

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

March 15, 2026

## Reflection

For Christians are not distinguished from the rest of humanity by country, language, or custom...They live in their own countries, but only as nonresidents; they participate in everything as citizens, and endure everything as foreigners. Every foreign country is their fatherland, and every fatherland is foreign.

The Epistle to Diognetus, written between 117 and 225 AD

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

**Leader:** No one is like you, Lord; you are great, and your name is mighty in power.

**People:** *Who should not fear you, King of the nations? This is your due.*

**All:** *Among all the wise leaders of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is no one like You.*

## \*Invocation

## \*Song of Praise

### *At Your Name*

At your name the mountains shake and crumble  
At your name the oceans roar and tumble  
At your name angels will bow, the earth will rejoice,  
Your people cry out

CHORUS: Lord of all the earth we shout your name, shout your name  
Filling up the skies with endless praise, endless praise  
Yahweh, Yahweh, we love to shout your name oh Lord!

At your name the morning breaks in glory  
At your name creation sings your story  
At your name angels will bow, the earth will rejoice,  
Your people cry out

BRIDGE: There is no one like our God: we will praise you, praise you;  
There's no one like our God: we will sing, we will sing!

## Song of Confession

### *Jesus, I Come*

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.  
Into thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of my sickness into thy health,  
Out of my wanting and into thy wealth,  
Out of my sin and into thyself, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the glorious gain of thy cross, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm,  
Out of life's storms and into thy calm,  
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of myself to dwell in thy love, out of despair into raptures above,  
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to thee.

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.  
Into the joy and light of thy home, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Out of the depths of ruin untold, into the peace of thy sheltering fold,  
Ever thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to thee.  
Jesus, I come to thee.

## Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

1 John 1:6-8

If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

### \*Hymn of Assurance

#### *Nothing but the Blood of Jesus*

What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

REFRAIN: O precious is the flow, that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.

For my cleansing this I see—nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon this my plea—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone—nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace—nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome—nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Now by this I'll reach my home—nothing but the blood of Jesus.

## Congregational Prayer

### Tithes and Offerings

*\*You may also give at [clemsonpres.org/give](http://clemsonpres.org/give)*

*\*K5-1<sup>st</sup> Grade are invited to Engage.*

### Reading of Scripture

Acts 1:12-26

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### Sermon

*God's Power for Your Weakness*

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to receive the Lord's Supper today, we are glad you're here. We have many in our church who are processing what it means to become a Christian, or who might be believers but are not able to receive it today. If that's you, you might spend this time meditating on one of the following prayers:

### *Prayer for Those Searching for Truth*

Lord Jesus, you claim to be one with God and to be sent by him for the salvation of sinners. If what you claim is true, and what you have done matters, then open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is real, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

### *Prayer of Belief*

Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved so that I might be in union with Jesus. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

## Words of Institution and Prayer

### Sharing of the Bread

#### *The Father Is Calling*

The Father is calling with mercy to save  
His Spirit is drawing you into his gaze  
And the shame that you bear from the stain of your sin  
Is not turning his head, it's calling you in.  
It's his kindness that leads us, to bow at his throne  
His grace and forgiveness are bringing us home  
Whatever you've done and wherever you've been  
The love of the Father is calling you in

CHORUS: The Father is calling you in to feast at the table  
The table of grace,  
He's calling, he's calling you in  
You stand in the light of his face  
So lift up your hands in this place

No longer forsaken, released from our fear  
We take this invitation, to all who will hear  
Proclaiming the truth, that there's freedom from sin  
And the love of the Father that's calling them in (CHORUS)

BRIDGE 2x: He'll bless you and keep you  
He'll make his face shine  
Be gracious unto you, his countenance bright  
He'll bless you and keep you, he'll make his face shine upon you

And he will give you peace (CHORUS)

ENDING: Church you stand in the light of his face  
Take your seat at the table of grace.

### Passing of the Cup

### \*Song of Response

#### *Gloria Patri*, Hymn #735

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.

### \*Benediction

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# Acts

God's Power for Your Weakness

**Acts 1:12-26**

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**Nothing but the Blood of Jesus** Robert Lowry, 1876

**The Father Is Calling** Kristi Hill, Greg Hill, Andrew Friedrichs

**Gloria Patri** 2<sup>nd</sup> Cent. Tr.; Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

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HE IS RISEN  
**EASTER**  
AT CLEMSON PRES

**PALM SUNDAY**  
MARCH 29 | 10:30AM

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
APRIL 2 | 6:30PM

**EASTER SUNDAY**  
APRIL 5 | 10:30AM

We hope you'll join us to worship during the Easter season and invite your neighbors, coworkers, friends, and family to do the same.

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**Clemson Community Card Food Drive | March 15-April 19**

For the next month you can stop in the lobby to pick up a bag to fill for Clemson Community Care (CCC). Drop the bag off at the same table and we'll take it to CCC. If you'd prefer to shop CCC's Amazon wish list, scan the QR code in the lobby.

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**Brats & Bocce | March 26 | 6-8pm | Side Lawn**

Join the men of CPC for an evening of Brats (Bratwurst) and Bocce Ball on the church lawn near the volleyball court. Invite a friend and bring your kids or grandkids.

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**College Lunch | March 29<sup>nd</sup> | after worship service | Fellowship Hall**

The next college lunch is in two weeks! We'll have the food ready so you can enjoy time with one another as well as a few church members. You're welcome to bring a friend or your roommate.

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**Orangeburg Mission Trip | July 15-19**

If you or your family are interested in going to Orangeburg this summer to help with either VBS or construction projects, email Jason Johnston (Jason.johnston@navigator.org) The trip is \$50 for adults and kids are free.

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**Session Notes**

The Session met in February and wants to share their meeting notes with the congregation. Go to [clemsonpres.org/session](http://clemsonpres.org/session) to see what they've been working on.

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