

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

May 10, 2026

Reflection

When creation fails to satisfy your heart, it's not a tragedy, it's grace.
God's teaching you that what you seek can only be found in him.
—Paul Tripp

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship **Psalm 118:5-9**
Out of my distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me and set me free. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me? The Lord is on my side as my helper; I shall look in triumph on those who hate me. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man. It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.

*Invocation

*Song of Praise

Steadfast

I will build my house, whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move, I will set my hope
In Your love O Lord, and Your faithfulness will prove

CHORUS: You are steadfast, steadfast

By the word You spoke, all the starry host
Are called out by name each night, in Your watchful care
I will rest secure, as you lead us with Your light

I will not trust in the strength of kings, on Your promise I will stand
I will shout for joy I will raise my voice, hallelujah to the Lamb

BRIDGE: In the moment of emptiness all was fulfilled
In the hour of darkness Your light was revealed
In the presence of death Your life was affirmed
In the absence of holiness You are still God

Confession of Faith

The Heidelberg Catechism

1 Q. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. *That I am not my own. But belong body and soul, in life and in death to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

*You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give

*K5-1st Grade are invited to Engage.

May the Mind of Christ, Hymn #644

May the mind of Christ my Savior live in me from day to day,
By his love and pow'r controlling all I do and say.

May the Word of God dwell richly in my heart from hour to hour,
So that all may see I triumph only through his pow'r.

May the peace of God my Father rule my life in ev'rything
That I may be calm to comfort sick and sorrowing.

May the love of Jesus fill me as the waters fill the sea
Him exalting, self abasing, this is victory.

May his beauty rest upon me as I seek the lost to win,
And may they forget the channel, seeing only him.

Reading of Scripture

Acts 4:1-22
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Sermon

Like Jesus

Confession of Sin

Leader: O King Jesus, for when we have caved to the fear of man
over the fear of God,

People: forgive us.

Leader: For when we have worshiped our reputation and our name
more than your glory,

People: forgive us.

Leader: For when we have succumbed to comfort over conflict,
cowardice over courage, timidity over boldness,

People: forgive us.

Leader: Let us learn from our King who calls us to take up our cross
and follow him,

People: help us.

Leader: Let us be moved with compassion for those who don't yet
know you,

People: help us.

Leader: And let us look to you and learn from you, the hope of our
salvation,

People: save us.

All: In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness and Pardoning Grace Colossians 1:22-23

You, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil
deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order
to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if
indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting
from the hope of the gospel that you heard, which has been
proclaimed in all creation under heaven, and of which I, Paul,
became a minister.

Hymn of Assurance

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!, Hymn #498

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, he, my Savior, makes me whole.

REFRAIN: Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, he is with me to the end.

Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, he, my strength, my vict'ry wins.

Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, he, my comfort, helps my soul.

Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, he, my pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus! I do now receive him, more than all in him I find,
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am his, and he is mine.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

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 Stand

You stood before creation; eternity in your hand
You spoke the earth into motion; my soul now to stand

You stood before my failure and carried the cross for my shame
My sin weighed upon your shoulders, my soul now to stand

PRE-CHORUS: So what can I say and what can I do,
But offer this heart O God, completely to you?

So I'll walk upon salvation, your Spirit alive in me
My life to declare your promise, my soul now to stand

CHORUS: So I'll stand with arms high and heart abandoned
In awe of the One who gave it all

I'll stand, my soul Lord to you surrendered, all I am is yours

Passing of the Cup

*Hymn of Response

The Doxology, Hymn #731

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heav'nly hosts
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

*Benediction

Acts

Like Jesus
Acts 4:1-22

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Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners J Wilbur Chapman, 1855, William Lloyd, 1840, alt. 1990

The Stand Joel Houston; © 2005 Hillsongs Music

Doxology Thomas Ken, 1709; Louis Bourgeois's Genevan Psalter, 1551

Summer Ministry | clemsonpres.org/summer

Find a place to connect over the summer! Explore opportunities for kids, youth, college, and adults at the link above!

All Things New Vacation Bible School | June 8-11 | 9:30-11:30am

Kindergarden-5th grade

Sign up: clemsonpres.org/vbs

VBS registration has begun! Sign up your kids and tell your friends, neighbors, and unbelieving families. Each day is an age-appropriate focus on creation, the fall, redemption, and restoration for elementary aged kids!

Preschool Bible Camp | June 8-11 | 9:30-11:30am

3yrs old-K5 (must have turned 3 by Sept 1, 2025)

Sign up: clemsonpres.org/pbc

Sign your child up for PBC! During the week, kids will attach meaning to colors they see every day. When they see gold, black, red, white, and green they can remember God's story for them!

Pickens Church Plant Info Meeting | May 17 | 9am | 2W3

clemsonpres.org/pickens

If you're interested in being part of the Pickens Church Plant, join Pastor Bill Bennet next Sunday to learn about the mission, vision, and philosophy of ministry. This will be an informational meeting to help you learn about the church plant and what it may be like to be part of it.

Churchwide Text Messages

The church is now able to send text messages! We'll use this feature for emergency communication and for reminders when our service times are changing from one service to two or vice versa. Some ministries may use this feature as well. You don't need to opt in, but you are able to unsubscribe by replying "STOP" to any message we send. Our aim is to communicate clearly while also being respectful of your time and attention. We hope this feature will allow us to do that all the better.

Get Connected: Want to know what's coming up? Go to clemsonpres.org/calendar or open the CPC app and click "calendar" in the bottom menu!

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