

# THE LORD'S DAY

August 7, 2022

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE Speak Lord in the Stillness Schumann/Rodriguez

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 29:1-2

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD, O mighty ones,

**People: ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!**

Leader: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;

**People: worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness!**

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 97 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**UNISON: Our Father, we confess how easily we are daunted and discouraged by the rulers of this world. Especially when they take counsel together to oppose the work of Christ, we feel the weight of the kingdom of darkness. We acknowledge our lack of faith in such moments, as well as our overemphasis on what our physical eyes see. Grant us grace to see you as you are, glorious and sovereignly ruling over every nation on earth. Enable us to believe that you superintend even the most unholy alliances for your ultimate glory. For we pray in the Name of the Savior who faced unbelieving rulers, undaunted, for our salvation, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON John 6:35,40

Leader: Then Jesus declared, "I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

\*GLORIA PATRI 734

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 2 (p. 448)

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
OFFERTORY Jesus, I Come Stebbins/Thygerson

\*DOXOLOGY 731

\*\*NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 4:23-31 (p. 912)

SERMON THE RULERS TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER  
Luke 23:1-12 (p. 883)  
Dr. John Muhlfeld

\*HYMN 251 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

\*CONFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed (hymnal p. 845)

THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*HYMN 75 O Father, You Are Sovereign

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE We've a Story to Tell Nichol/Turner

*\*Please stand if able*

*\*\*Children may proceed to Jr. Church (age 5-grade 1: Room 112; grades 2-3: Room 110)*

*Welcome to all worshiping with us today.  
We trust the Lord will strengthen and encourage you  
through our fellowship together.*

*If you are a visitor, please complete the attendance register in full.  
Upon exiting the main lobby doors,  
please accept a gift of "welcome bread."*

Serving this morning:

Worship Leaders — Steve Bikle, John Rohrman

Musician — Helen Ro

Audio/Visual Technicians — Steve Bikle, Jeff Currier, Tyler Delk,  
Greg Fisher, Jaron Riggall

Covenant Church Office: (215) 256-1007

*Kindly silence all electronic devices*

*Activity bags for young children are available in the narthex*

*Please see an usher if you would like to utilize an assisted listening device*

We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator 97

Our Redeemer—the Lord Almighty is his name—is the Holy One of Israel. Is. 47:4

1. We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;  
 2. We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers, we bless you;  
 3. With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer,

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our tri - bute we bring -  
 through life's storm and tem - pest our Guide you have been.  
 to you, great Je - ho - vah, glad an - thems we raise.

We lay it be - fore you, we kneel and a - dore you;  
 When per - ils o'er - take us, es - cape you will make us,  
 Your strong arm will guide us, our God is be - side us;

we bless your ho - ly name, glad prais - es we sing.  
 and with your help, O Lord, our bat - tles we win.  
 to you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise.

Julia Cady Cory, 1902  
Mod.

KREMSER 12.11.12.11.  
 Adriaens Valerius's Nederlandtsch Gedenckclank, 1626  
 Arr. by Edward Kremser, 1877

251 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Each man will be like a shelter from the wind and a refuge from the storm, like streams of water in the desert and the shadow of a great rock in a thirsty land. Is. 32:2

1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,  
 2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see  
 3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;

the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;  
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;  
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;

a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,  
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,  
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;

from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.  
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.  
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1872  
Alt. 1950

ST. CHRISTOPHER 7.6.6.6.6.6.6.  
 Frederick C. Maker, 1881

THE APOSTLES' CREED



I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 and born of the virgin Mary.  
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried;  
 he descended into hell.  
 The third day he rose again from the dead.  
 He ascended into heaven  
 and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

Although not written by the apostles, the Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of their teachings.  
 It originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed  
 into its present form by the sixth or seventh century.

CONGREGATIONAL MATTERS  
FOR PRAYER AND PRAISE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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O Father, You Are Sovereign

GOD: HIS SOVEREIGNTY

The Lord Almighty has purposed, and who can thwart him? His hand is stretched out, and who can turn it back? Is. 14:27

1. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all the worlds you made;  
2. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign in all af - fairs of man;  
3. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign, the Lord of hu - man pain,  
4. O Fa - ther, you are sov - ereign! We see you dim - ly now,

your might - y word was spo - ken and light and life o - beyed.  
no pow'rs of death or dark - ness can thwart your per - fect plan.  
trans - mut - ing earth - ly sor - rows to gold of heav'n - ly gain.  
but soon be - fore your tri - umph earth's ev - ery knee shall bow.

Your voice com - mands the sea - sons and bounds the o - cean's shore,  
All chance and change tran - scend - ing, su - preme in time and space,  
All e - vil o - ver - rul - ing, as none but Con - qu'ror could,  
With this glad hope be - fore us our faith springs up a - new:

sets stars with - in their cours - es and stills the tem - pest's roar.  
you hold your trust - ing chil - dren se - cure in your em - brace.  
your love pur - sues its pur - pose—our souls' e - ter - nal good.  
our sov - ereign Lord and Sav - ior, we trust and wor - ship you!

Margaret Clarkson, 1982  
ST. THEODULPH 7.6.7.5.D.  
Melchor Teuchner, ca. 1616

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**Health Related**

Ethel & Matt Johnston

Joan Keyt

Mary Lisa Vidunas

**Expecting**

Emily Waltenbaugh (due Sept 12)

**Grieving**

Family of Marcia Pugh

**Missions**

Flavien and Inyange are missionaries stationed in the US, serving churches and church planters in sensitive countries. Flavien recently signed a contract for the publication of his translation of B.B. Warfield's address "The Religious Life of Theological Students," and the booklet should be available from the publisher in the fall. He is also working on a PhD level course, "Luken Theology of Mission," that he will teach for the Greystone Theological Institute in November. He was invited to be the speaker at a theological conference in Oklahoma City to be held the week before the course. The organizers thought that the same topic would be a good fit for the conference, so he will be able to use the same basic material. Along with these endeavors, Flavien has been blessed with many preaching opportunities in various nearby churches. Flavien and Inyange's current immigration status expired in June, and they are awaiting approval of their application for an extension. Until then, they are legally in the country but cannot leave it. This also affected their ability to renew their drivers licenses, but the North Carolina DMV Commissioner's office kindly helped them to secure temporary licenses. Please pray for the following:

- that they would find favor in the eyes of the authorities in charge of extending their visas
- for wisdom and focus as Flavien prepares the PhD course
- for new long term ministry partners

A sign-up sheet for the next adult membership class with Pastor Muhlfeld is available in the narthex. Attending the class does not obligate one to apply for membership, but is a requirement before meeting with the Session for a membership interview and is an excellent way to learn more about what we believe as a congregation and denomination. The class will be held during the Sunday School hour (9:15 – 10:00 a.m.) and will meet October 23 to December 11 (excluding November 27) in the far narthex.

If you would be interested in working with a team to organize a church clothing exchange, please contact the church office.

Please mark your calendars for the next step in our building discernment process, a brief meeting after the September 11 service to vote on developing an official architectural plan. If approved, the local approval and design process could take up to two years, following which a final vote on the project as a whole would be taken. If you have additional questions or ideas, please feel free to speak with any pastor, elder, or building committee member (Dave Fenchel, Greg Fisher, Ken Markwalter, Bob McIntyre), and thank you for your ongoing prayers as we seek the Lord's will together.

The 2022 Fairmont, WV Youth Mission Team will share a presentation of their trip tonight at 6:00 p.m. Please come and support our youth and hear of what the Lord has done. Refreshments will follow.

