

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 17, 2025

Reflection

Isaiah 61: 1, 3

The Lord has anointed me to grant to those who mourn in Zion—to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit; that they may be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 22:22; 97:12; 145:1, 3

In the midst of the congregation I will praise you. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to God's holy name! I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; God's greatness is unsearchable.

*Invocation

*Songs of Praise

Holy is the Lord God Almighty

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We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now;
How great how awesome is He
And together we sing, ev'ryone sing

CHORUS: Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty,
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

BRIDGE: It is rising up all around,
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
It's rising up all around,
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
And together we sing, ev'ryone sing

How Firm a Foundation, Hymn #94

Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787 alt. Mod.; Traditional American Melody

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
You who unto Jesus for refuge have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed;
I, I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be with thee thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Colossians 2:13

You, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses,

*Song of Assurance

Stronger

Ben Fielding, Reuben Morgan
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There is Love that came for us
Humbled to a sinner's cross
You broke my shame and sinfulness
You rose again victorious

Faithfulness none can deny
Through the storm and through the fire
There is truth that sets me free
Jesus Christ who lives in me

CHORUS: You are stronger, You are stronger
Sin is broken, You have saved me
It is written, Christ is risen
Jesus, You, are Lord of all

No beginning and no end
You're my hope and my defense
You came to seek and save the lost
You paid it all upon the cross

BRIDGE: So let Your Name be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
Be lifted higher
(REPEAT 4X)

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give*
**K5-First Grade are dismissed to Engage.*

The New Land
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This vale of tears will one day end in joy
This tale of hate will one day end in love
This pale of fears will one day end in rest
This hell of death will one day end in life

Chorus: The Lord will return
The dead will rise up
Our loved ones will rush into our arms |
New heaven and earth
New bodies and minds
The broken apart will be made whole
In the new land
Our journey will finally end

This troubled soul will one day find its calm
This failing body will one day gain its health
This lusting heart will one day become pure
This poor in spirit will one day find its wealth (chorus)

Bridge:'Til then we'll hold on to Jesus
We'll trust in his mercy
We'll love as the father loved us so
We'll live in each moment
We'll treasure our friendships
We'll share in the joys and in the woes then...
CHORUS

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Sermon

Open Your Heart to God

*Song of Response

All Things New Again
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For behold he will create, a new heavens and new earth
He will drive away our sorrow and our pain
And this momentary grief though heavy as it seems
Will be crushed by glory's great eternal weight
CHORUS 1: He will make all things new again
He will keep all his promises
He will love all who come to him,
He will make all things new again

For behold the sun will rise, over wastelands dead and dry
In its place shall spring a river full of life,
Every wrong will be undone
Every thirsty soul shall come
Drink from living water without price

For behold the holy mountain,
Where the wolf and lamb shall graze
Where we lay our heads and finally find our home
Where the songs we sang in shadows
Will be sung to God's own face
Where his smile will be the thing we treasure most
Where his smile will be the thing we treasure most

*Benediction

Park Far, Sit Close: Next week, we anticipate college students to begin returning, and we're looking forward to having them back and meeting students. If you're able, for the next few weeks, could you park farther from the building, sit towards the front of the Sanctuary, and closer to one another? Be sure to look for new faces and welcome them to Clemson Pres!

College Lunch | Aug 24 after service | Fellowship Hall

College students are invited to lunch next week after the service. We'd love to get welcome you to a new semester and get to know you if we've never met. The lunch is free and you're welcome to bring your roommate or friends.

Community Groups | clemsonpres.org/groups

Community groups are for engagement, encouragement, and equipping. They give you a place to discuss the Bible with 8-12 other people while sharing your lives through fellowship and prayer. If you'd like to join a group go to the website above or the CPC app to sign up. There are groups from Keowee to Pendleton and they meet throughout the week.

Women's Evening Bible Studies | clemsonpres.org/women

Both the Wednesday and Thursday studies begin this week! These groups watch the lesson video before meeting and then get together to discuss it. These groups pray together and encourage one another so well and would love for you to be part.

Wednesday: 6:30pm, church library
Thursday: 6:30pm, Seneca (email womensministry@clemsonpres.org for the address)

Sunday School | Sundays at 9am | clemsonpres.org/sundayschool

New Sunday School classes began today, but you're welcome to join at any time! The classes all explore different aspects of this year's theme: *Your Word is Truth*. Sunday School is meant to equip and encourage you while connecting you with other believers and God's Word. Pick a class at the website above.

Fall Ministries | clemsonpres.org/calendar

Get involved in our weekly ministries this fall! There's CPC Kids' Midweek, Youth Group & Dgroups, and Bible studies for men and women! Check the CPC calendar on the website or in the app to see what's coming up.

Membership Class | Aug 22 5:30-8pm & 23 9am-12pm

If you're interested in joining Clemson Pres or curious about membership, the next class is Friday evening, August 22, and Saturday morning, August 23. Pastor Reid will lead the class through what we believe, our vision and values, and help you get connected to the church more. Sign up at clemsonpres.org/membership

Stay in Touch: Subscribe to church emails or download the Clemson Pres app at clemsonpres.org/contact.

PSALMS

Psalm 77

Open Your Heart to God

Elders: Bryan Counts, Matthew Icard, Reid Jones, Brinck Bowers, Doug Bull, Bill Caldwell, Jimmy Dixon, Mark Dodd, Bill Fisk, Will Huss, Kevin Miles, David Myers, Chris Peters, Conrad Shuler, Barry Swiger, Doug Wilson, Rob Vaughn
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