

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

June 21, 2026

Reflection

Neither fear nor self-interest can convert the soul. They may change the appearance, perhaps even the conduct, but never the object of supreme desire.

— Bernard of Clairvaux, *On Loving God*

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-8

Leader: Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!

People: *Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.*

Leader: Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!

People: *For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to be feared above all gods.*

Leader: For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

People: *Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.*

All: *Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength! Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts!*

*Invocation

*Song of Praise

Holy Forever

A thousand generations falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb
And all who've gone before us, and all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

(Jesus) your name is the highest, your name is the greatest
Your name stands above them all, all thrones and dominions
All powers and positions, your name stands above them all

Chorus 1: And the angels cry Holy, all creation cries Holy
You are lifted high Holy, Holy forever

If you've been forgiven and if you've been redeemed
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
If you walk in freedom and if you bear His name
Sing the song forever to the Lamb
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Chorus 2: Hear Your people sing Holy, to the King of Kings Holy
You will always be Holy, Holy forever
TAG: You will always be Holy, Holy forever

Confession of Sin

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with our whole heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Romans 8:1-4

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

*Hymn of Assurance

'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Hymn #679

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take him at his word;
Just to rest upon his promise; just to know, thus saith the Lord.

REFRAIN: Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!

How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust him more.

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust his cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me, 'neath the healing, cleansing flood!

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.

I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that thou art with me, will be with me to the end.

Receiving a New Member

Alex Minnich

Sacrament of Baptism

Lucy McCall Sherard

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give*

You Are Unchanging

Before the skies were born, before the oceans roared
Before the mountains reached for the burning stars
Through all Your words and ways
Through every promise made
Through every means of grace that reveals Your heart

CHORUS: You are unchanging faithful unfailing
Now and forevermore
God everlasting sovereign and reigning
Now and forevermore

In every season here
In waves of joy and tears
In all the ways our eyes only see in part
With every trial we face
With every test of faith
With our eternal hope written in Your scars

When earth and heaven fade
When sight has bloomed from faith
When we are home at last in our Savior's arms
Then all will be made right
Then every tear will dry
Then Your redeeming light will destroy the dark

Reading of Scripture

Acts 8:4-25

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Sermon

A Power Struggle

*Song of Response

It Is Well

Grandeur earth has quaked before
Moved by the sound of his voice
Seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

CHORUS: Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on you
Through it all, through it all, it is well
Through it all, through it all, my eyes are on you
And It is well with me

Far be it from me to not believe
Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

BRIDGE: So let go, my soul, and trust in him
The waves and wind still know his name

It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well, it is well with my soul (3x)

*Benediction

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'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus, Louisa M. R. Stead, 1882; William J. Kirkpatrick, 1882

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Acts

A Power Struggle
Acts 8:4-25

1. The Good News Proclaimed

2. The Good News Protected

June Calendar | clemsonpres.org/summer

21: Sunday School, Worship, College Dinner

22-26: Middle School RYM

28: Sunday School, Worship, College Dinner

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 - Sign up for customized notifications
 - Participate in your group's messages (if the group uses them)
 - Get your giving statement; adjust giving
 - Take notes
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Sunday Morning Volunteers

In August, we'll be moving to two services and will have more places for you to plug in and serve. From Welcome Team to being a nursery worker, there are lots of ways to be part of the church family. Learn more and sign up at clemsonpres.org/sundayvolunteers.

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.

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Senior Pastor: *Bryan Counts*

Associate Pastor of Students & Families: *Matthew Icard*

Associate Pastor of Adult Discipleship: *Reid Jones*

Elders: *Brinck Bowers, Bill Caldwell, Jimmy Dixon, Mark Dodd, Bill Fisk, Will Huss, Kevin Miles, David Myers, Chris Peters, Conrad Shuler, Barry Swiger*

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