

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 27, 2026

Reflection

How God loves us: not because we are lovable, but because He is love, not because He needs to receive, but he delights to give.

C. S. Lewis

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Call to WorshipPsalm 9:11

Sing the praises of the LORD, enthroned in Zion; proclaim among the nations what he has done.

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken, Hymn #345

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
He whose word cannot be broken
Formed thee for his own abode:
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

See the streams of living waters,
Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove;
Who can faint, while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t'assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near:
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which he gives them when they pray.

Savior, if of Zion's city
I, through grace, a member am,
Let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name:
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
All his boasted pomp and show;
Solid joys and lasting treasure
None but Zion's children know

Confession of Sin

Lord, you have called us to worship you. We gladly gather! As we praise you, though, our own inadequacy reminds us of how we have broken our relationship with you. Because we have sinned against you, even our

worship fails to be what it could. We often treat it as a show. We simply go through motions, failing to recognize that you want to engage us deeply. Renew us, we pray, according to your steadfast love. Remind us of your covenant faithfulness and have mercy on us in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning GraceEphesians 3:17-19

I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

*Song of Assurance

Oh The Deep, Deep Love

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Vast unmeasured boundless free
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me
Underneath me all around me is the current of your love
Leading onward leading homeward to your glorious rest above

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Spread his praise from shore to shore
How he came to pay our ransom through the saving cross he bore
How he watches o'er his loved ones
Those he died to make his own
How for them he's interceding
Pleading now before the throne

CHORUS: Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus far surpassing all the rest
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of ev'ry test
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus
Mighty Savior precious friend
You will bring us home to glory where your love will never end

Affirmation of FaithThe Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made.
who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered and was buried;
and the third day he rose again according to the scriptures
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father
and he shall come again with glory, to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*The Nicene Creed originated at the Council of Nicea (325), and an expanded form was adopted by the Council of Chalcedon (451). It was formulated to answer heresies that denied the biblical doctrine of the Trinity and of the person of Christ.

Congregational Prayer

Tithe and Offerings

*You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give
*K5-1st Grade are invited to Engage.

O Help My Unbelief

How sad our state by nature is! Our sin, how deep it stains!
And Satan binds our captive minds fast in his slavish chains
But there's a voice of sov'reign grace, sounds from the sacred word:
"O, ye despairing sinners come, and trust upon the Lord."

My soul obeys th' almighty call, and runs to this relief
I would believe thy promise, Lord; O help my unbelief!
To the dear fountain of thy blood, incarnate God, I fly;
Here let me wash my spotted soul, from crimes of deepest dye.

Stretch out thine arm, victorious King, my reigning sins subdue;
Drive the old dragon from his seat, with all his hellish crew.
A guilty, weak, and helpless worm, on thy kind arms I fall;
Be thou my strength and righteousness, my Jesus, and my all.
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Reading of ScriptureEcclesiastes 5:8-6:12

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Sermon

How Much Is Enough?

*Song of Response

We Are Thankful

For goodness and for mercy that has surely followed us
And every blessing we could never earn
For all the gifts we cherish that are pictures of your love
What could we ever offer in return

CHORUS: Thank you, thank you, Father, thank you
You are always good
Thank you, thank you, Father, thank you
You are always faithful, and we are thankful

For sorrows and for trials that you send to shape our hearts
And pain that keeps us clinging to your grace
For faith within the fire or your presence in the dark
What can we sing no matter what we face?

For pardon and forgiveness through our Savior's sacrifice
And death that's swallowed up in victory
For love that's never failed us and your everlasting life
What will we say for all eternity?

***Benediction**

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Ecclesiastes

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Congregational Meeting
October 11 | 10am | Fellowship Hall

The Session has called a meeting to elect officers. The candidates were nominated last year and have been in training for the past year. The Session is recommending them to the congregation for members to vote on. Read their bios at clemsonpres.org/candidates and you'll hear from them at the meeting before voting.

Officer Nominations | September 13-October 11
clemsonpres.org/nominations

Our church is led by elders and deacons voted on by the congregation. Officer Nominations are open! Begin praying about whom you can nominate for the office of elder or deacon. Want to know more about what elders and deacons do and the qualifications for each role? Use the link above or head to the CPC app.

Food Drive | September 27-October 25

Starting today, stop by the lobby to pick up a bag to fill for Clemson Community Care and help support neighbors in need. Return your filled bag to the lobby, and we'll deliver all donations on behalf of the church. If you prefer to give through their Amazon wish list, you can grab the QR code in the lobby. Let's come together to bless our community with generosity and care.

Engaging with Dementia
first meeting September 27 | 4-5:30pm | Fellowship Hall

Engaging with Dementia is a monthly gathering designed to help us build a more compassionate, informed, and supportive community for those walking through dementia. Led by Janet Benedict, these informal meetings offer space to ask questions, gain clarity, and learn how to care well without stigma. The group is open to all, regardless of age or personal connection to dementia, as we seek to bring gospel hope into real places of suffering. Contact Janet at benedictj237@gmail.com for more information.

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