



*The Lord's Day in Worship*

**TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

**SEPTEMBER 20, 2020**

# MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Don't be disheartened because you feel weak.  
By grace your Savior lives inside you, and He is your strength.*



*We Enter Into God's Presence*

The Prelude *Hope in God, for I shall again praise Him, my salvation and my God.*

Psalm 42:5

*Please sit only in open pews and maintain social distancing. Masks are required for attendees over 6 years old at all times. Those who are not present physically will be invited to stand when able, and to be seated when necessary. Worship is participative and not passive. God has designed us to be physical creatures and sometimes our hearts and minds will follow our posture.*

† The Call to Worship

Hebrews 4:14-16; Ephesians 3:20-21

Mr. Pendley

Minister: Since then we have a great High Priest Who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest Who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but One Who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

All: **Now to Him Who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

† The Hymn No. 301

*Join All the Glorious Names*

DARWALL

(stanzas 1, 3, and 5)

Vocalists: Stephen Morris/Alyssa Johnson (8:30); Braden Lee/Merritt Lee (11:00)

Join all the glorious names of wisdom, love, and pow'r,  
that ever mortals knew, that angels ever bore:  
all are too poor to speak His worth, too poor to set my Savior forth.

Jesus, my great High Priest, offered His blood and died;  
my guilty conscience seeks no sacrifice beside:  
His pow'rful blood did once atone and now it pleads before the throne.

My Savior and my Lord, my Conqu'ror and my King,  
Thy scepter and Thy sword, Thy reigning grace, I sing:  
Thine is the pow'r; behold I sit in willing bonds beneath Thy feet.

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;  
born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and  
buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

† The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father Which art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.**

## *We Receive Cleansing in Christ*

### The Morning Prayers

#### The Call to Confession – Hosea 14:1–4

Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God. Your sins have been your downfall! Take words with you and return to the LORD. Say to Him: “Forgive all our sins and receive us graciously, that we may offer the fruit of our lips. Assyria cannot save us; we will not mount war-horses. We will never again say ‘Our gods’ to what our own hands have made, for in You the fatherless find compassion.” “I will heal their waywardness and love them freely, for My anger has turned away from them.”

#### The Silent, Personal Prayer of Confession

For your meditation: *I have set the LORD always before me; because He is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken ~ Psalm 16:8.*

#### The Corporate Prayer of Confession

**Lord, we are like sheep, and we get lost. We forget the needs of our neighbors and do not love You above all else. We need a Savior, so we long for Jesus. Come, fill our lives, Jesus. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

#### The Assurance of God’s Pardon – Based on Genesis 15:1; Ephesians 3:20-21

Child of God, hear the promise of God to Abram which is yours today: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” In Jesus Christ, God is your Refuge from God Himself and His wrath. Believe the Gospel, and live in peace. Your sins are forgiven. He has done far more abundantly that you could ask or imagine, according to the power at work within you; and is worthy of all glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

† A Beloved Hymn of the Trinity Family #7

No. 691

*It Is Well With My Soul*

*In 2020, we are counting down our top requested hymns from our "favorite hymn survey."*

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say,  
"It is well, it is well with my soul."

*Refrain: It is well with my soul;  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control,  
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
and has shed His own blood for my soul. [*Refrain*]

My sin – O the bliss of this glorious thought! –  
my sin, not in part, but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! [*Refrain*]

The Christian Greeting and Announcements

*Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.  
Following the service, please pick up your children from the Children's Chapel (E-100).*

## *We Receive God's Word*

The Reading of God's Word

Psalm 142

With my voice I cry out to the Lord; with my voice I plead for mercy to the Lord.  
2 I pour out my complaint before Him; I tell my trouble before Him. 3 When my spirit  
faints within me, You know my way! In the path where I walk they have hidden a trap  
for me. 4 Look to the right and see: there is none who takes notice of me; no refuge  
remains to me; no one cares for my soul. 5 I cry to You, O Lord; I say, "You are my  
refuge, my portion in the land of the living." 6 Attend to my cry, for I am brought very  
low! Deliver me from my persecutors, for they are too strong for me! 7 Bring me out of  
prison, that I may give thanks to Your name! The righteous will surround me, for You  
will deal bountifully with me.

The Sermon

### **PLEADING WITH GOD**

Mr. McRoberts

*A Desperate Cry for Help Results in a Mood of Glorious Hope*

Psalm 142

Psalms of David, XXV

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*A sermon outline can be found on page 8.*

The Closing Pastoral Prayer

## *We Go in Thanksgiving to Serve*

† The Hymn No. 455

*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*  
(stanzas 1, 3, and 5)

TOULON

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain? For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be that Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

*Refrain: Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray; I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and followed Thee. [*Refrain*]

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown, through Christ, my own. [*Refrain*]

† The Benediction of God's Grace and the Congregation's AMEN

Minister: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship  
of the Holy Spirit, descend and rest in your hearts until the day breaks  
and all these shadows flee away.

**People: AMEN.**

† The Dismissal by Pew

*Please allow worshippers in the back of the Sanctuary to exit first to allow for social distancing.  
Please do not gather or socialize inside the building. Please take all personal items, including  
your worship bulletin, with you as you leave.*

† The Postlude

“Make A Joyful Noise Unto the Lord”

Alan Viner

## PLEADING WITH GOD

*A Desperate Cry for Help Results in a Mood of Glorious Hope*

Psalm 142

Psalms of David, XXV

### OPENING COMMENTS

### INTRODUCTION

#### I. DAVID'S PLEA ~ 142:1-2

#### II. DAVID'S PLIGHT ~ 142:3-4

#### III. DAVID'S PRAYER ~ 142:5-7A

#### IV. DAVID'S PROSPECT ~ 142:7B

### CONCLUSION

*For further study and encouragement: I Samuel 22:1-2, 24:3-7 (context of Psalm 142); I Kings 19:1-18; Psalm 23, 27:13, 42, 43; Hosea 14:1-2; Matthew 27:11; Mark 15:2; Luke 23:3; John 8:58, 18:4-6; Romans 8:28; I Corinthians 15:28; Ephesians 1:23, 3:20-21, 4:6, 6:12; Colossians 3:11; Hebrews 4:14-16*