



THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

*Union with Christ is the foundation of
all our spiritual experience and all our spiritual blessings.*

- SINCLAIR FERGUSON



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation 8:25 and 10:55 a.m.

The Prelude *Lobe Den Herren (Praise to the Lord!)*, from Cantata No. 137 J. S. Bach

*Please maintain social distancing. Masks are requested in the sanctuary;
masks are mandatory in the Westminster Room and in the Spires Room.*

The Striking of the Hour

The Choral Introit *Praise Ye the Lord* Saint-Saëns

Praise ye the Lord of Hosts, sing and adore Him,
Bless His name, show forth His praise in His holy house!

The Call to Worship Psalm 27:1, 4; I Timothy 1:17 Mr. Curles

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in His temple. To the King of Ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

† The Hymn No. 119

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

FOREST GREEN

† Congregation, please stand as able

† The Prayer of Invocation

† The Lord's Prayer

(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

† The Doxology

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Offering of His Tithes and Our Gifts Beyond the Tithe

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Anthem

Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me: I would gracious be;
Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;
And with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;
And with actions bold and meek, for Christ my Savior speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me: I would truthful be;
Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;
And with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;
And with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me: I would holy be;
Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee;
Separate from sin I would, and cherish all things good,
And whatever I can be, give Him Who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;
Help me now Thy pow'r to see, I would be like Thee;
'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;
Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

The Prayer of Illumination

† The Reading of God's Word

The Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 5:1-2, 7; Psalm 80:8-10, 14-18
Pages 724-725 and 623-624 in the Pew Bible

The New Testament Lesson

John 15:1-8
Page 1147 in the Pew Bible

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field.

**The grass withers and the flowers fade,
but the Word of our God shall stand forever. Amen.**

The Personal Meditation and Preparation of the Heart

Children age four through kindergarten may leave to attend Children's Church.

The Sermon

I AM THE VINE

Mr. McRoberts

John 15:1-8

The Gospel of John, XXVII

"I AM" Series #7

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A sermon outline may be found inside the morning announcements.

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBERS

The Introductions (8:30)

Katie and John George Archer
Stephen Bauer
Helen and Steve Herndon; Ginny Herndon
Mark Nabholz; Laura Nabholz
Helen Sevier
Selma Williams

The Introductions (11:00)

Margaret Ann and Andy Huggins
Chip Lasseter
Audrey Lynn
Elizabeth and Frank Moody; Luke Moody
Frank Moody, Jr.
Susan and Bill Shelnutt; Will and Annie Shelnutt

† The Confession of Our Faith

The Apostles' Creed
(Inside front cover of the *Trinity Hymnal*)

The Vows for Membership

1. Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure, and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11:00)

The Words of Instruction and Exhortation

The Words of Institution

For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto Him. And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto you and to your seed after you. Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you shall be saved, you and your household (Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7; Acts 16:31). All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age (Matthew 28:18-20).

The Baptism

Audrey June Lynn
Assisting: Ruling Elder/Shepherd Fred Johnson

The Covenant Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 98

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET

† The Benediction of God's Grace

The Threefold Amen (*sung by all*):

A - men, A - men, A - men.

The Postlude

Nun Danket Alle Gott, Op. 65, No. 59

Sigfried Karg-Elert

We welcome our new members on this Lord's Day. Please come to the front of the church to greet each one and to offer them the right hand of fellowship. How grateful and humbled we are that these brothers and sisters have made this pivotal and momentous decision to join our church family. Please encourage them in the Lord.



The Sanctuary Flowers

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS THIS LORD'S DAY ARE GIVEN
TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN HONOR OF THE MARRIAGE OF

Margaret Phelps Romanowski and Hunter Lewis Ikner

AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF

*Joseph David Phelps
William Benford Manning*

I AM THE VINE
John 15:1-8
The Gospel of John, XXVII
“I AM” Series #7

INTRODUCTION

This morning's thesis:

I am no longer a slave to sin; sin has no dominion over me. I abide in Jesus Christ. My union IN Him as well as my communion and fellowship WITH Him are never broken. I abide in Him; He abides in me. And I remain in Him ~ forever. And IN Him and FOR Him I bear much fruit. HE IS THE VINE; I AM THE BRANCH.

I. THE TRUE VINE, THE CROWN GARDENER, AND THE LUSH FOLIAGE ~ 15:1-2

For further meditation and encouragement: Psalm 80:8-10, 84:11; Isaiah 5:1-2, 7, 53:2; Jeremiah 2:21; Ezekiel 15, 19:10; Hosea 10:1; Matthew 3:17, 17:5; Mark 9:7; Luke 9:35; John 4:24; Galatians 2:20

Consider “Abide in Me:”

1. Always at the forefront of our minds is: it is a work of God ... by grace.
2. Draw near to God; He will draw near to you.
3. Immerse yourself in His Word
4. The closer His Word, the greater your obedience. The greater your obedience, the swifter your repentance; the swifter your repentance, the closer you are to Jesus; And the stronger your hold on the Vine, the greater the fruit.
5. Yes, cling to Him with every fiber of your being ... as if your last breath depended on it.
6. Realize there will be times when you feel the pruning but you don't see the fruit.
7. Keep close accounts on all your wishes, desires, choices, and decisions.
8. Follow the Holy Spirit. Stay in close contact with the Spirit; follow His lead ...
THROUGH HIS WORD.
9. Allow the negative consequences of life to have a positive impact upon your life, decisions, choices, obedience, worship, abiding in grace, abiding in Jesus.
10. And watch the impact it has on your prayer life.

II. THE ENCOURAGING OUTCOME OF UNION WITH THE VINE ~ 15:3-7

For further meditation and encouragement: Psalm 84:11, 119:9, 130:5; John 3:1; Acts 21:24, 23:1; Romans 3:12, 8:7-8; I Corinthians 1:9, 13:13; II Corinthians 10:15; Galatians 5:16-17; Ephesians 2:1, 8-10; James 2:18-26, 4:8; I Timothy 1:5, 19; I John 1:6-7

CONCLUSION ~ 15:8