

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

October 18, 2026

Reflection
“If you think of this world as a place simply intended for our happiness, you find it quite intolerable; think of it as a place for training and correction and it's not so bad.”
-C. S. Lewis

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship **from Psalm 2**
Leader: I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, “You are my Son; today I have begotten you.
All: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession.
Leader: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.”
All: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.
Leader: Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled.
All: Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

***Invocation**

***Hymn of Praise**
Hail to the Lord's Anointed
CHORUS: Hail to the Lord’s anointed, great David’s greater Son!
Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!

He comes to break oppression to set the captive free
To take away transgression, and rule in equity. (Chorus)

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong,
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight. (Chorus)

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth. (Chorus)

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His Name shall stand forever, that Name to us is Love. (Chorus)

Confession of Sin **Psalm 25:6-8, 11, 16-18**
Be mindful of your mercy, O LORD, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember me, for your goodness’ sake, O LORD! Good and upright is the LORD; therefore, he instructs sinners in the way. For your name’s sake, O LORD, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to

me, for I am lonely and afflicted. Relieve the troubles of my heart, and bring me out of my distress. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace **1 Corinthians 15:20-21**
In fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

***Song of Assurance**

Jesus Is Alive
There is now a hope that lasts beyond our days
For the One that once was buried lives again
Now the tomb is bare and empty, and the stone is rolled away
Praise the risen One who overcame the grave

All you brokenhearted all you worn and weak
Come find living water everlasting streams
To the wandering spirit
Lost and searching wanting something more
Find the risen King who overcomes the world

CHORUS: Let there be dancing in the darkness
And let our song break through the night
Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King
For Jesus is alive

No more condemnation no more doubt and fear
For our sin and shame they have no power here
In his resurrection, perfect love has set the captives free
Praise the risen King who stands in victory

BRIDGE: Hallelujah death is undone, hallelujah Jesus has won
Hallelujah we overcome, oh in Jesus oh in Jesus

TAG: Lift your voice and sing that Christ is King, for Jesus is alive

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings
**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give*
**K5–1st Grade are invited to Engage.*

I Stand Amazed (How Marvelous)
I stand amazed in the presence
Of Jesus the Nazarene
And wonder how He could love me
A sinner condemned unclean

CHORUS: (Singin') (Ev'rybody singin')
How marvelous how wonderful
And my song shall ever be
How marvelous how wonderful
Is my Savior's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows
He made them His very own
(And) He bore the burden to Calvary
And suffered and died alone

And with the ransomed in glory
His face I at last shall see
It will be my joy through the ages
To sing of His love for me

Reading of Scripture **Ecclesiastes 9:1-18**
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Sermon
Live in the Moment Before the Moment of Death

***Song of Response**
In Christ Alone
In Christ alone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground;
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All; here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh; fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness;
Scorned by the ones he came to save
‘Til on that cross as Jesus died the wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground his body lay; light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day up from the grave he rose again
And as he stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am his and he is mine; bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death; this is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man can ever pluck me from his hand
‘Til he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand

***Benediction**

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Ecclesiastes

Live in the Moment Before the Moment of Death
Ecclesiastes 9:1-18

Installation of Officers

Next Sunday during Worship Service, we will install our new elders and deacons. Pray for these men and their families!

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

We're so grateful for our pastors' work, time, energy, and prayer. We want to honor them for their spiritual leadership and acknowledge the sacrifices they and their families make. Leave a note for any or all of our pastors in the boxes in the lobby throughout the month of October.

Food Drive | September 27-October 25

Starting today, stop by the lobby to pick up a bag to fill for Clemson Community Care and help support neighbors in need. Return your filled bag to the lobby, and we'll deliver all donations on behalf of the church. If you prefer to give through their Amazon wish list, you can grab the QR code in the lobby. Let's come together to bless our community with generosity and care.

Group Chats | October 25

Women age 18-23 are invited to join a small group of older women for honest conversation and shared wisdom. We'll meet at a church member's home. Email womensministry@clemsonpres.org to get the address or stop at the table in the lobby.

Smart Giving Workshop | November 7 | 9:30-11:30am | 1E6

A Smart Giving Workshop, hosted by our denomination, will bring in an experienced gift strategist to introduce key estate-planning tools and share practical ways to maximize Kingdom-focused generosity. There's no cost to attend. Please register by October 23 in the app or on the website. Contact Bill Thompson (bill.thompson@clemsonpres.org) with any questions.

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