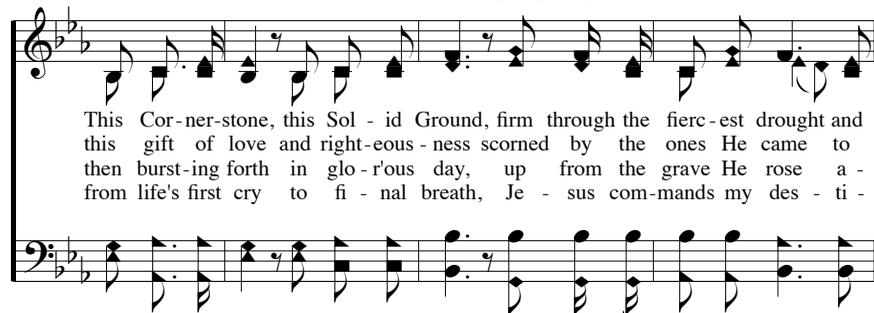
1. For review, read Joshua 10:1-15. How did the Lord fight for his people? Why do you think Joshua 10:12-15 is one of the passages in the Bible that many atheists appeal to when trying to discredit Christianity?
2. Read Joshua 10:16-28. How does this passage connect with 1 Kings 5:3, Psalm 110:1, and with what the Apostle Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 15:20-26?
3. Read Joshua 11:18 and Westminster Confession of Faith Ch. 13 (*On Sanctification*). In what sense is the Christian life a fight? How do passages such as Ephesians 6:10-20 and 2 Timothy 4:7 help you understand what a “normal” Christian life looks like?
4. What daily victories come to mind as you consider how the Spirit has been working in your life? Why do you think it is important to keep track of how you are growing in grace?
5. In preparation for next week, read Joshua 14:6-15. Who was Caleb? How did God reward his faith?

In Christ Alone

E ♭/B ♭ No other name...given among men by which we must be saved. -Acts 4:8-12

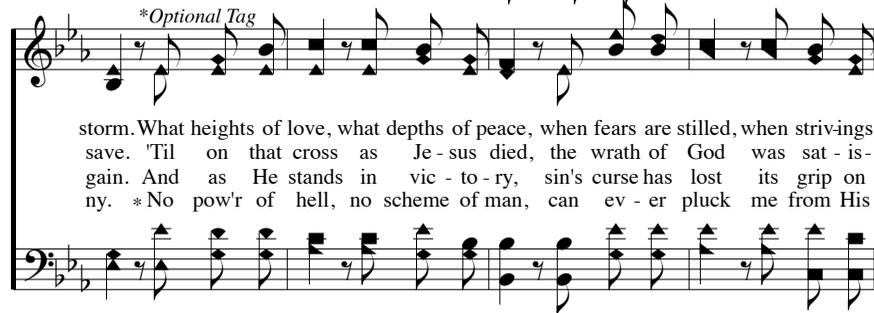


1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found, He is my Light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less Babe;
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



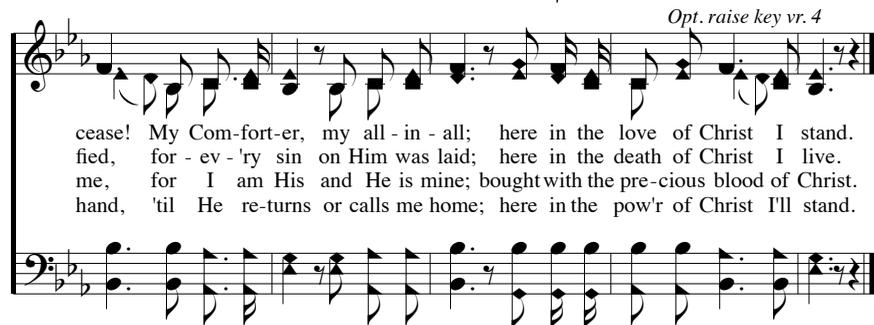
This Cor - ner - stone, this Sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and
this gift of love and right - eous - ness scorned by the ones He came to
then burst - ing forth in glo - r'ous day, up from the grave He rose a -
from life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -

**Optional Tag*



storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings
save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -
gain. And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on
ny. *No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

Opt. raise key vr. 4



cease! My Com - fort - er, my all - in - all; here in the love of Christ I stand.
fied, for - ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
me, for I am His and He is mine; bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
hand, 'til He re - turns or calls me home; here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.