

# WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday, July 16, 2017

“And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds,  
he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,  
in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.”

**Colossians 1:21-22**

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### ENTERING INTO WORSHIP

#### Greeting and Blessing\*

#### Responsive Reading\*

Psalm 31:1-14 (p. 794)

#### Hymn of Preparation\*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” Hymn 53

#### Congregational Confession of Sin

**Leader:** Almighty God and Father, we humble ourselves before your great majesty and confess that we have sinned and done what is evil in your sight.

**All:** We have not obeyed your Word but have instead chosen to gratify the desires of the flesh. We have walked according to our own understanding and have suffered spiritually because of our actions.

**Leader:** Forgive us, we pray. Grant that we will strive with determination in the power of your Word and Spirit to live lives that are pleasing in your sight according to your revealed will.

**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

Romans 5:1-2

“Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

\* Congregation is requested to stand, if able.

# ADORATION AND PRAISE

#### First Reading\*

Psalm 22

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

“One There Is...” Hymn 186

#### Confession of Faith

*The Westminster Shorter Catechism*

**Q. 76.** *Which is the Ninth Commandment?*

**A.** The Ninth Commandment is, “You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.”

**Q. 77.** *What is required in the Ninth Commandment?*

**A.** The Ninth Commandment requires the maintaining and promoting of truth between man and man, and of our own and our neighbor’s good name, especially in testifying as witnesses.

**Q. 78.** *What is forbidden in the Ninth Commandment?*

**A.** The Ninth Commandment forbids whatever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor’s good name.

#### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Stewardship

#### Tithes and Offerings

#### Doxology\*

Hymn 732

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\*

Philippians 2

**Psalm of the Month** (based on Psalm 33:1-12) “You Righteous...” (verses 1-4) Hymn 43

**Pastoral Prayer** (based on Philippians 1:1-11)

**Sermon** “Jesus Lays Down His Life on a Cross” Pastor Ben Muresan  
Mark 15:33-39

## GOD’S BLESSING ON HIS PEOPLE

**Hymn of Thanksgiving\*** “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” Hymn 647

**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

Jesus’ death on the cross was the moment in time that all of redemptive history pointed toward. It was the event that God spoke of in Genesis 3:15, that the suffering Christ would provide atonement and crush the serpent. It was more fully revealed by the types and shadows of the Older Covenant, through sacrifices, offerings, and the priesthood. This was God’s plan from the beginning that was foretold by the prophets and Jesus himself. He is the one that will suffer, be rejected, killed, and rise after three days (Mark 8:31). In his suffering and death, Jesus was the sacrifice for our sins. He was our Great High Priest who did not offer the blood of bulls and goats but instead offered himself as the Lamb of God who takes away our sins (Hebrews 10:4; John 1:29).

The reading is Colossians 1.

### Questions:

1. Read Psalm 22 and Mark 15:21-39 and see how many connections you can find between the two passages. Why is it significant that Jesus quoted this psalm? What does the psalm’s fulfillment reveal about God’s Word?
2. Why was Jesus forsaken by God? (Mark 15:34) What does this reveal about God’s holiness and how he views sin? Compare your answers with what we read in Isaiah 6.
3. Read *Westminster Confession of Faith* 8.5 and 8.8. What did Christ accomplish by his obedient life and death? How are the benefits being applied to us?
4. What is the significance of the curtain of the temple being torn in two from top to bottom (Mark 15:38)?
5. What is the significance of the centurion’s confession?