

# WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

Sunday February 20, 2022

## Reflection

"What people revere, they resemble, either for ruin or restoration."  
—Greg Beale, *We Become What We Worship*

"What is an idol? It is anything that is more important to you than God, anything that absorbs your heart and imagination more than God, anything you seek to give you what only God can give."  
—Timothy Keller, *Counterfeit Gods*

## Prelude

## Welcome and Announcements

### \*Call to Worship

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### \*Invocation

### \*Hymn of Praise

**Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**, Hymn # 38  
Walter Chalmers Smith, 1867; Trad. Welsh hymn melody

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
Almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Great Father of Glory, pure Father of Light,  
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
All praise we would render; O help us to see  
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee!

### Song of Confession

**Come and Make Us Free**

Zac Hicks and Julie Anne Vargas

I'm a doubter of Your grace, and my heart won't cease  
Seeking love in every place but Your perfect arms of peace  
Though I see that all my longings find their journey's end in you  
Off they wander in the byways cheaply lured by every hue

I'm a slave to lowly thoughts that I cannot shake  
Lust of eyes and pride of life, hardened heart that ne'er will break  
Though I hear that You alone can make this stone a heart of flesh  
Off in bitterness I linger choosing chains, not freedom's rest

CHORUS: All our hearts long for, we find in You, O Lord  
Help us want You more, than idols we adore  
Give us eyes to see your matchless beauty  
Shatter unbelief, come and make us free

I'm addicted to the lie that my thirsty soul  
Can be quenched by earth's supply, vainly seized by my control  
Though I know that You alone have living water's richest store  
Off you find me savoring droplets out of cisterns cracked and poor

CHORUS 2x

### Silent Confession

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

**Ephesians 2:8-9**

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

### \*Songs of Assurance

**Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone!)**

J. Newton 1779; addl. C. Tomlin/L. Giglio; © 2006 worshiptogether.com songs

Amazing grace how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost but now I'm found; was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed

CHORUS: My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns: unending love amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me; His word my hope secures  
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures

CHORUS: My chains are gone I've been set free  
My God my Savior has ransomed me  
And like a flood His mercy reigns: unending love amazing grace

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow; the sun forbear to shine  
But God who called me here below will be forever mine;  
Will be forever mine...You are forever mine

**Your Grace Is Enough**

M. Maher; © 2003 Thankyou Music

Great is Your faithfulness O God  
You wrestle with the sinner's heart  
You lead us by still waters into mercy  
And nothing can keep us apart

PRE-CHORUS: So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children; Remember Your promise, O God

CHORUS: Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me  
Great is Your love and justice God  
You use the weak to lead the strong  
You lead us in the song of your salvation  
And all Your people sing along

PRE-CHORUS: So remember Your people,  
Remember Your children; Remember Your promise, O God

CHORUS2x: Your grace is enough; Your grace is enough  
Your grace is enough for me

### Tithes and Offering

**1 Chronicles 29:12-14**

Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all. Now, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name. But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.

*\*There are offering boxes at each exit, or you may give online.*

*\*\*Kindergarten through second grade are dismissed to the library for Engage. They will rejoin the congregation during the final song.*

### Congregational Prayer

### Scripture Passage

**Isaiah 44:6-24**

### Prayer of Illumination

### Sermon

Rev. Reid Jones  
Reformed University Fellowship, Clemson  
*Formed and Fashioned*

### \*Hymn of Response

**Fairest Lord Jesus, Hymn #170**

Münster Gesangbuch, 1677; Tr. 1850, 1873

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Thee will I cherish, thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,  
And all the twinkling, starry host:  
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer  
Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

Beautiful Saviour! Lord of the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and for evermore be thine.

### \*Benediction

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**Pastor Nominating Committee:** Follow along with updates from the PNC and their work at [clemsonpres.org/pastorsearch](http://clemsonpres.org/pastorsearch).

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**Congregational Meeting:** The Session has called a congregational meeting for March 6 to elect officers. The elder candidates are Doug Bull, Jacob Repokis, and Doug Wilson. Over the next few weeks take a minute to read about these men at [clemsonpres.org/candidates](http://clemsonpres.org/candidates) as well as praying for them and the meeting. If you have any questions, reach out to your elder.

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**The Lord's Supper:** Typically, we observe the Lord's Supper on the second Sunday of each month. This month, we will wait until the fourth Sunday of the month.

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*Formed and Fashioned*  
Isaiah 44:6-24

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