

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

September 7, 2025

Reflection
“Satan cannot deny but that great wonders have been wrought by prayer. As the spirit of prayer goes up, so his kingdom goes down.”
— William Gurnall

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

***Call to Worship** **Jeremiah 16:19-21**
Lord, you are my strength and fortress, my refuge in the day of trouble! Nations from around the world will come to you and say, “Our ancestors left us a foolish heritage, for they worshiped worthless idols. Can people make their own gods? These are not real gods at all!” The Lord says, “Now I will show them my power; now I will show them my might. At last they will know and understand that I am the Lord.”

***Invocation**

***Hymns of Praise**
All Hail the Power of Jesus Name, Hymn #296
St 1-5 Edward Peronnet, 1779; alt; Oliver Holden, 1793

All hail the power of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;
Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown him Lord of all.
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Crown him, ye martyrs of your God, who from his altar call;
Extol the Stem of Jesse's rod, and crown him Lord of all.
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Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.
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Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget, the wormwood and the gall,
Go spread your trophies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all.
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Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.
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O Worship the King

Chris Tomlin; Johann Michael Haydn ; Robert Grant

O worship the King all glorious above
O gratefully sing His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise

O tell of His might O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm

CHORUS: You alone are the matchless King
To You alone be all majesty
Your glories and wonders
What tongue can recite?
You breathe in the air
You shine in the light

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In You do we trust, nor find You to fail
Your mercies how tender, how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and friend.

O measureless might untellable love
While angels delight to worship above
The humbler creation with feeble refrain
With true adoration shall sing Your acclaim.

Confession of Sin
O gracious and gentle Father, God of peace, God of mercy, God of all comfort: We confess before you the evil of our hearts; We acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which give rise to division, anger, and bitterness. Too often have we offended and grieved you. O long-suffering Father, forgive our sins and permit us, through the merits of our Savior, to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness & Pardoning Grace **1 John 1:6-9**
If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

***Hymn of Assurance**
And Can It Be That I Should Gain
C. Wesley & S. Roley; ©1994 Scott Roley Music

And can it be that I should gain an interest in the Savior's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be that thou, my God, should die for me?

REFRAIN: Amazing love! How can it be
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He left his Father's throne above, so free, so infinite his grace,
Humbled himself (so great his love), and bled for all his chosen race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, & followed thee.

No condemnation now I dread; Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living head, And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Receiving New Members
Amelia Bruyere; Anne & Warner Frye; Ron Hemingway

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings
**You may also give at clemsonpres.org/give
K5-1st Grade are released to Engage.

Reading of Scripture **1 Timothy 2:1-7**

Sermon
Kingdom Warfare and Prayer

***Song of Response**
Battle Belongs
Phil Wickham and Brian Johnson
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When all I see is the battle, You see my victory
When all I see is a mountain, You see a mountain moved
And as I walk through the shadow, Your love surrounds me
There's nothing to fear now for I am safe with You

CHORUS: So when I fight, I'll fight on my knees
With my hands lifted high
O God, the battle belongs to You
And every fear I lay at Your feet
I'll sing through the night
O God, the battle belongs to You

And if You are for me, who can be against me
For Jesus there's nothing impossible for You
When all I see are the ashes, You see the beauty
When all I see is a cross, God You see the empty tomb (CHORUS)

BRIDGE 2x: (An) Almighty Fortress You go before us
Nothing can stand against the power of our God
You shine in the shadows You win every battle
Nothing can stand against the power of our God (CHORUS)

TAG: O God the battle belongs to You

***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.

Communion will be served next Sunday during the Worship Service.

Service of Lament: Next week, our service will be focused on lament. We will take time to grieve things like physical illness, relational brokenness, etc., knowing that God cares about the details of our lives.

Officer Nominations begin next week! Begin praying about who you can nominate for the office of elder or deacon. Learn more about the process of nominating and what it means to be an elder and deacon at clemsonpres.org/nominations.

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. You can get the plan in the CPC app (tap “Bible” in the bottom green menu, tap “plan” on the bottom white menu). If you’d like a paper copy, email Reid Jones.

CPC Life Breakfast Help
The CPC Life Class serves breakfast on the first Sunday of each month. The leaders of the class could use help in providing all or part of the breakfast. Food gets dropped off in 1E6 at 8:50 on the first Sunday. No need to stay and serve or even help set up. Get more info by emailing Kay Sporrer (kaysporrer@gmail.com)

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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Kingdom Warfare and Prayer
