

Worship Outline
March 22, 2020

Meditation

Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. – Habakkuk 3:17-18

Call to Worship

The Lord reigns; he is robed in majesty; the Lord is robed; he has put on strength as his belt. Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Your throne is established from of old; you are from everlasting. The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; the floods lift up their roaring. Mightier than the thunders of many waters, mightier than the waves of the sea, the Lord on high is mighty! Your decrees are very trustworthy; holiness befits your house, O Lord, forevermore. – Psalm 93:1-5

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near.
Praise Him in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord,
Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee.
Surely His goodness and mercy
here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do
If with His love He befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth!
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord,
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
*Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for aye we adore Him. (Repeat)*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

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Prayer Time (*Pray aloud on your own or with those around you. Prayer Guide on last page.*)

- Pray that you and those you love will know God's truth, live it out, and continue to be teachable.
- Pray for those who are lonely, sickly, feeling hopeless.
- Pray for patience and comfort as you wait on the Lord, in whatever areas of life you are desperate for leading and understanding.

Profession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q1. What is your only hope in life and in death?

Answer: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.

“Rock of Ages”

Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow’r.

Nothing in my hand I bring,
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly;
Wash me, Savior, or I die.

Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law’s demands;
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyes shall close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

Confession of Sin

The fool says in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds; there is none who does good. – Psalm 14:1

Assurance of Pardon

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. – Ephesians 2:4-7

“Great is Thy Faithfulness”

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not; Thy compassions they fail not.
As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Chorus*

Chorus

Great is Thy faithfulness; Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.
Chorus

Announcements and Offertory Reflection/Prayer

Some online reminders:

- *Get Help/Give Help:* southwood.org/covidhelp
- *Electronic Giving:* southwood.org/give OR on the Southwood App
- All events and services “online only” through Sunday, April 5, at this time

Preaching of the Word

I Chronicles 29:10-19

“Prayers of Praise”

10 Therefore David blessed the LORD in the presence of all the assembly. And David said: “Blessed are you, O LORD, the God of Israel our father, forever and ever. 11 Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. 13 And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name. 14 “But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able thus to offer willingly? For all things come from you, and of your own have we given you. 15 For we are strangers before you and sojourners, as all our fathers were. Our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no abiding.^[a] 16 O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand and is all your own. 17 I know, my God, that you test the heart and have pleasure in uprightness. In the uprightness of my heart I have freely offered all these things, and now I have seen your people, who are present here, offering freely and joyously to you. 18 O LORD, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, our fathers, keep forever such purposes and thoughts in the hearts of your people, and direct their hearts toward you. 19 Grant to Solomon my son a whole heart that he may keep your commandments, your testimonies, and your statutes, performing all, and that he may build the palace for which I have made provision.”

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks”

On Jordan’s stormy banks I stand,
And cast a wishful eye
To Canaan’s fair and happy land,
Where my possessions lie.

All o’er those wide extended plains,
Shines one eternal day;
There God the Son forever reigns,
And scatters night away.

Chorus

I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land,

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I am bound (I am bound)
I am bound for promised land.

No chilling winds nor poisonous breath
Can reach that healthful shore;
Sickness, sorrow, pain and death,
Are felt and feared no more.

When shall I reach that happy place,
And be forever blessed?
When shall I see my Fathers face,
And in His bosom rest.

Chorus 2x

Benediction

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. – Numbers 6:24-26

Sermon Outline

Why is praising God so vital for us?

We must praise God in our prayers because praise resets our hearts ...

1. On God's glorious character ... more than our circumstances (29:10-13)
2. On God's gracious provision ... more than our self-reliance (29:14-16)
3. On wholehearted discipleship ... more than external conformity (29:17-19)

Conclusion: Relationship Reboot

Questions for Discussion/Reflection

1. What does it mean to “praise” God? Why should we praise more often than when we get particular good news?
2. Why is it so hard to praise God during hard times? Does praising God require denying or ignoring real grief, pain, or brokenness?
3. In what ways have the events of the past couple weeks reminded you of your need/weakness/dependence? How is that reality true even when health, finances, and friendships are strong?
4. What’s the most amazing thing about God to you? What is an aspect of his character that drives you to praise Him?
5. What have the last couple weeks with no in-person worship services revealed about your relationship with God? In what ways – even with good things – is it easy for us to fall into a religion of ritual rather than a relationship?
6. In what way do you feel you need a reset or reboot in your relationship with God? Who can you share with to pray with you for that?

Prayer Guide 3/22/20

Core Commitment

We recognize our deep dependence and need for prayer.

Ask that God would give us a clearer vision of his glory and might that would lead us to cry out to Him.

Pray that fears and anxieties would lead us to our Father rather than to ourselves or to despair.

Ask that Holy Spirit would increase our faith in our prayer-hearing God as we see Him answer our prayers.

Mission Partner

Rob and Tunde Futo

The Futos, along with their daughters Hajni and Csenge, are church planters in Budapest, Hungary. Please join them in praying for the following requests.

Please pray for our dream to start a counseling center in our church here in Budapest. We will host a Biblical Counseling training time September 3-5. Our goal is to prepare many lay people to be equipped to talk to people in a Christ-centered way.

Continue to pray for our Sarokkő Church, that we could effectively minister to and shepherd those who attend each week.

We have about 14 small groups in our church. Please pray that the group members would grow in their personal walk with our Lord Jesus Christ.

Specific Needs

Pray for John Henson as he finishes time with our partners in India this weekend and prepares to fly home.

Praise God for Claire Waldrop's remarkable progress! Continue praying for her full recovery and restoration.

Pray for Reagan Turney, 9, as she recovers from surgery to remove a kidney & battles further complications.

Pray for Ron Poteat in the death of his father.

Pray for Rachel Martin in the death of her mother.

Pray for Dana Judge in the death of her sister.

Pray for Pete Meenen as he continues to care for his parents with COVID-19 in Tennessee.

Pray for the physical, emotional, and spiritual battles in our community and around the world as we deal with the ongoing pandemic.

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