

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

May 3, 2026

## Reflection

If we wish to know how the conscience may have peace and joy before God, we find that it is only through the gift of righteousness freely bestowed by God's goodwill. -John Calvin

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

Psalm 104:31-34

**May the glory of the LORD endure forever; may the LORD rejoice in his works, who looks on the earth and it trembles, who touches the mountains and they smoke! I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have being. May my meditation be pleasing to him, for I rejoice in the LORD.**

### \*Invocation

### \*Hymn of Praise

**For the Beauty of the Earth**, Hymn #116

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth, over and around us lies.

REFRAIN: Lord of all to thee we raise  
This, our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour, of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart of mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony, linking sense to sound and sight.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,

For each perfect gift of thine, to our race so freely given,  
Graces human and divine: flowers of earth and buds of heav'n.

### Song of Confession

#### Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and wretched,  
Weak and wounded sick and sore;  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity joined with power;  
He is able, he is able, he is willing, doubt no more.

Come ye needy, come and welcome, God's free bounty glorify;  
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh,  
Without money, without money, come to Jesus Christ and buy.

Come ye weary, heavy-laden, bruised and broken by the fall;  
If you tarry 'till you're better, you will never come at all;

Not the righteous, not the righteous: sinners Jesus came to call.

Let not conscience make you linger, not of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness he requires is to feel your need of him;  
This he gives you, this he gives you; 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

Lo! Th' Incarnate God, ascended, pleads the merit of his blood;  
Venture on him, venture wholly; let no other trust intrude:  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus can do helpless sinners good.

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 2:5-9

By grace you have been saved — and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace, you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### \*Song of Assurance

#### All I Have Is Christ

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that you would own a rebel to your will  
And if you had not loved me first, I would refuse you still

But as I ran my hell bound race indifferent to the cost  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed you suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

CHORUS Hallelujah all I have is Christ  
Hallelujah Jesus is my life

Now Lord I would be yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow your commands could never come from me  
O Father use my ransomed life in any way you choose  
And let my song forever be my only boast is you

### Receiving New Members

*Pam Cooke; Madison, An & Niko Elliott; Lee & Sarah Huntington;  
Alexandra Jerby; Chris, Susannah, Olivia, Elsa, and Anna Merrell Wiksell*

### Congregational Prayer

### Tithes and Offerings

*It Is Well with My Soul*

*\*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

### Sermon

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### \*Song of Response

#### Yet Not I but Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my Redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed  
To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave  
To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne  
To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me

ENDING: When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
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### \*Benediction

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# Acts

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**Acts 3:11-26**

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**Senior Pastor:** Bryan Counts

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**Deacons:** Tommy Barron, John Thomas Campbell, David Gambrell, David Haile, Zach Miller, Fred Sons, Paul Watters

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## Summer Ministry | [clemsonpres.org/summer](https://clemsonpres.org/summer)

Because our community is so tied to the school year, our summers look a little different while still provided plenty of opportunities for you to connect and serve. From Sunday School to book studies to camps and VBS, there are lots of ways to be discipled and care for others. Learn more at the site above or in the CPC app.

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## Vacation Bible School | June 8-11 | 9:30am-11:30am

### Kindergarden-5<sup>th</sup> grade

#### Sign up: [clemsonpres.org/vbs](https://clemsonpres.org/vbs)

Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a place for kids to learn about God's character and love through songs, games, art, lessons, and friends. Kids will explore how God makes us new and whole through Jesus' salvation. Each day will be an age-appropriate focus on creation, the fall, redemption, and restoration for elementary aged kids!

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## 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](https://clemsonpres.org/pbc)

Preschoolers get to learn about the gospel in a way specifically designed for them-play, song, and art! 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!

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## Women's Conversation in Community

### [clemsonpres.org/women](https://clemsonpres.org/women)

Join us this summer for Conversations in Community! We're offering two study options for women: a book study on *Just Show Up: The Dance of Walking Through Suffering Together* by Kara Tippetts, and a discussion group centered on the enCourage podcast series, "Just Because It's Trending Doesn't Mean It's True." Each group will meet for six weeks. Meeting times and locations will be set based on interest gathered through registration. If you'd like to participate, complete the interest form at the link above by May 10.

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## Men's Golf Tournament | May 9 | noon lunch, 2pm tee time

Don't forget about the Men's Golf Tournament on Saturday! Grab a friend and come for lunch and/or golf! Cost is \$41 – let us know you'll be there at [clemsonpres.org/men](https://clemsonpres.org/men).

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