

# The Lord's Day Worship

Sunday, May 9, 2021

## Preparation

### **The Prelude**

### **The Welcome and Announcements**

## Adoration

### **\*The Call to Worship**          Psalm 96:1-3

Sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth. Sing to the LORD, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all peoples. NIV

**\*The Hymn of Adoration**

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

*Trinity Hymnal #310*

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!  
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command, and fall beneath his feet.

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,  
and take his servants up to their eternal home.

**The Invocation and the 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 Hymn of Praise**

**"Sovereign Grace O'er Sin Abounding"**

Sovereign grace o'er sin abounding!  
Ransomed souls, the tidings swell;  
'Tis a deep that knows no sounding;  
Who its breadth or length can tell?  
On its glories, Let my soul forever dwell.

What from Christ that soul can sever,  
Bound by everlasting bands?  
Once in Him, in Him forever;  
Thus the eternal covenant stands.  
None shall take Thee From the Strength of Israel's hands.

Heirs of God, joint-heirs with Jesus,  
Long ere time its race begun;  
To His name eternal praises;  
O what wonders love has done!  
One with Jesus, By eternal union one.

On such love, my soul, still ponder,  
Love so great, so rich, so free;  
Say, while lost in holy wonder,  
Why, O Lord, such love to me?  
Hallelujah! Grace shall reign

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Hallelujah! Grace shall reign eternally.

## **\*The Affirmation of Faith**

## *The Apostles' Creed*

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and Earth.*

*I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

## **Scripture Reading**

## Hebrews 1:1-14

In the past God spoke to our forefathers through the prophets at many times and in various ways, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the universe. The Son is the radiance of God's glory and the exact representation of his being, sustaining all things by his powerful word. After he had provided purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty in heaven. So he became as much superior to the angels as the name he has inherited is superior to theirs. For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son; today I have become your Father"? Or again, "I will be his Father, and he will be my Son"? And again, when God brings his firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him." In speaking of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, his servants flames of fire." But about the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, will last for ever and ever, and righteousness will be the scepter of your kingdom. You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has set you above your companions by anointing you with the oil of joy." He also says, "In the beginning, O Lord, you laid the foundations of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands. They will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment. You will roll them up like a robe; like a garment they will be changed. But you remain the same, and your years will never end." To which of the angels did God ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"? Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation? NIV

## **Individual & Corporate Confession**

Merciful God, You pardon all who truly repent and turn to You. We humbly confess our sins and ask Your mercy. We have not loved You with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with You, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving kindness. In Your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from Your presence, or take Your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of Your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. This we pray, in Jesus name. Amen.

### **Assurance of Pardon**                      2 Timothy 1:9-10

...who has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. NIV

### Collection

### **Offertory Scripture & Giving of Our Lord's Tithes**                      Deuteronomy 8:18

But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers, as it is today. NIV

### **Offertory Anthem**

*The Choir*

### **\*Doxology**

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.

## **\*Prayer of Thanksgiving**

### Consecration

### **Pastoral Prayer**

### **Sermon**

**Rev. Chris Hodge**

### **Unrivaled Authority**

Text: Luke 8:26-39 (pew Bible p.1606)

<sup>26</sup> They sailed to the region of the Gerasenes, which is across the lake from Galilee. <sup>27</sup> When Jesus stepped ashore, he was met by a demon-possessed man from the town. For a long time this man had not worn clothes or lived in a house, but had lived in the tombs. <sup>28</sup> When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell at his feet, shouting at the top of his voice, "What do you want with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, don't torture me!" <sup>29</sup> For Jesus had commanded the evil spirit to come out of the man. Many times it had seized him, and though he was chained hand and foot and kept under guard, he had broken his chains and had been driven by the demon into solitary places. <sup>30</sup> Jesus asked him, "What is your name?" "Legion," he replied, because many demons had gone into him. <sup>31</sup> And they begged him repeatedly not to order them to go into the Abyss. <sup>32</sup> A large herd of pigs was feeding there on the hillside. The demons begged Jesus to let them go into them, and he gave them permission. <sup>33</sup> When the demons came out of the man, they went into the pigs, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. <sup>34</sup> When those tending the pigs saw what had happened, they ran off and reported this in the town and countryside, <sup>35</sup> and the people went out to see what had happened. When they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone out, sitting at Jesus' feet, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid. <sup>36</sup> Those who had seen it told the people how the demon-possessed man had been cured. <sup>37</sup> Then all the people of the region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, because they were overcome with fear. So he got into the boat and left. <sup>38</sup> The man from whom the demons had gone out begged to go with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, <sup>39</sup> "Return home and tell how much God has done for you." So the man went away and told all over town how much Jesus had done for him. NIV

Response & Benediction

**\*The Hymn of Response**

“Be Thou My Vision”

*Trinity Hymnal #642*

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art -  
thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;  
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,  
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r:  
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,  
thou mine inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*\*We stand, as we are able, to praise the Lord.*

We continue our plan to “spread out” with some gathering at home via YouTube live, some gathering in person in the Sanctuary and some gathering MASK ONLY in the Family Life Center. In the Sanctuary, we will sit/skip EVERY OTHER ROW in the main floor area downstairs. The downstairs back corner seating areas and the balcony are fully open. We are offering infant and toddler nursery during both Sunday School and Worship Service. We support whatever decision you make as each member takes responsibility for determining your confidence level as to continue gathering together online from your home or coming in person this week and in future weeks.

Updated Summary for continued consideration:

- \* If you or a family member have been sick or are not feeling well, please worship from home online via our YouTube page.
- \* Please prayerfully consider health guidelines established by governing authorities (anyone with existing health concerns and/or susceptible age range) and take personal responsibility for deciding when you are confident to gather in person. We want to encourage patience and we support whatever decision you make!
- \* We will not pass offering plates; they will be located at door entrances/exits.
- \* Worship guides available at door entrances (the words for scripture readings and hymns printed in worship guide).
- \* Until further notice: No Children’s sermon.
- \* Please feel free to wear masks or PPE if that is your preference.
- \* Sanctuary seating in the downstairs back corner areas and the balcony are fully open.
- \* Family households plan to sit together.
- \* Worship in the Family Life Center is mask only; chairs are spread out for social distancing.

Nursery	<u>Infant</u>	<u>Toddler</u>	<u>Floater</u>
Today	Barbara Love	Jenifer Riddle	Jennifer Forrest
Nxt wk	Ilse Wallace	Jody Sorey	Abby Chidester
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*If unable to find a replacement, please contact Judi Love, 803-628-1458, rossjudi99@yahoo.com*

*Happy Birthday today to Cullie Mounts and Joy Payne! Happy Birthday this week to Macie Hall on 5/11, Sara Weatherby on 5/14 and Ella Riddle Forrest on 5/15.*

**This Week at Bethel:**

**Today:** We would like to extend a warm welcome to Rev. Chris Hodge, our church planting partner at King's Cross PCA in Fort Mill, SC, and his wife Karen.

**No Children's Catechism** in honor of Mother's Day. Please join us next week!

**Monday:** Circle #3, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

**Tuesday:** Circle #2, 7:00 pm, Covenant SS classroom.

**Wednesday:** Colleen Riddle Circle, 11:00 am, Covenant SS classroom.

**Next Week:**

**Session Meeting:** May 16, 2:00 pm, Sanctuary.

**Upcoming:**

**New Members/Inquirers Class:** \*Now beginning\* May 23, June 6 and June 13 with Pastor Marcus during the SS hour (10:00-10:45am). Please call or email Lara in the office if you plan to attend.

**Palmetto Women's Center Virtual Banquet Fundraiser:** May 27, 6:00 – 7:45 pm, FLC. Please join us for a meal as we participate in this live streamed event and consider making a financial gift in support of their life-saving work.

Although PWC was unable to hold their annual fundraising banquet in 2020, the door never closed once! PWC was one of three pregnancy centers in SC to remain open throughout the entire pandemic. In order to plan for food, please RSVP to Lara in the church office.

**Vacation Bible School:** July 12-16. Registration is open and on our website. We are also looking for volunteers and prayer partners! The sign-up for volunteers can be found on our website, or at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084da8aa2aa6fd0-2021](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c084da8aa2aa6fd0-2021). If anyone would like to work "behind the scenes" helping to set up and/or decorate the FLC, please contact Sheridan Miller (803-230-2294) or Ilse Wallace (704-747-4703).

**Bethel Youth Group News:**

**Today:** We will not have youth group this evening for Mother's Day. We will resume as normal next week.

**Upcoming:** The youth group girls are having a lake weekend! This is a free trip-we will be going to the Long's lakehouse June 25-27. Please contact Gunther or Samantha if you are interested in coming!

**Building Plans Update:**

We ARE currently working on building plan options AND we ARE making some progress. We will communicate updates with more information for congregational consideration and approval as soon as we can. Given current circumstances, we do not yet know when an appropriate time to begin this project might be... THANK YOU for your continued patience and prayers!

**Prayer Requests:** Bobby Armstrong (brother-in-law of S. McCarter Mizell, cancer), Rick Duke (cancer) and wife Judy (friends of C. Davis), Judy Ferguson (healing from surgery), Margaret Ann Ferguson, Kathy Forester (E. Moseley's sister, breast cancer), Matthew Hall, Miriam Hovis, Mrs. Rita Jackson, Jan Kombs (friend of J. LeMoyne, stroke), Herb LeMoyne (J. LeMoyne's brother, Parkinson's disease), Dana Massey (advanced brain cancer, friend of S. Burns), Annie Mae McDaniel (Judy Ferguson's mother), Jim Pittman (V. Linder's brother, cancer) and Norm West.