ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, May 9, 2021

The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed, He has girded Himself with strength. Surely the world is established, so that it cannot be moved. ... Your testimonies are very sure; Holiness adorns Your house, O LORD, forever. (Psalm 93:1,5)

[* indicates standing] **Prelude:** [Welcome, Announcements] **Preparation for Worship:** Psalter-Hymnal #368 (1,2) *God's Call to Worship (see above) *Confession of our need for God's grace (Psalm 124:8): "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth" *God's Greeting to His People *Song of Response Psalter-Hymnal #181 (1,2,4) *Opening Prayer God's Law: Psalm 46 & 48 **Praver of Confession and Praise** (God's assurance Psalm 110; John 14:1-3 *Song of Praise Psalter 110 (all) **Confession of Faith** (see bulletin) **Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving** Worship in giving of Tithes and Offerings *Song of Preparation Psalter 48B (6,7,8,10) Prayer for God's blessing on His Word **Scripture Reading:** Acts 1:1-11: Psalm 47 Sermon: Psalm 47 *Respond in Song Psalter-Hymnal #86 (all) *Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing) *(Moment of Silent Meditation)

Sermon: Psalm 47

A call to praise our ascended Lord Who rules.

We see:

- 1. We praise Him for the triumph of His rule.
- 2. We praise Him for the exaltation in His rule.
- 3. We praise Him for the conviction about His rule.

Questions for discussion: [see on the table]

The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be, *the pillar and ground of the truth* (1Tim. 3:15,16)

The Heidelberg Catechism

 <u>46. Q.</u> What do you confess when you say, He <i>ascended into heaven</i>? <u>A.</u> That Christ, before the eyes of His disciples, was taken up from the earth into heaven,[1] and that He is there for our benefit[2] until He comes again to judge the living and the dead.[3] [1] Mark 16:19; Luke 24:50, 51; Acts 1:9-11. [2] Rom. 8:34; Heb. 4:14; 7:23-25; 9:24. [3] Matt. 24:30; Acts 1:11.
 47. Q. Is Christ, then, not with us until the end of the world, as He has promised us?[1] A. Christ is true man and true God. With respect to His human nature He is no longer on earth,[2] but with respect to His divinity, majesty, grace, and Spirit He is never absent from us.[3] [1] Matt. 28:20. [2] Matt. 26:11; John 16:28; 17:11; Acts 3:19-21; Heb. 8:4. [3] Matt. 28:18-20; John 14:16-19; 16:13.
 48. Q. But are the two natures in Christ not separated from each other if His human nature is not present wherever His divinity is? A. Not at all, for His divinity has no limits and is present everywhere.[1] So it must follow that His divinity is indeed beyond the human nature which He has taken on and nevertheless is within this human nature and remains personally united with it.[2] [1] Jer. 23:23, 24; Acts 7:48, 49. [2] John 1:14; 3:13; Col. 2:9. 49. Q. How does Christ's ascension into heaven benefit us? A. First, He is our Advocate in heaven before His Father.[1] Second, we have our flesh in heaven as a sure pledge that He, our Head, will also take us, His members, up to Himself.[2] Third, He sends us His Spirit as a counter-pledge,[3] by whose power we seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God, and not the things that are on earth.[4] [1] Rom. 8:34; 1 John 2:1. [2] John 14:2; 17:24; Eph. 2:4-6. [3] John 14:16; Acts 2:33; II Cor. 1:21, 22; 5:5. [4] Col. 3:1-4.

Short Report—CRPC Presbytery via Zoom on May 6, 2021

After discussion regarding the status of Sam Ledy's credentials, we agreed to have further communication with him and await his response. We also agreed on a program of study for Elder Roy Burrell, which would go towards an M.Div. degree and also qualify him to submit to Presbytery examination for a license to exhort.

CALENDAR

- Wednesday's (6:00 PM)—Catechism class. To resume in Fall of 2021
- <u>Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month; 6: 00-8:00 PM</u> ["Theology" is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

PRAYER REQUESTS

BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER: (*Email your requests for prayer*!) "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God" (Phil. 4:6)

- Pray for our country and government and for persecuted church in the world.
- <u>Pray for King's</u>: (Sermon-Audio, website, Good News Bible Study)
- PTL that the Membership Classes are completed; pray for God's grace and blessing to each member.
- Our individual personal concerns and cares in situations of our lives. God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him. Dave in challenges at work and Card family in his different shifts. Parents raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
- HEALTH: PTL for our health; pray for any with concerns/trials. Rev Gibson (ongoing health issue).
- LOVED ONES: Friends &family serving in the military. Elder Burrell's parents; Diana's mother (kidney disease). Bonnie (Mrs. Dunham's friend); health & unsaved family. Modolo's in Italy (translating Reformed books; homeschooling).

Pray for Regional Presbytery and the ministry of sister Churches:

- First Presbyterian Church (FPC) in Suriname (Rev. Hamid).
- Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church (HRPC) in NC (Rev. Booher).
- Pray for covenant children, the youth, and single adults in our churches.
- Rev Gibson (<u>Abortion-Free KC</u>); pray for King's involvement in Florida.

Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:

- All who work with RCM (Florida office; Board in US & Canada; GNBS).
- RCM Canada Board meeting planned for May 19 (via Zoom)
- Students in College & Seminary.
- CLA (Suriname), coming to the end of the school year.
- SALT (ministry of Pastor Poettcker with RCM)

Pray for blessing on our worship in Tithes & Offerings.

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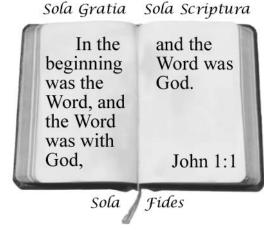
http://www.krpc.us {worship live-streamed}

http://www.sermonaudio.com/krpc

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Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.

Lord's Day, May 9, 2021

Questions for discussion [Sermon: Psalm 47]

1. How do we (biblically) observe "Ascension Day"?

- 2. What does *the LORD <u>Most High</u>* speak to us about? What should we understand that *He is a <u>great King</u>*?
- 3. Why is there praise that God *will subdue the peoples under us*? Who are *the peoples* that are *subdued*; and what is it about?
- 4. What *inheritance* does He *choose* for us; and how is that related to His ascension?
- 5. How does v.5 relate to (eg) 2Samuel 6; and what is it all a picture of?
- 6. How does God sitting on His holy throne comfort us?
- 7. What does v. 9 speak of; and how do we come to have a conviction about it?