

MORNING WORSHIP
September 17, 2023
Rev. Greg Lubbers

Prelude Organist, Laura Wielard

Call to Worship *1 Peter 2:1-5*

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise TPH#146 *"Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him!"*

*God's Greeting

Reading of the Law *Exodus 20*

Song of Confession TPH#79B *"Remember Not, O God"*

Assurance of Pardon *Colossians 1:21-23*

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#540 *"Soldiers of Christ, Arise"*

Scripture Reading: Page 1347 **Ephesians 6:10-20**

Sermon Text **Ephesians 6:10-13**

Sermon *"A Call to Christian Strength"*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication TPH#244 *"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"*

Offering *The offering is for Classis Central of the URCNA*

*Doxology TPH#563 *"May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"*

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Morning Sermon Outline

A Call to Christian Strength

Scripture Reading: *Ephesians 6:10-20*, Page 1347

Sermon Text: *Ephesians 6:10-13*

I. The Nature of Christian Strength

A. The Spiritual Nature

B. The Antithetical Nature

II. The Armor of Christian Strength

A. A Divine Armor

B. A Full Armor

III. The Purpose of Christian Strength

A. The Purpose of Combat

B. The Purpose of Victory

TPH 146 - "Praise the LORD! My Soul, O Praise Him!"

1. Praise the LORD! My soul, O praise him!
I will praise him all my days.
I will sing while I have being;
I will sing to God my praise!
Put no confidence in princes,
mortal men who cannot save.
All their plans will come to nothing
when they perish in the grave.
2. O how blest the man who trusts in
Jacob's God to be his aid.
O how blest the one whose hope upon
the LORD his God is stayed,
he who made the earth and heaven
and the seas, with all their store;
he who keeps his word forever,
he is faithful evermore.
3. He will always render justice
for the sake of those oppressed.
He gives food to those who hunger,
satisfies their emptiness.
God releases all the pris'ners,
to the blind the LORD gives sight.
He lifts up those bowed in anguish
and relieves them from their plight.
4. How the LORD loves all the righteous,
and the alien defends,
helps the orphan and the widow,
judgment on the wicked sends.
God the LORD will reign forever;
Zion's God forevermore
reigns through ev'ry generation.
Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

TPH 79B - "Remember Not, O God"

1. Remember not, O God,
the sins of long ago;
in tender mercy visit us,
distressed and humbled low.
2. O Lord, our Savior, help,
and glorify your name;
deliver us from all our sins
and take away our shame.
3. Then, safe within your fold,
we will exalt your name;
our thankful hearts with songs of joy
your goodness will proclaim.
4. In your compassion hear
your pris'ner's plaintive sigh,
and in the greatness of your pow'r
save those about to die.

TPH 540 - "Soldiers of the Cross, Arise"

1. Soldiers of Christ, arise,
and put your armor on,
strong in the strength which God supplies
thro' his eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of hosts,
and in his mighty pow'r,
who in the strength of Jesus trusts
is more than conqueror.
2. Stand then in his great might,
with all his strength endued;
but take, to arm you for the fight,
the panoply of God.
Leave no unguarded place,
no weakness of the soul;
take ev'ry virtue, ev'ry grace,
and fortify the whole.
3. To keep your armor bright,
attend with constant care;
still walking in your Captain's sight,
and watching unto prayer.
From strength to strength go on;
wrestle and fight and pray;
tread all the pow'rs of darkness down,
and win the well-fought day.

TPH 244 - "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he, amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great,
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
4. That Word above all earthly pow'rs,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

TPH 563 - "May the Grace of Christ Our Savior"

1. May the grace of Christ our Savior
and the Father's boundless love,
with the Holy Spirit's favor,
rest upon us from above.
2. Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess, in sweet communion,
joys which earth cannot afford.
Amen.

EVENING WORSHIP

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Prelude *Organist, Stephanie Van Mersbergen*

Song Service TPH#254, 265, 531 *Leader: Doug Van Gorp*

Call to Worship *John 4:23, 24*

Prayer of Invocation

*Song of Praise TPH#66B *"Come, All Ye People, Bless Our God"*

*God's Greeting

*Apostles' Creed - TPH, inside front cover

*Gloria Patri TPH#572 *"Glory Be to the Father"*
(unannounced)

Congregational Prayer

*Song of Preparation TPH#219:1, 2, 5 *"O Worship the King"*

Scripture Reading: Page 206 *Deuteronomy 4:15-24*

Sermon Text: Forms & Prayers, 243 *Heidelberg Catechism,*
Lord's Day 35

Sermon *"A Proper Worship of God"*

Prayer of Application

*Song of Dedication TPH#96:1-4 *"Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise"*

Offering *The offering is for the Christian Education Assistance Fund (C.E.A.F.)*

*Doxology TPH#226 *"O the Deep, Unbounded Riches"*

*Benediction

*Moment of Meditation

*Postlude

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Evening Sermon Outline

A Proper Worship of God

Scripture Reading: *Deuteronomy 4:15-24*, Page 206

Sermon Text: *Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 35, Forms & Prayers, 243*

I. In Line with His Nature

A. A Spiritual Nature

B. A Jealous Nature

II. By Avoidance of Corrupt Imagery

A. The Description of Corrupt Imagery

B. The Danger of Corrupt Imagery

III. By Engagement in Faithful Worship

A. The Command for Faithful Worship

B. The Revelation of Faithful Worship

TPH 254 - "Let All Things Now Living"

1. Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God the Creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,
who guides us and leads to the end of our days.
His banners are o'er us, his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,
'til shadows have vanished and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.
2. His law he enforces: the stars in their courses,
the sun in its orbit, obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,
with glad adoration a song let us raise,
'til all things now living unite in thanksgiving
to God in the highest, hosanna and praise!

TPH 265 - "In Christ Alone"

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all—
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! Who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for ev'ry sin on him was laid—
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain;
then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am his and he is mine—
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death:
this is the pow'r of Christ in me.
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
'til he returns or calls me home—
here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

TPH 531 - “Nearer, Still Nearer”

1. Nearer, still nearer, close to thy heart,
draw me, my Savior, so precious thou art.
Fold me, O fold me close to thy breast;
shelter me safe in that haven of rest,
shelter me safe in that haven of rest.
2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,
naught as an offering to Jesus my King—
only my sinful, now contrite heart;
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart,
grant me the cleansing thy blood doth impart.
3. Nearer, still nearer, Lord, to be thine,
sin with its follies I gladly resign,
all of its pleasures, pomp, and its pride;
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified,
give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified.
4. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,
till safe in glory my anchor is cast;
through endless ages, ever to be
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee,
nearer, my Savior, still nearer to thee.

TPH 66B - “Come, All Ye People, Bless Our God”

1. Come, all ye people, bless our God
and tell his glorious praise abroad,
who holds our souls in life,
who never lets our feet be moved
and, though our faith he oft has proved,
upholds us in the strife.
2. We come with offerings to his house,
and here we pay the solemn vows
we uttered in distress;
to him our all we dedicate,
to him we wholly consecrate
the lives his mercies bless.
3. Come, hear, all ye who fear the Lord,
while I with grateful heart record
what God has done for me;
I cried to him in deep distress,
and now his wondrous grace I bless,
for he has set me free.
4. The Lord, who turns away the plea
of those who love iniquity,
has answered my request;
he has not turned away my prayer,
his grace and love he makes me share;
his name be ever blest.

**TPH 219 - “O Worship the King”
(Stz. 1, 2, 5)**

1. O worship the King, all-glorious above,
 O gratefully sing his pow’r and his love;
our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
 pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.
2. O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
 whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
 and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.
5. 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!

**TPH 96 - “Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise”
(Stz. 1-4)**

1. Sing to the Lord, sing his praise, all you peoples,
 new be your song as new honors you pay;
sing of his majesty, bless him forever,
 show his salvation from day to day.
2. Tell of his wondrous works, tell of his glory,
 till through the nations his name is revered;
praise and exalt him, for he is almighty;
 God over all let the Lord be feared.
3. Vain are the heathen gods, idols and helpless;
 God made the heav’ns, and his glory they tell;
honor and majesty shine out before him,
 beauty and strength in his temple dwell.
4. Give unto God Most High glory and honor,
 come with your off’rings and humbly draw near;
in holy beauty now worship Jehovah,
 tremble before him with godly fear.

TPH 226 - “O the Deep, Unbounded Riches”

1. O the deep, unbounded riches
 of God deserve our praise!
How unsearchable his judgments,
 how marvelous his ways!
For who his thoughts has fathomed,
 or counsel to him giv’n?
And who could make a debtor
 of God, the Lord of heav’n?
For from and through and to him
 are all things, now and then.
To him be all the glory
 forevermore. Amen.