

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 6, 2026

Reflection

"The pupil dilates in darkness and in the end finds light, just as the soul dilates in misfortune and in the end finds God."

Victor Hugo

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 46:4-5

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

Holy, Holy, Holy, Hymn # 100

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy, all the saints adore thee,

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy, though the darkness hide thee,

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Confession of Sin

Lord God, we have given more weight to our successes and our happiness than to your will. We have eaten without a thought for the hungry. We have spoken without an effort to understand others. We have kept silence instead of telling the truth. We have judged others, forgetful that you alone are the Judge. We have acted rather in accordance with our opinions than according to your commands. Within your church we have been slow to practice love of our neighbors. And in the world we have not been your faithful servants. Forgive us and help us to live as disciples of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Ephesians 2:12-13

Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

*Hymn of Assurance

I Am Thine O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice, Hymn #533

I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,

And it told thy love to me;

But I long to rise in the arms of faith,

And be closer drawn to thee.

REFRAIN: Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To the cross where thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer blessed Lord,
To thy precious, bleeding side.

Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in thine.

O the pure delight of a single hour
That before thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with thee.

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting; amen!

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

*You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give

*K5-1st Grade are invited to Engage.

Blessed Assurance (All My Attempts to Be Satisfied)

All my attempts to be satisfied

Were vain and empty

Until the moment You rescued me

And Your love filled me

PRE-CHORUS: My soul sings, now my soul sings

CHORUS: What blessed assurance
I've found in You I've found in You
I won't be shaken I will not be moved
How steadfast Your strong hand
Is keeping me is keeping me
I won't be shaken I will not be moved
(O blessed assurance)

No other love that I've ever known
Compares to You God
No other love that I've ever found
Has done what You've done

BRIDGE: Ever my anchor ever my strength
Ever my portion and all I need
Ever my healing ever my hope
Ever the truth that leads me home
That leads me home

Reading of Scripture

Ecclesiastes 4:1-5:7

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Sermon

The Humility to Not be Alone

*Song of Response

Satisfied

All my life-long I had panted, for a drink from some cool spring,
That I hoped would quench the burning, of the thirst I felt within.

REFRAIN: Hallelujah! He has found me,
The One my soul so long has craved!
Jesus satisfies all my longings, through his blood I now am saved.

Feeding on the filth around me, till my strength was almost gone,
Longed my soul for something better, only still to hunger on.

Poor I was, and sought for riches, something that would satisfy,
But the dust I gathered round me, only mocked my soul's sad cry.

Well of water, ever springing, bread of life so rich and free,
Untold wealth that never faileth, my Redeemer is to me.

*Benediction

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Holy, Holy, Holy

Reginald Heber1783-1826; John B. Dykes, 1861

I Am Thine O Lord, I Have Heard Thy Voice

Fanny Crosby, 1875

Blessed Assurance (All My Attempts to Be Satisfied)

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Satisfied

Words by Clara Williams, 1875; Music by Karl Digerness, 1997

Ecclesiastes

The Humility to Not be Alone
Ecclesiastes 4:1-5:7

The Lord's Supper

Next Sunday during worship service, we will celebrate communion. Prepare your hearts this week for coming to the table.

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Membership Class

Begins September 13 | Sundays | 10am | Library

Learn more about what it means to be a member of Clemson Presbyterian Church through our eight-week membership class. Pastors Bryan and Reid will lead weekly discussions around our values, vision, mission, ministries, membership vows, and more.

Women's Salad Supper

September 14 | 6pm | Fellowship Hall

Women of all ages—including teens and college students—are invited for an evening of fellowship, encouragement, and dinner. Bring a salad or dessert to share, and hear an encouraging message from one of our members.

Officer Nominations

Our church is led by elders and deacons elected by the congregation. Next week, officer nominations will open. Begin praying about who you can nominate for the office of elder or deacon. Learn more about the process of nominating and what nominees can expect at clemsonpres.org/nominations.

Senior Pastor: Bryan Counts, **Associate Pastor of Students & Families:**

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