

## WORSHIP ON THE LORD'S DAY

March 13, 2016 10:00 am

Welcome and Announcements

PSALM 96 A Jonathan Murray, presenting

Prayer for God's Blessing upon Us as We Worship Him

Scripture Reading: Matthew 26:26-30

PSALM 105 A

Scripture: Luke 20:41-44; 24:36-53

Sermon: *Books about Christ: The Psalms*  
Pastor Martin Wilsey, Preaching

PSALM 110 D

The Giving of our Tithes and Offerings:

Prayer Time for the Congregation

To this my prayer, O Listen LORD; And let my cry for help reach You. In time of grief, hide not Your face, Incline to me Your list'ning ear; And answer quickly when You hear.  
(Psalm 102 A, stanza 1)

PSALM 98 A, stanzas 1-3

Pastoral Blessing

PSALM 98 A, stanza 7

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**Welcome in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ! Join us for a time of refreshment following the service. Coffee, tea and other drinks are served in the kitchen area.**

## SERMON: THE PSALMS

A diversion of sorts from the current preaching series....

- I. Thoughts and considerations about singing of praise in worship
  - A. What is worship? How does song fit into worship?
  - B. Music has a place and influence in our lives.
  - C. What are the possible options?
  - D. Has God spoken on this subject? What has He said?
- II. Why only Psalms in worship? Doctrinal and practical considerations:
  - A. The Psalms are the Word of God.
    1. Their ultimate author is the Holy Spirit (II Samuel 23:1-2; Hebrews 3:7ff.; Psalm 95)
    2. They are objectively true and doctrinally faithful
    3. They are much more than man's subjective "opinion" about God and His ways
    4. They perfectly present God with biblical balance, as He declares Himself to be
    5. They will not lead us astray
  - B. They were given to be sung (II Chronicles 29:29-30; the commands within the Psalter to sing praise to the LORD)
  - C. They have New Testament sanction and content
    1. The "hymn" of Matthew 26:30
    2. Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16
    3. The expressly "Messianic" Psalms (2, 22,69,89,110, etc.) cannot be understood from an Old Testament context or perspective
    4. The illustration of two mountains (Dr. J.G. Vos)
  - D. The Psalms ultimately are about Jesus Christ
    1. Jesus' testimony (Luke 24:44-48; 20:41-44)
    2. Early Apostolic preaching and teaching (Acts 2:25-36; Acts 4:23-31)
  - E. They are timeless, providing a common bond for the saints throughout human history
- III. Other questions, concerns and comments:
  - A. The need for an authorized manual for praise. Is it important?
  - B. The question of adequacy of the Psalter. Is the issue with the Psalms?
  - C. What happens when Psalmody is abandoned? What has history shown?
  - D. The problem that began with the Fall of Adam: is it about what God wants for us or what we want.
  - E. One preacher's personal testimony....