

Welcome, Announcements, & Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship | Romans 11:33-36

Pastor: Oh, the depths of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways!

People: For who has known the mind of the LORD, or who has been his counselor?

Pastor: Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?

People: For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

*The Lord's Greeting | Romans 1:7

To all those...who are loved by God and called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

*Hymn 110 | Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Call to Confession | Acts 17:22-31

Prayer of Confession

Our great God, we worship you as our Creator, Sustainer, and Sovereign. You depend upon nothing to be who you are; we depend entirely upon you to be who we are. You don't need us at all; we need you in all. While it is easy to confess such truths with our lips, we find in our hearts a desire to form a god after our own making who depends upon us for its existence and sustenance. How often we arrogantly assume that you need our worship and service. Our sinful egos are averse to the fact that you are entirely self-sufficient and self-satisfied. That same egotism leads us to live in the illusion that we are self-sufficient and not entirely dependent upon you for our life, breath, and everything. Forgive us for depending upon our own resources and wisdom and righteousness. Forgive us for our self-boasting. Truly, all we have is from you and so all the glory goes to you! Cleanse us and deliver us from our arrogance as only you can, and cause us to live unto you from whom and through whom are all things. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon | Acts 10:39-43

*New Songs 6 | God of Grace

Congregational Prayer

Tithes and Offerings [Venmo: @Cornerstone-OPC]

Hymn 87 | The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

Prayer of Dedication

Preaching of the Word

Sermon Text | Exodus 3:1-15

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon Title | Our Independent God

Prayer of Application

*Hymn 2 | O Worship the King

*Confession of Faith | Westminster Confession 2.2 & 7.1

2.2: God hath all life, glory, goodness, blessedness, in and of himself; and is alone in and unto himself all-sufficient, not standing in need of any creatures which he hath made, nor deriving any glory from them, but only manifesting his own glory in, by, unto, and upon them. He is the alone fountain of all being, of whom, through whom, and to whom are all things; and hath most sovereign dominion over them, to do by them, for them, or upon them whatsoever himself pleaseth. In his sight all things are open and manifest, his knowledge is infinite, infallible, and independent upon the creature, so as nothing is to him contingent, or uncertain. He is most holy in all his counsels, in all his works, and in all his commands. To him is due from angels and men, and every other creature, whatsoever worship, service, or obedience he is pleased to require of them.

7.1: The distance between God and the creature is so great, that although reasonable creatures do owe obedience unto him as their Creator, yet they could never have any fruition of him as their blessedness and reward, but by some voluntary condescension on God's part, which he hath been pleased to express by way of covenant.

*Benediction

*Hymn 733 | Doxology

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

*Denotes congregation to stand, as able

OUR INDEPENDENT GOD

Our God Beyond All Praising – Exodus 3:1-15

I. The LORD is essentially self-existent.

- A. God's visible revelation: the self-sufficient flame

- B. God's verbal revelation: the transcendent Lord

II. The LORD is voluntarily self-giving.

- A. God's visible revelation: the bush-dwelling flame

- B. God's verbal revelation: the covenant Lord

QUESTIONS FOR FAMILY WORSHIP

1. What is the aseity of God? (Latin: from Himself)
2. How does God reveal His aseity both in the burning bush and in the name He reveals to Moses?
3. Can we say of ourselves, "I am who I am"? Why is God the only one who can rightly say this?
4. Does God need us? Why do we like to think that He does?
5. If God doesn't need us, why did He call Moses to deliver Israel?
6. If God doesn't need us, why did He create us and send Jesus to save us?
7. How is God's independence a great comfort to us? How does it fuel our faith in and worship toward Him?

QUESTIONS FOR PRIVATE REFLECTION

1. Meditate on 1 Corinthians 4:7. Do I boast in myself, my possessions, my accomplishments, or my spiritual pedigree, living as if I haven't received all of this from the Lord of love?
2. In what situations or contexts am I particularly prone to think the Lord needs me? How could I foster a more dependent posture in them?
3. Do I find an aversion to being wholly dependent? How does the revelation of God's all-sufficiency make creaturely dependence beautiful and even desirable?

Lord's Day Worship

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"Being self-existent, he cannot but be self-sufficient, and therefore all-sufficient, and the inexhaustible fountain of being and bliss."

—Matthew Henry

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