

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

April 23, 2017 Worship 10:30am

Reflection

More and more I am convinced that most of our troubles in the Christian life arise from not knowing what it really means to be a Christian.
- D.Martyn Lloyd-Jones

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship

*Call to Worship

Psalm 100:1-3

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

*Invocation

*Songs of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy, #100

Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; John B. Dykes, 1861

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee
Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee
Perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth & sky & sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
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How Great is Our God

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The splendor of the King clothed in majesty;
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice.
He wraps Himself in light and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at His voice, and trembles at His voice.

CHORUS: How great is our God, sing with me; how great is our God,
And all will see how great, how great is our God.

And age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the End, beginning and the End;
The Godhead three in one, Father, Spirit, Son,
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb.

BRIDGE: Name above all names, worthy of all praise,
My heart will sing, how great is our God. *(repeat)*

Confession of Sin

O God of grace, You have credited my sin to my substitute, and have credited His righteousness to my soul, clothing me with a bridegroom's robe, decking me with jewels of holiness. But in my Christian walk I am still in rags; my best prayers are stained with sin; my tears of penitence are so much impurity; my confessions of wrong are so many aggravations of sin; my receiving the Spirit is tainted with selfishness. I need to repent of my repentance; I need my tears to be washed; I have no robe to bring to cover my sins, no loom to weave my own righteousness; I am always standing clothed in filthy garments, and by grace am always receiving change of raiment, for You justify the ungodly. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of sin, the complete righteousness of salvation, the awesome glory of Christ, the perfect beauty of holiness, and the amazing wonder of grace!

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardoning

Hebrews 9:24-26

For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

*Songs of Assurance

You Alone Can Rescue

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Who O Lord could save themselves
Their own soul could heal
Our shame was deeper than the sea
Your grace is deeper still

CHORUS: And You alone can rescue, You alone can save
You alone can lift us from the grave
You came down to find us, led us out of death
To You alone belongs the highest praise

You O Lord have made a way
The great divide You healed
For when our hearts were far away
Your love went further still
Yes Your love goes further still

BRIDGE (2x): We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life
We lift up our eyes, lift up our eyes
You're the giver of life

O Love That Will Not Let Me Go

G. Matheson & C. Miner, ©1997; Christopher Miner Music

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Light, that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day, may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy, that seekest me thru pain, I cannot close my heart to thee;
I climb the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Cross, that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead, & from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

Gospel in Action

Fill out and pass the Fellowship Pads on each row. Guests, we are honored by your presence today. CPC members and friends, use the pad to update personal information, leave comments, or share prayer requests.

Prayer of Intercession & the Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your 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 Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Tithes and Offerings

Proverbs 3:9, 10

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.

**K4 and K5 children are dismissed to the library for Teach Me to Worship.*

Offertory

What a Beautiful Name

*Words and music by Ben Fielding and Brooke Ligertwood
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*Scripture Reading

Ephesians 2:8-10

*Prayer for Illumination

Sermon

Steve Dickey

What Does it Really Mean to Be a Christian?

*Song of Response

We Rest on Thee, #449

Edith G Cherry; Jean Sibelius (1899; arr.)

*Benediction

*Postlude

Ephesians: the Beauty of Christ in the Life of His Bride

What Does it Really Mean to Be a Christian?

Ephesians 2:8-10

Worship leaders today: Steve Dickey, Teaching Elder; Mike Haas; Ruling Elder; Laurie Parsons, music director; and Derek Parsons, Pianist

Announcements

Children's Ministry Sunday Nights and Small Groups meet for the last time tonight.

The Speaks Family Going-Away Celebration is April 29th, at 7pm. Join us in celebrating the Speaks family! RSVP at clemsonpres.org/speaks

Combined Service and End of the Year Picnic is next Sunday! We're having BBQ from Creekside. Bring a dessert to share. These can be dropped off in the glass foyer before the service. Cost is \$3 per person. College students are our guests and eat for free.

Operation Christmas Child Jars are available to pick up in the foyer. Money collected in these jars will help us buy school supplies in July for OCC boxes.

Marketplace: Ephesus is June 20-23 from 9:30am-noon for ages completed K4 through completed 5th grade. Get more information and volunteer at clemsonpres.org/marketplace. There are also paper forms at the table with the Operation Christmas Child jars.

Preschool Bible Camp is intentionally designed to help preschool children learn the Gospel. It is July 10-13 from 9:30-11:30am for ages two year olds (must have turned two by last September 2016) through completed K5. Go to clemsonpres.org/biblecamp for more information and to volunteer. There are also paper forms at the table with the Operation Christmas Child jars.

News for Newcomers

Inquirers' Class begins again on May 14! All interested in becoming members of CPC are invited to as we talk about who we are, what we believe, and what we want to be in Christ. To sign up or get more information, contact steve.dickey@clemsonpres.org.

Ongoing Ministry Opportunities

Sunday Morning: Sunday School 9-10am, Worship Service 10:30-11:45am

Sunday Evening Activities: Youth Ensemble (4:30, Worship Center), Children's Ministry (check-in 5:15, Fellowship Hall), Middle School Youth (5:30, Upstairs Worship Center), Small Groups (5:30, various locations), High School Youth (7:30, Worship Center lobby)

Wednesday Evening Programs: Prayer meeting (7pm, 1E6), choir (7pm, Worship Center), Middle and High School Dgroups (6:30pm, Fellowship Hall)

Men's Friday Morning Breakfast resumes fall 2017.

Women's Bible studies: Wednesday morning 9:15-11:15am, FH, childcare for kindergarten and under **Wednesday evenings** 1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 6:45-8:30pm, Family Room. Contact Paula Miles at paula.miles@clemsonpres.org for information

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Sermons, Manuscripts, and Worship Folders are available on the church website and also by request.