

# **Lord's Day Worship**

**Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## ***Sing Praise to the Lord***

### **\*Call to Worship**

**Psalm 16:1-6**

Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord;

I have no good apart from you."

As for the saints in the land, they are the excellent ones,  
in whom is all my delight.

The sorrows of those who run after another god shall multiply;  
their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out  
or take their names on my lips.

The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup;  
you hold my lot.

The lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;  
indeed, I have a beautiful inheritance.

### **\*Psalm 16A**

Keep me, O God, I trust in You

O LORD, I this confess

You are my Lord; apart from you

No good do I possess

The holy and majestic ones

Upon the earth I prize

But those who choose another god

Their sorrows multiply

I'll not join in their gifts of blood

Such offerings I'll not make

Nor will I ever on my lips

The names of idols take.

The Lord's the portion of my cup,

And my inheritance;

You've given me the lot I have,

Kept in Your providence.

The bound'ries You have set for me,

Enclose a pleasant site;

My beautiful inheritance

Is truly my delight.

## **\*Prayer of Invocation**

*We ask God's presence to enable us to worship him as we ought.*

## ***Recount the Wonders of His Mercy***

### **Call to Confession**

**Exodus 20:4-6**

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.

### **Prayer of Confession**

**(From *Streams of Mercy*)**

Loving heavenly Father,

You have created us to worship you alone. Fashioned by your hand and kept alive each moment by your will and your decree, we depend on you for each breath that we take. You have dealt kindly and patiently with us, and we should worship you alone, with joy and gratitude, every moment of every day. Your Word should delight us and your law should motivate us to obedience, all day every day. Yet, Lord, we are great sinners who wander and run from you often. We regularly exchange your truth for lies, because we don't want to worship and obey you. Rather, we want to be our own gods. Many times each day we turn from you toward the idols that enchant us, bowing before them and hoping that they will make peace for us. We desire sinful things and sell our souls to get them. We treasure your gifts instead of treasuring you, feeling that we can't live without the good things you have given us. Father, forgive us; have mercy on us, for we are weak and guilty of worshiping many false gods.

Thank you for Jesus, who paid the price for all our sin and who worshiped you alone throughout his earthly life. When tempted to bow before Satan and to pursue the glittering jewels of fame, power, and wealth, he stood firm and prized you and obedience to you above all things. Knowing that we should desperately need his righteousness to cover our shame, he persevered, and now you have given us all his goodness. Father, thank you that you have given us a mighty Redeemer, and that you have left your Holy Spirit within us until your work on earth is done.

Holy Spirit, show us our idolatry and grant us sweet conviction and joyful repentance. Make Christ more beautiful to us than all other things, and help us to desire him above the trinkets and positions of power that we crave. Grant us a growing hope and faithful in Christ alone, until the day when we bow before our victorious King, rescued by his strong arm and dressed in his righteousness alone. In his mighty name we pray, amen.

## **Silent Prayers of Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Ezekiel 37:23, 26**

They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God... I will make a covenant of peace with them. It shall be an everlasting covenant with them. And I will set them in their land and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in their midst forevermore.

### **\*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God**

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.  
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;  
Give me passion for your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may your joy be seen in all I do—  
Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,  
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.  
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, giving life to all that God has made,  
Show your power once again on earth;  
Cause your church to hunger for your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice  
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

### **Prayer for the Church and Congregation**

# ***Give Attention to His Powerful Word***

## **Children's Message**

### **Scripture Reading**

**Acts 9:31**

<sup>31</sup> So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied.

### **Sermon**

### **Why Churches Can Expect A Bright Tomorrow**

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### **Sermon Outline**

**Proposition:** According to Acts 9:31, Luke teaches that Christ Presbyterian Church, and all churches around the world, can expect a bright tomorrow because Jesus Christ gives peace and builds up His churches for their well-being.

I. The Divine \_\_\_\_\_ for Peace of a Church

II. The Divine \_\_\_\_\_ for Growth of a Church

### **Confession of Faith**

### **Westminster Confession of Faith**

*Q. Dear Christians, what do we believe concerning the church?*

*A 25.1.* The catholic (that is, universal) church, which is invisible, consists of all the elect who have been, are, or shall be gathered into one, under Christ its head. This church is his bride, his body, and the fullness of him who fills all in all.

A 25.2. The visible church, which is also catholic (that is, universal) under the gospel (that is, not confined to one nation, as it was before under the law), consists of all those throughout the world who profess the true religion, together with their children. It is the kingdom of the Lord Jesus Christ, the house and family of God, outside of which there is no ordinary possibility of salvation.

A 25.3. To this universal, visible church Christ has given the ministry, oracles, and ordinances of God for the gathering and perfecting of the saints, in this life, to the end of the age. For this purpose he makes these means effectual by his own presence and Spirit, according to his promise.

*(We will receive our gifts and offerings for the Lord's work during the singing of the next song.)*

**\*All Must Be Well**

Through the love of God our Savior, All will be well  
Free and changeless is His favor, All is well  
Precious is the blood that healed us  
Perfect is the grace that sealed us  
Strong the hand stretched forth to shield us  
All must be well

Though we pass through tribulation, All will be well  
Ours is such a full salvation, All is well  
Happy still in God confiding  
Fruitful if in Christ abiding  
Steadfast through the Spirit's guiding  
All must be well

We expect a bright tomorrow; All will be well  
Faith can sing through days of sorrow, All is well  
On our Father's love relying  
Jesus every need supplying  
Yes in living or in dying  
All must be well

## ***Receive the Gifts of His Grace***

### **The Lord's Supper**

*All baptized Christians who trust in Christ alone as their Savior and Lord, who are communicant members of a Bible-believing church, and who seek strength and grace to live more faithfully to Christ are invited to participate. While communion is being served, please feel free to join in song or meditate quietly on Christ's sacrifice.*

### **Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.  
*Bread of Heaven, Bread of Heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.*

Open now the crystal fountain, where the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.  
*Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,  
Be thou still my Strength and Shield; be thou still my Strength and Shield.*

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of deaths, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
*Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee!*

### **He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail, he will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold, through life's fearful path  
For my love is often cold; he must hold me fast.  
*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast.*

Those he saves are his delight, Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in his holy sight, he will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost; his promises shall last;  
Bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.  
*Refrain*

For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied; he will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life, he will hold me fast  
Till our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last! *Refrain*

## **\*Benediction**

### **\*Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost

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