

THE LORD'S DAY IN WORSHIP

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

THE SILENT MEDITATION UPON ENTERING THE SANCTUARY

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. I acknowledged my sin to You, and I did not cover my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," and You forgave the iniquity of my sin. Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

PSALM 32:3-5, 11 (ESV)



APPROACHING GOD'S THRONE

The Christian Greeting and Call to Preparation

Rev. Bill Clark, Interim Minister

The Prelude

Meditation on *Rhosymedre* Ralph Vaughan Williams Edward M. Patterson, *organist-choirmaster emeritus*

Arise, O God, and shine in all Thy saving might; and prosper each design to spread Thy glorious light; Let healing streams of mercy flow that all the earth Thy Truth may know. William Hurn (1754-1829)

† Indicates the congregation standing

• Indicates seating for those detained

The Striking of the Hour

The Choral Introit	I Sing the Mighty Power of God	ELLACOMBE
That sprea While a	mighty power of God, that made the mount ads the flowing seas abroad, and built the lo all that borrows life from Thee is ever in The where that we can be, Thou, God, art prese	fty skies. y care,
The Call to Worship – I	Psalm 46:1-5, 10-11 (congregation reads bold	l type)
God is our refu	ge and strength,	
a very pres	sent help in trouble.	
Therefore we w	vill not fear though the earth gives way,	
though the	e mountains be moved into the heart of th	e sea,
though its wate	ers roar and foam	
though the	e mountains tremble at its swelling.	
There is a river	whose streams make glad the city of God,	
the holy ha	abitation of the Most High.	
God is in the m	idst of her; she shall not be moved;	
God will he	elp her when morning dawns.	
"Be still, and kn	now that I am God.	
"I will be e	exalted among the nations,	
I will be ex	alted in the earth!"	
ALL: The Lord of ho	sts is with us;	
the God of Jaco	ob is our fortress.	
• 🕈 The Hymn No. 613	God Is Our Strength and Refuge	DAM BUSTERS MARCH

• The Hymn No. 613 God Is Our Strength and Refuge DAM BUSTERS MARC The Choir will sing verse 1, then the Congregation will sing all three verses.

+ The Apostles' Creed – inside cover of *The Hymnal*

† The Prayer of 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.

• † The Doxology – No. 650 in The Hymnal

OLD HUNDREDTH

SEEKING GOD'S FACE

The Call to Confession - Hebrews 7:25

Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

The Corporate Prayer of Confession - Adapted from The Book of Common Worship, 1946

Almighty God, rich in mercy to all who call upon You, hear us as we come to You, humbly confessing our sins, asking for Your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken Your holy laws by our deeds and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before You our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward You and our neighbor. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and in Your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve and please You in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. The Assurance of God's Pardon – Ephesians 2:4-7

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.

The Pastoral Prayer

• †	The Hymn No. 532	May the Mind of Christ My Savior	ST. LEONARDS
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The Offering

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

HEARING GOD'S VOICE

The Offertory Duet	The Lord Is My Shepherd	Henry T. Smart
	Mark Nabholz and Rolland Stoneberg	

The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want, for lack of His mercies, my soul shall not pant; In pleasant green pastures I daily abide, He leads me the peaceful still waters beside. My soul He restores and, for His name's sake, the path of true righteousness bids me to take; Yea, though I pass through death's dark valley and shade, I will not by evil be ever dismayed. The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want!

For Thou art my Shepherd, and with me always, Thy rod and Thy staff are my comfort and stay; My table Thou spreadest in presence of foes, my head Thou anoints, my cup overflows; Thy goodness and mercy shall follow me still, while life's earnest duties I daily fulfill; 'Til joyous my spirit shall claim its reward, and dwell evermore in the house of the Lord! The Lord is my Shepherd, I never shall want! The Prayer for Illumination

The Reading of God's Word – Exodus 33:12 – 34:9

If you do not own a personal copy of the Scriptures, please take one from the table in the narthex as our gift.

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. They may be picked up in Room E-100 (Pre-K4) and Room E-105 (Kindergarten) after the service.

The Sermon

REVIVE US AGAIN III. Sincere Confession Before God's Presence Rev. Clark

The Closing Prayer

FOLLOWING GOD'S SPIRIT

† The Hymn No. 47	O Love of God, How Strong and True	JERUSALEM
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- **†** The Benediction of God's Grace
- 🕈 The Threefold Amen No. 657 in *The Hymnal*

The Postlude

Toccata in G Major

Theodore Dubois

Rev. Clark

SERMON NOTES

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