

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 21, 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 136 (p. 835)

Hymn of Preparation*

“Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation” Hymn 342

Congregational Confession of Sin

Leader: Gracious God, as we enter into worship, we feel unworthy because of our many sins. Even as we read repeatedly in our call to worship that your love endures forever, we often doubt that we are included in your covenantal love because of our sins.

All: We made shameful choices by going our own way and rejecting what you teach us in your Word. We admit that we have sinned against you in what we have thought, said, and done.

Leader: Forgive us, we pray. We are sorry for our sins and turn away from them. For the sake of your Son who died for us, forgive us, cleanse us, and change us. By your Holy Spirit, enable us to live for you, and to please you in every way.

All: All glory 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

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*

Joshua 14:6-15

Congregational Response

“By Grace I Am an Heir of Heaven” Hymn 695

Confession of Faith

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 42. *What is the sum of the Ten Commandments?*

A. The sum of the Ten Commandments is: to love the LORD our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind; and our neighbor as ourselves.

Q. 43. *What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?*

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words: “I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.”

Q. 44. *What does the preface to the Ten Commandments teach us?*

A. The preface to the Ten Commandments teaches us that because God is the LORD and our God and Redeemer, therefore we are bound to keep all his commandments.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

Tithes and Offerings

Gloria Patri*

Hymn 735

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, 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*

Hebrews 11:1-16

Congregational Response (Psalm 23) “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” Hymn 87

Pastoral Prayer (based on Matthew 6:25-34)

Sermon

“All Came to Pass”
Joshua 13 - 21

Pastor Ben Muresan

GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

Hymn of Thanksgiving*

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” Hymn 648

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

In Joshua 13 - 21 we read about the specific inheritances of individuals and the tribes of Israel. On their own, these chapters might not stir our hearts, but within the story of redemption, they reveal God’s covenant faithfulness. God made a promise to Abraham centuries before Israel’s conquest of the land, and Joshua 13 - 21 is like a map that explains in detail how God’s promise was fulfilled. As we read, we can look forward to the day when Jesus, our greater Joshua, will grant us our inheritance: the new heaven and the new earth. He is now preparing it for us. The Apostle Peter writes: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time” (1 Peter 1:3-5).

1. For review, read Joshua 11:18. What does this verse reveal about the battles we fight against our flesh, against the temptations of this world, and against the devil? Will our sanctification be completed in this life?
2. Review Joshua 14:6-15 and read Numbers 13:25-33. What do you learn about faith from Joshua and Caleb’s report? Have you ever been in a situation in which you were among a small minority who stood for the Lord? How did you get through it?
3. Read Joshua 13:13; 16:10; and 17:12-13. Why did some tribes fail to completely drive out the inhabitants of the land? How did this affect Israel later on? What does this teach us about the danger of partial obedience?
4. What does the appointing of the cities of refuge in Joshua 20 reveal about God?
5. In the same way that the Israelites inherited parcels of land, we will inherit the earth. How do the following verses describe our inheritance and how we will possess it: Matthew 25:34; Romans 4:13; 1 Corinthians 15:50; Ephesians 1:11-14; Colossians 1:11-13; and 1 Peter 1:3-5?
6. In preparation for next week, read Joshua 22. What does this chapter teach us about how to deal with conflict in our church?

