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FAITHFUL TO THE SCRIPTURES

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Lord's Day 28

July 12th, 2026

Evening Service

"The Light of Nature Necessitates Worship of the Creator"



The Heart of the Andes
(1859)

Frederic Edwin Church

EVENING WORSHIP

CATECHETICAL SERVICE

PRELUDE

"O God Beyond All Praising"

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Gustav Holst, 1918

Blessed are you, O Lord, the God of our fathers, creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. Keep us from every evil, and every fear; for you are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To you be glory for endless ages. Amen.

Opening Prayer| *For the Evening Service*

The light of nature shows that there is a God, who hath lordship and sovereignty over all; is good, and does good unto all; and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in, and served with all the heart, with all the soul, and with all the might.

Westminster Divines | *WCF 21.1, Of Religious Worship*

The heavens declare the glory of God, and the sky above proclaims his handiwork. Day to day pours out speech, and night to night reveals knowledge. There is no speech, nor are there words, whose voice is not heard. Their voice goes out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

King David| *Psalms 19:1-4*

For when Gentiles, who do not have the law, do by nature what the law requires, they are a law to themselves, even though they do not have the law. They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them on that day when, according to my gospel, God judges the secrets of men by Christ Jesus.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

“Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!”

Psalm 150:6

CALL TO WORSHIP

*GREETING

Romans

1:7

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm

150

*PSALM OF PRAISE

Sing Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD!

*PRAYER OF ENTRANCE

READINGS & RESPONSES

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm

19

*PSALM OF RESPONSE

The Heavens Above Declare (1–2,

5–6, 9)

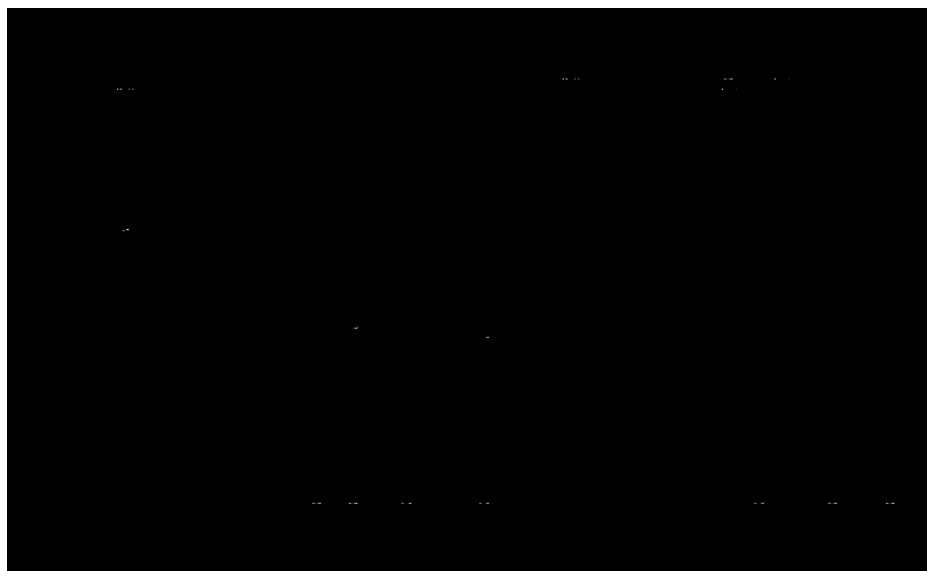
GOSPEL READING

Mark

12:28–34

PASTORAL PRAYER

Psalm 150 – Sing Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!



~ WESTMINSTER CONFSSION OF FAITH ~

CHAPTER 21, PARAGRAPH 1

OF RELIGIOUS WORSHIP, & THE SABBATH DAY

THE LIGHT OF NATURE sheweth that there is a God,
who hath lordship and sovereignty over all;
is good, and doeth good unto all;
and is therefore to be feared, loved, praised, called upon, trusted in,
and served with all the heart,
and with all the soul,

and with all the might.

But the acceptable way of worshipping the true God
is instituted by himself,
and so limited to his own revealed will,
that he may not be worshipped according to
the imaginations and devices of men,
or the suggestions of Satan,
under any visible representations
or any other way not prescribed in the Holy Scripture.





THE PREACHING OF THE WORD

EPISTLE READING

Romans 1:16–32;

2:12–16

SERMON

Of

Religious Worship & the Sabbath Day:

The Light of Nature Necessitates Worship of the Creator

1. The Light of Nature Reveals the Creator
2. The Light of Nature Moves Man to Worship
3. The Light of the Word Reveals Acceptable Worship
4. There is No Excuse

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

*HYMN OF APPLICATION

We Come, O Christ, to

You

the *Journal of the American Medical Association* (JAMA) and the *New England Journal of Medicine* (NEJM).

These journals are the most widely read and cited in the field of medicine. They are also the most expensive. The subscription rates for these journals are as follows:

Journal of the American Medical Association: \$1,200 per year
New England Journal of Medicine: \$1,500 per year

These rates are for individual subscriptions. For institutional subscriptions, the rates are significantly higher.

The subscription rates for these journals are a significant portion of the operating budget of many medical libraries.

Therefore, it is important for medical libraries to have a strategy for managing their journal subscriptions.

One strategy is to use a journal selection committee. This committee would be responsible for reviewing and recommending journal subscriptions to the library's management.

Another strategy is to use a journal selection service. These services provide a range of options for journal subscriptions, including individual journals, journal packages, and full journal collections.

Finally, medical libraries can also consider using electronic journals. These journals are often available at a lower cost than their print counterparts.

However, electronic journals may not be suitable for all medical libraries. For example, some libraries may not have the necessary infrastructure to support electronic journals.

Therefore, medical libraries should carefully consider their options when managing their journal subscriptions.

One option is to use a hybrid approach. This approach would involve a combination of print and electronic journals.

For example, a library might subscribe to a print journal package and also have access to electronic journals through a database.

This approach would allow the library to maintain a core collection of print journals while also providing access to a wider range of electronic journals.

Medical libraries should also consider the needs of their users when managing their journal subscriptions.

For example, if a library's users are primarily researchers, the library might want to focus on subscribing to research journals.

On the other hand, if the library's users are primarily students, the library might want to focus on subscribing to textbooks and reference works.

Medical libraries should also consider the impact of budget cuts on their journal subscriptions.

As budgets are often reduced, medical libraries may be forced to cancel subscriptions to certain journals.

Therefore, it is important for medical libraries to have a plan in place for managing their journal subscriptions in the event of a budget cut.

One plan is to use a journal selection committee. This committee would be responsible for reviewing and recommending journal subscriptions to the library's management.

Another plan is to use a journal selection service. These services provide a range of options for journal subscriptions, including individual journals, journal packages, and full journal collections.

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THE LITURGY OF THE UPPER ROOM

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

LORD'S SUPPER PREFACE

WLC

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Minister: What is the Lord's Supper?

†Congregation: **The Lord's Supper**

**is a Sacrament of the New Testament,
wherein, by giving and receiving bread and wine
according to the appointment of Jesus Christ,
his death is shown forth;
and they that worthily communicate
feed upon his body and blood,
to their spiritual nourishment and growth in grace;
have their union and communion with him confirmed;
testify and renew their thankfulness,
and engagement to God,
and their mutual love and fellowship with each other,
as members of the same mystical body.**

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Apostles'

Creed

Table 1. The number of children in each age group and the number of children in each age group who were in the sample at baseline and at follow-up

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EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Sursum

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Minister: Peace be with you.

†Congregation: **And also, with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

†Congregation: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

†Congregation: **It is good and right for us to give thanks.**

Minister: Let us pray to the Lord.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

1 Corinthians

11:23–26

For I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, 'This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

PRAYER OF APPLICATION

***DOXOLOGY**

Now Blessed Be the Lord Our

God

Now blessed be the Lord our God, the God of Israel,
for he alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.

And blessed be his glorious name to all eternity;
the whole earth let his glory fill. Amen, so let it be.

***BENEDICTION**

Numbers

6:24–26

