

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

June 14, 2026

Reflection

God is too good to be unkind, and He is too wise to be mistaken.
And when we cannot trace His hand, we must trust His heart.

—Charles Spurgeon

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 121

Leader: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

People: *My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

Leader: He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber.

People: *Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.*

Leader: The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade on your right hand.

People: *The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.*

Leader: The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

People: *The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.*

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim, Hymn 165

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad his wonderful Name;
The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
And still he is nigh—his presence we have:
The great congregation his triumph shall sing,
Ascribing salvation to Jesus, our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud and honor the Son:
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
Fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right,
All glory and power, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

Confession of Sin

Father, we come to you this morning and admit the truth: there are many things we depend on to make us feel safe, whole, and okay. We treat them like they can save us. We make them our gods. We name a few of them now. Career, financial security, physical appearance, pleasure, image, religion, relationships, being right, being good. Father, these things are weak and cannot give us what we are truly looking for. So we ask you to turn our hearts away from them and back to you. Only you can give us the wholeness we keep chasing from these things. Only you can truly save us. Only you are

God. Please receive us — not because we deserve it, but because of your Son, who was separated from you so that we could be brought close to you. In his name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

*Song of Assurance

Before the Throne

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Whoever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands,
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me
To look on him and pardon me.

Behold him there, the Risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of Glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.
One with himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God
With Christ my Savior and my God.

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

*You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give

With a Voice of Singing

Choir

Scripture Passage

Acts 6:8-8:3

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Sermon

Rev Brian Howard, RUF-I Clemson

A Man God Prepared, A Death God Redeemed

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

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 Savior he will stay
I labor 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
Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me

Passing of the Cup

*Song of Response

Gloria Patri, Hymn 736

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning
Is now and every shall be, world without end, amen, amen.

*Benediction

Acts

A Man God Prepared, A Death God Redeemed
Acts 6:8-8:3

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Sovereign Grace Worship

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June Calendar | clemsonpres.org/summer

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

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.

Men's Outdoor Day Away | June 19 | 3-9pm

Sign Up: clemsonpres.org/men

CPC men and friends are invited for an evening on the Keowee River channel of Lake Hartwell for fellowship, great food, outdoor games and more. Invite others to join us for this great summer outdoor gathering with the CPC men!

Lawn Team | Thursday mornings

The Thursday Morning Lawn Team does an incredible job at keeping our ground welcoming and hospitable. If you have time on Thursday mornings, the team would love for you to join them! Avid gardeners and beginners are welcome-go to clemsonpres.org/volunteer to join.

College Dinners | Sunday Evenings | clemsonpres.org/college

Students are invited to dinner on Sunday evenings to catch your breath before jumping back into your weekly rhythm. Dinner will be hosted by various church members. Join the GroupMe for the address https://groupme.com/join_group/94012316/qoFRiOZO.

Stewardship Report May 2026

General Fund Budget Needs YTD	\$1,683,267
Giving to General Fund YTD	\$1,730,009
Actual Expenditures YTD	\$1,666,915
Difference: Over (Under)	\$ 63,094

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