

COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

MAY 18, 2025

11:00 AM

BEATITUDE SERIES: THE JOY OF PERSECUTION

Matthew 5:12



MORNING WORSHIP

11:00 AM

PRELUDE

Mr. Logan Brasher

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

WELCOME

Mr. Tim Leazer

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Kreg Bryan

Psalm 101:1-4 (Reader | **Congregation**)

I will sing of steadfast love and justice; to You, O Lord, I will make music.
I will ponder the way that is blameless. Oh when will You come to me? I
will walk with integrity of heart within my house;

**I will not set before my eyes anything that is worthless. I hate the work
of those who fall away; it shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall be
far from me; I will know nothing of evil.**

INVOCATION

HYMN OF PRAISE

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Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise


READING OF GOD'S WORD

Exodus 18

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING AND TRUST

In Bulletin

The LORD Said to My Lord (Psalm 110D)

 Please stand if you are able.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Psalm 25:16-18

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

I John 1:8-9

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.

"GLORIA PATRI"

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

MISSIONARY MOMENT

Rev. Deiniol Williams, Trinity Church Chester (UK)

PASTORAL PRAYER

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Here I Am, Lord

DOXOLOGY

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Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'nly host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

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HYMN OF RESPONSE

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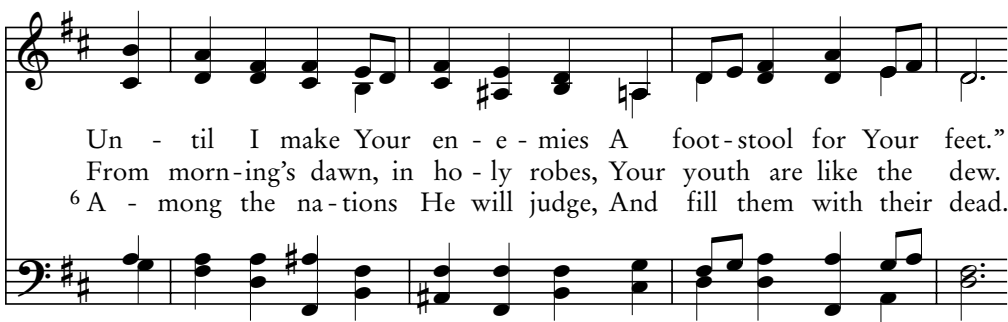
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

BENEDICTION

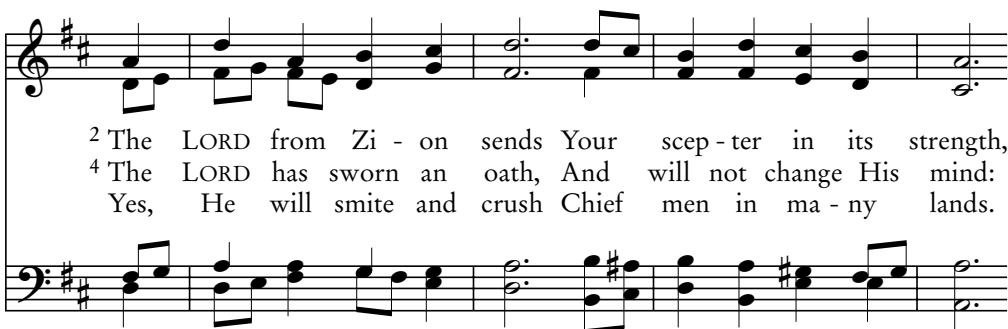
THE LORD SAID TO MY LORD (PSALM 110D)



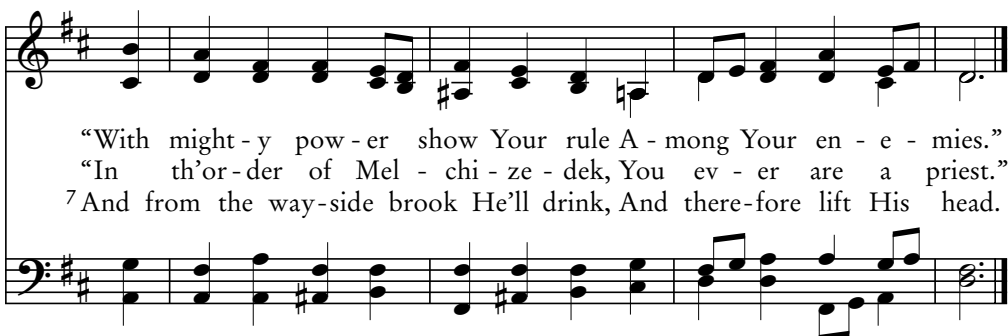
1. ¹The LORD said to my Lord: "Sit here at My right hand
2. ³Your peo - ple free - ly come Through-out Your day of pow'r;
3. ⁵The Lord at Your right hand Will shat - ter kings in wrath.



Un - til I make Your en - e - mies A foot-stool for Your feet."
From morn-ing's dawn, in ho - ly robes, Your youth are like the dew.
⁶A - mong the na-tions He will judge, And fill them with their dead.



²The LORD from Zi - on sends Your scep - ter in its strength,
⁴The LORD has sworn an oath, And will not change His mind:
Yes, He will smite and crush Chief men in ma - ny lands.



"With might - y pow - er show Your rule A - mong Your en - e - mies."
"In th'or - der of Mel - chi - ze - dek, You ev - er are a priest."
⁷And from the way-side brook He'll drink, And there-fore lift His head.

SERMON NOTES

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WORSHIP 101

Welcome to our church and to one of the most vital things we do: worshipping the Living God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). We hope that as you worship with us, your hearts will be enriched, your minds opened to the things of God, and your desires shaped to His will. Below is the layout of our morning worship.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Since we are a worshipping community, we may have a few announcements of common interest before the Prelude, but please read the items of interest in your bulletin. Join us in any of our activities.

PRELUDE: A musical piece planned for reflection and preparation. We recognize that most of us lead very hectic lives. Please calm your heart and prepare to meet God. Meditation on Scripture or reading over the words of hymns for the service is often helpful.

CALL TO WORSHIP: The tone of the service begins with Scripture, reminding us all of our purpose.

SINGING UNTO THE LORD: We welcome you to pray, praise, and witness during our songs. We use hymns that are time-tested, focused on God, and reverent. Our goal is to bring you into the presence of the exalted God, no less, who joins us in worship. When special music is included, it is offered as an act of worship to the glory of God. Since it is not a performance for our entertainment, we ask you hold your applause.

CONFESSION: Often we use historic confessions or creeds to verbalize our faith publicly and to unite us together. Usually, the pastor will identify the time period or setting of an ancient confession. We also use Prayers of Confessions, with an announcement of Pardon from sin — good news for all believers. We invite you to enter sincerely into these opportunities to acknowledge our brokenness – in thought, word, and deed – and to receive God’s forgiveness through Christ.

PASTORAL PRAYER: A time to praise, petition, and communicate with God. We often pray for specific needs of our congregation at this time, as well as use words and phrases from the Bible.

OFFERING: Our church’s work is supported by grateful givers and their tithes, which belong to the Lord (Mal. 3:10).

SCRIPTURE READINGS: We believe that God’s Word is perfect and cannot fail. Thus, we seek to saturate our worship with as much of God’s Word as possible. Every service of worship will feature many portions of God’s Word because it is the bread of life.

SERMON: An explanation of the Bible verses read. Our pastors frequently preach through books of the Bible, trusting God’s Spirit to apply His Word to your hearts. The sermon’s purpose is not so much to entertain as it is to unfold and apply the eternal message of God.

BENEDICTION: While the benediction is pronounced, reverently meditate and rejoice in God’s blessing. It is quite literally a "good word", taken from Scripture to give a concluding blessing to the service.

POSTLUDE: Celebratory music played after the service has concluded. During this time, be sure to greet one another and deepen your friendships as an overflow of worship.

In essence, we seek to worship God as modeled in Scripture, not according to human imagination, custom, creativity, or glamour. This ancient and reverent worship form depends on God’s ordinary methods: preaching, prayer, and the sacraments as effective means by which God conveys grace, strength, truth, love, and eternal life. We extend our hands to invite you to join us.