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# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

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May 31, 2026

## Reflection

God who foresaw your tribulation, has specially armed you to go through it, not without pain but without stain.

—C. S. Lewis

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

## Call to Worship

Psalm 110:1-3a

The LORD says to my Lord: "Sit at my right hand, until I make your enemies your footstool." The LORD sends forth from Zion your mighty scepter. Rule in the midst of your enemies! Your people will offer themselves freely on the day of your power.

## \*Invocation

## \*Songs of Praise

**Come Thou, Almighty King**, Hymn #101

Come, thou Almighty King, help us thy name to sing,  
Help us to praise: Father, all glorious,  
O'er all victorious, come, and reign over us,  
Ancient of days.

Come, thou Incarnate Word, gird on thy mighty sword,  
Our prayer attend: come and thy people bless,  
And give thy Word success; Spirit of holiness,  
On us descend.

Come, Holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear  
In this glad hour: thou who almighty art,  
Now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart,  
Spirit of power.

To the great One in Three, eternal praises be,  
Hence evermore, his sovereign majesty  
May we in glory see, and to eternity  
Love and adore.

## Trinity Song

CHORUS 2x: Holy Father, Son, and Spirit  
Holy Communion Three in One

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VERSE 2x: Come with your peace with your invitation  
Bind us together in holy love

CHORUS 4x

TAG: Three in One, Three in One

## Confession of Sin

**God of grace, we confess that we have elevated the things of this world above you. We have made idols of possessions and people and used your name for causes that are not consistent with you and your**

**purposes. We have permitted our schedules to come first and have not taken the time to worship you. We have not always honored those who guided us in life. We have been unfaithful in our covenant relationships. We have yearned for, and sometimes taken, that which is not ours, and we have misrepresented others' intentions. Forgive us, O God, for the many ways we fall short of your glory. Help us to learn to live together according to your ways through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## Silent Confession

## Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Titus 3:4-6

But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior.

## \*Hymn of Assurance

**And Can It Be That I Should Gain**, Hymn #455

And can it be that I should gain, an interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain?  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?

REFRAIN: Amazing love! how can it be  
That thou, my God, should die for me!

'Tis mystery all! Th'Immortal dies! Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the firstborn seraph tries to sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore, let angel minds inquire no more.

He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace;  
Emptied himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown through Christ my own

## 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.

## Hymn of Mercy

Gracious Lord, thy mercy filleth, all the earth below  
And from heaven's throne it falleth, when to thee I go  
Mercy flowing swift pursuing, like a river strong  
Sympathizing with my weakness, mercy suffering long

Mercy calling with compassion, O return to me  
Wounded hands extended, loving is the plea

How can I refuse thy mercy, wither would I flee  
From my idol shrine I turn, Lord, reaching up to thee

Tender mercy of the Savior, gently drawing nigh  
With a blood that cleanses sinners, ready to apply

Gracious Lord, thy mercy filleth, all the earth below  
And from heaven's throne it falleth, when to Thee I go

## Reading of Scripture

Acts 5:17-42

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## Sermon

*Worthy to Suffer*

## \*Song of Response

**Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken**

Jesus, I my cross have taken, all to leave and follow thee.  
Destitute, despised, forsaken, thou from hence my all shall be.  
Perish ev'ry fond ambition, all I've sought or hoped or known.  
Yet how rich is my condition! God and heav'n are still my own.

Let the world despise and leave me, they have left my Savior, too.  
Human hearts and looks deceive me; thou art not, like them, untrue.  
O while thou dost smile upon me, God of wisdom, love, and might,  
Foes may hate and friends disown me, show thy face and all is bright.

Man may trouble and distress me, 'twill but drive me to thy breast.  
Life with trials hard may press me; heaven will bring me sweeter rest.  
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me while thy love is left to me;  
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me, were that joy unmixed with Thee

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure, come disaster, scorn and pain  
In thy service, pain is pleasure, with thy favor, loss is gain  
I have called thee Abba Father, I have stayed my heart on thee  
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather;  
all must work for good to me.

## \*Benediction

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# Acts

Worthy to Suffer  
**Acts 5:17-42**

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## June Calendar | [clemsonpres.org/summer](http://clemsonpres.org/summer)

1: Women's Let's Get Together  
3: Choir (weekly on Wednesdays through June)  
4: Playground Party  
5: Men's Bible Study (weekly on Fridays all summer)  
6: Men's Breakfast; Discipleship Foundations Workshop  
7: Sunday School, Worship, College Dinner  
8-11: Vacation Bible School, Preschool Bible Camp  
14: Sunday School, Worship, Welcome Lunch, College Dinner  
18: Playground Party  
19: Men's Outdoor Day Away  
21: Sunday School, Worship, College Dinner  
22-26: Middle School RYM  
28: Sunday School, Worship, College Dinner

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## Welcome Lunch | June 14 | Fellowship Hall | after service

If you're new to Clemson Pres, we'd love to host you for lunch! Hosted by staff and a few members of Clemson Pres, come meet other new to CPC folks in the Fellowship Hall after the service for an informal lunch. This is a great way to get to know us and for us to get to know you. We'll give you a short introduction to the church as well. If you can, let us know you're coming at [clemsonpres.org/new](http://clemsonpres.org/new)

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## Last Day to sign up for VBS & PBC | June 8-11 | 9:30-11:30am

VBS (Kindergarden-5<sup>th</sup> grade) | [clemsonpres.org/vbs](http://clemsonpres.org/vbs)  
PBC (Rising 4k-Rising 5k) | [clemsonpres.org/pbc](http://clemsonpres.org/pbc)

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## Discipleship Foundation Workshop June 6 | 9:30am-4:30pm | 1E6 [clemsonpres.org/summer](http://clemsonpres.org/summer)

Join us for a focused workshop on what it means to follow Jesus and help others grow spiritually. We'll cover core discipleship principles and learn together in a supportive setting. It's a simple, meaningful next step in building a strong spiritual foundation.

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## Women's Let's Get Together | June 1 | 6:30-8:30pm

Begin your summer with a time of connection and conversation. Come as you are for food and fellowship. This is for all women, 6<sup>th</sup> grade and up.

We'll meet at Margret Austin's home. Need the address? Email [womensministry@clemsonpres.org](mailto:womensministry@clemsonpres.org) to get it.

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

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