



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

July 12, 2026



*Welcome one another
as Christ has welcomed you,
for the glory of God.*

Romans 15:7

ANNOUNCEMENTS



THIS WEEKEND

- **INQUIRER'S CLASS**: There will be a class this **Saturday** (July 11) at **9:00AM** for those interested in learning more about Hope or joining as members. Hope will provide lunch.

THIS SUNDAY

- **SUNDAY SCHOOL**: On Summer break until September.
- **POTLUCK FELLOWSHIP**: Everyone is invited to join us after the service downstairs in the fellowship hall.
- **EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE**: Join us this Sunday at **5:30PM** in the sanctuary. See service details on page 14 at the end of this bulletin (or the church calendar on our app or website).

THIS WEEK

- **BIBLE STUDY**: We will continue our study of Paul's letter to the Romans next **Tuesday** (July 14) at **7:00PM**. Everyone is invited to participate, either in person or online via Zoom (see the weekly Tuesday email for the Zoom link).
- **MONTHLY SESSION MEETING**: Next Wednesday (July 15) at **6:00PM** in the church library. All are welcome to attend.

COMING UP

- **MEN'S BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP**: Our July meeting is *postponed* until Saturday, **August 1** at **8:00am**.

MORNING WORSHIP



SILENT PRAYER & INVOCATION

GREETING

PEOPLE: Amen!

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 89:1, 13-17

SONGS OF PRAISE

"Gloria Patri"

#734

**Glory be to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen. Amen.**

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

#168

**I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.**

**Thou art the King of mercy and of grace,
reigning omnipotent in ev'ry place:
so come, O King, and our whole being sway;
shine on us with the light of thy pure day.**

**Thou art the Life, by which alone we live,
and all our substance and our strength receive;
O comfort us in death's approaching hour,
strong-hearted then to face it by thy pow'r.**

**Thou hast the true and perfect gentleness,
no harshness hast thou and no bitterness:
make us to taste the sweet grace found in thee
and ever stay in thy sweet unity.**

**Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
that we can boldly conquer and endure.**

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SUMMONS TO REPENTANCE

Job 40:6–14

CONFESSING OUR SIN

Sovereign Lord God, no purpose of yours can be thwarted, no decree can be altered. You reign with wisdom, power, and holiness, governing all of your Creation in love and in justice, by your grace. We presume to rule in your place. We question your purposes. We rebel against your decrees. We flaunt our supposed wisdom and justice. In this we only prove ourselves to be fools, speaking and acting without understanding, catering to our self-indulgent sinful desires. We repent and seek the assurance of your forgiveness and mercy. We thank you for your love, mercy, and grace shown to us in Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

**IN THESE MOMENTS, WE SILENTLY CONFESS OUR PERSONAL SINS
TO GOD SO THAT WE MAY TAKE HOLD OF THE FORGIVENESS
WON FOR US BY CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER.**

SINGING GOD'S GRACE

"Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned"

#496

Kind and merciful God,
we have sinned in Your sight,
we have all wandered far from your way;
we have followed desire,
we have failed to aspire
to the virtue we ought to display.

Kind and merciful God,
we've neglected your Word
and the truth that would guide us aright;
we have lived in the shade
of the dark we have made,
when you willed us to walk in the light.

Kind and merciful God,
we have broken your laws
and in conduct have veered from the norm;
we have dreamed of the good,
but the good that we could
we have frequently failed to perform.

Kind and merciful God
in Christ's death on the cross
you provided a cleansing from sin;
speak the words that forgive
that hence-forth we may live
by the might of your Spirit within.

Kind and merciful God,
bid us lift up our heads
and command us to rise from our knees;

**may our hearts now be changed
and no longer estranged,
through the pow'r of your pardon and peace.**

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WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.3-4

Of Christ the Mediator

3. The Lord Jesus, in his human nature thus united to the divine, was sanctified, and anointed with the Holy Spirit, above measure, having in him all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge; in whom it pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell; to the end that, being holy, harmless, undefiled, and full of grace and truth, he might be thoroughly furnished to execute the office of a mediator, and surety. Which office he took not unto himself, but was thereunto called by his Father, who put all power and judgment into his hand, and gave him commandment to execute the same.

4. This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake; which that he might discharge, he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body; was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day he arose from the dead, with the same body in which he suffered, with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of his Father, making intercession, and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

Behold, my servant shall act wisely; he shall be high and lifted up, and shall be exalted. Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent, so he opened not his mouth. By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth. Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and makes intercession for the transgressors.

"My Heart Does Overflow" (Ps 45)

#169 (verses 1-3)

**My heart does overflow,
a goodly theme is mine;
my eager tongue with joyful song
does praise the King divine.**

**Supremely fair you are,
your lips with grace o'erflow;
his richest blessings evermore
does God on you bestow.**

**Now gird thee with your sword,
O strong and mighty One,
in splendid majesty arrayed,
more glorious than the sun.**

**Triumphantly ride forth
for meekness, truth, and right;
your arm shall gain the victory
in wondrous deeds of might.**

**Your strength shall overcome
all those that hate the King,
and under your dominion strong
the nations you shall bring.**

**Your royal throne, O God,
forevermore shall stand;
eternal truth and justice wield
the scepter in your hand.**

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PRAYER

New Zealand (prayercast.com): The unparalleled beauty of New Zealand's snowcapped mountains and majestic lowland plains attracts tourists year-round as does the vibrant intersection of British and Maori cultures. A world-renowned destination for the nature enthusiast and cultural connoisseur alike, New Zealand is truly a traveler's gem. Though tourism is a thriving industry in New Zealand, there is much more to this nation's story than trendy hotels and epic wilderness adventures.

The Polynesian Maori were New Zealand's first inhabitants and settled as early as 800 AD. Hunting and fishing people, the Maori sustained themselves with the rich natural resources the island provided. These resources lured European explorers to the islands in the late 18th century. In 1840, a treaty was signed between the United Kingdom and Maori chiefs, which granted Britain sovereignty over the island. Twenty years later, the UK established its first colony. Tension between the Maori and British settlers over land rights erupted in conflict and the eventual defeat of the Maori. By the 1890's, a constitutional government emerged, and in 1947 New Zealand became autonomous. Regarded as one of the least corrupt nations in the world, New Zealand stands at the forefront of Pacific affairs and has embarked on numerous international peacekeeping missions.

Since the 1960's, New Zealand has seen dynamic growth among charismatic groups and many dynamic churches have emerged. But non-belief is increasingly prevalent. In 1951 only 1% identified themselves as non-religious, but by 2018 that number grew to 48%! Additionally, Hinduism, Buddhism, and Islam are the fastest growing religions, mainly through immigration. A post-Christian nation, New Zealand faces growing secularism, which has infiltrated education and political policies. Prostitution, which was legalized in 2003, exemplifies the rapid moral decline facing this nation. The Church is in great need of unity amidst growing indifference. Pray that Truth would infiltrate a society increasingly lost in darkness.

- Pray for the non-religious to encounter Jesus in unexpected ways.
- Pray for increased unity and partnership among churches and denominations.
- Pray for unique expressions of faith to grow among the Maori and other minority groups.

AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE MINISTER'S PRAYER,
THE CONGREGATION SHALL PRAY TOGETHER:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on 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, forever. Amen.

SERMON TEXT

Hebrews 8:1-6

¹Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ²a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ³For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, "See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain." ⁶But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises.

SERMON

"A Much More Excellent Ministry"

GRATEFUL PRAISE

"Jesus Shall Reign" (Psalm 72)

#441

**Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no more.**

**To him shall endless prayer be made,
and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
with every morning sacrifice.**

**People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song;
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**Blessings abound where'er he reigns;
the pris'ner leaps to lose his chains,
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.**

**Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the loud amen!**

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THE LORD'S SUPPER

PLEASE HOLD ELEMENTS UNTIL ALL ARE SERVED.

WHITE GRAPE JUICE IS IN THE TRAYS.

GLUTEN-FREE BREAD IS IN THE BOWL IN THE CENTER OF THE TRAYS..

MINISTER: Lift up your hearts.

PEOPLE: We lift them up to the Lord.

GRATEFUL OFFERINGS

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#169 (verses 1, 4-5)

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a goodly theme is mine;
my eager tongue with joyful song
does praise the King divine.**

**Supremely fair you are,
your lips with grace o'erflow;
his richest blessings evermore
does God on you bestow.**

**Since you were sinless found,
the Lord, by you confessed,
anointed you with perfect joy —
you are supremely blessed.
Your garments breathe of myrrh
and spices sweet and rare;
glad strains of heav'nly music ring
throughout your palace fair.**

**Amid your glorious train
kings' daughters waiting stand,
and fairest gems bedeck your bride,
the queen at your right hand.
O royal bride, give heed,
and to my words attend;
for Christ, the King, forsake the world
and ev'ry former friend.**

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**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
 alleluia, alleluia!
Praise him above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost;
*alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!***

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B E N E D I C T I O N

Hebrews 13:20–21

"It Is Well with My Soul" (refrain)

#691

***It is well* [it is well] *with my soul;* [with my soul]
*it is well, it is well with my soul.***

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EVENING WORSHIP



OPENING PRAYER

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 45

(TH page 802)

HYMN

"Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face"

TH #378

OT SCRIPTURE READING

Numbers 35

NT SCRIPTURE READING

2 Corinthians 3

PRAYERS

SERMON

1 Corinthians 11:27-29

"What Makes a Worthy Participant?"

(see WCF 29.7, TH page 866)

Mackenzie Boudreaux

SONGS BY REQUEST

CLOSING PRAYER



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