

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

August 31, 2025

Reflection

Although my memory is fading, I remember two things very clearly: I am a great sinner and Christ is a great Savior

-John Newton

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Call to Worship

Psalm 27:4

One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple.

*Invocation

*Hymn of Praise

Be Thou My Vision, Hymn #642

Ancient Irish Poem versified by Eleanor Hull

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight
Be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tower:
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance now and always,
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

His Glory And My Good

Ben Fielding, Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson

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I have seen my Father's glory, revealed in Jesus Christ
And the more that I behold Him, the more He satisfies
When I gaze upon His beauty, when I see Him as I should
Then my eyes are lifted upward, for His glory and my good

There is hope in every trial, for I can trust the Lord
He will turn my heart towards Him and help me bear the thorn
So in faith I follow Jesus, on the road not understood
For I know that He is working, for His glory and my good

CHORUS: To our God be the glory, to our God be praise
He alone the name above all names
I will boast ever only in the Lord my God
For I know His glory is my good

See the open arms of Jesus, upon the cross that day
What they understood as weakness, deserves my every praise
For the charge that was against me, it was nailed into the wood
Yes I know that He has saved me, for His glory and my good

Would I gladly be made nothing, that Christ would be made more
Would I seek the only kingdom, that far outweighs them all
I will stand before my Father, where the faithful saints have stood
And with joy my heart shall praise Him, for His glory and my good
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TAG: For I know His glory is my good

Confession of Sin

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners, we confess that too often our words and actions are not consistent with our beliefs. Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely, and reject those who seem different from us. Forgive us, we pray. Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance through your name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace

Titus 3:5

He saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit.

*Song of Assurance

His Mercy Is More

Matt Boswell and Matt Papa

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What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

CHORUS: Praise the Lord, His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment, His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, His mercy is more

Confession of Faith

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the

Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on 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 life everlasting. Amen.

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings

*You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give

*K5-1st Grade are dismissed to Engage.

Come As You Are

Ben Glover, David Crowder, and Matt Maher

Come out of sadness from wherever you've been
Come broken-hearted let rescue begin
Come find your mercy O sinner come kneel
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

CHORUS: (So) Lay down your burdens lay down your shame
All who are broken lift up your face
O wanderer come home, you're not too far
So lay down your hurt lay down your heart, come as you are

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary, rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't cure

BRIDGE: Come as you are, fall in His arms, come as you are

There's joy for the morning O sinner be still
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow that Heaven can't heal

ENDING: Come as you are, come as you are, come as you are

Reading of Scripture

1 Timothy 1:12-20

Sermon

Honesty About Our Stories

*Song of Response

Lord I Need You

Christy Nockels, Daniel Carson, Jesse Reeves, Kristian Stanfill, and Matt Maher

Lord I come, I confess, bowing here I find my rest
And without You I fall apart, You're the one that guides my heart

CHORUS: Lord I need You, oh I need You, ev'ry hour I need You
My one defense, my righteousness
Oh God how I need You

Where sin runs deep, Your grace is more
Where grace is found is where You are
And where You are, Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me

Where You are, Lord I am free, holiness is Christ in me

So teach my song to rise to You, when temptation comes my way
And when I cannot stand I'll fall on You
Jesus, You're my hope and stay
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***Benediction**

**Telling a Better Story: The Beauty of Biblical Sexuality | October 3-5
clemsonpres.org/conference**

Join us for a free theology conference on Biblical Sexuality with Rev. Robert Cunningham. Dive into thoughtful conversations on identity, sexuality, and marriage, discovering what Scripture says and how to live out your faith with confidence and compassion, knowing the Bible tells a better story. Learn more about the conference and Robert, as well as sign up at the link above.

Young Professional Community Group | clemsonpres.org/groups

Community Group signups have begun! One of our groups is for young professionals to gather and connect. They will meet the first three Thursdays of the month, starting September 4 at 7pm at Hannah and Jacob Mathis's home. This group also meets for regular social gatherings. Sign up for the Young Professionals email list on our website or contact Reid Jones (reid.jones@clemsonpres.org) for more information.

Bible Reading Plan

This fall, as the church is focusing on our value of *Truth*, we are offering a 16-week Bible Reading Plan to help us learn together more of the overarching story of scripture. The plan starts on September 1 and includes 5 days of readings each week. Stop at the Resource Table in the lobby to pick up a paper copy this week and next. If you prefer a digital copy, it will also be available in the church app starting September 1 (tap “Bible” in the bottom green menu, tap “plan” on the bottom white menu)

Men’s Breakfast | September 6 | 8:30am | Fellowship Hall

Men of CPC, grab a friend and come to breakfast on Saturday morning. Catch up with other men from CPC. Bill Thompson will share on Truth for Men: Men & Friendship.

MUMs (Moms Upholding Moms) | Once a Month on Fridays | 10am

In whatever way you’re experiencing motherhood in the moment, we’d love to walk this season together. Our monthly meetups help us consider our calling as mothers. You can expect warm, welcoming, and real conversations as well as mentorship from experienced moms. Childcare is included. Our first meeting is September 5 at 10am at the church.

**if you need childcare, let us know at clemsonpres.org/women*
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1 TIMOTHY

1 Timothy 1:12-20

Honesty About Our Stories

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

Deacons: Tommy Barron, John Thomas Campbell, Ensley Feemster, David Gambrell, David Haile, Bill Harley, Allen Lohmann, Zach Miller, David Thorsland, Joel Ward, Paul Watters

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