



# BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• AUGUST 21, 2020 •

Years ago, I was driving from Winter Park to the Denver airport traversing a steep mountain via Berthoud Pass in what I (as an Alabamian) would call bad weather conditions. After what seemed like hours of slow and deliberate driving, thinking I was almost done, I realized I was at the beginning of the Pass and read signs that said “Proceed with Caution.” I was already proceeding with caution! So I interpreted that sign to read “Proceed with Caution and Increased Prayer,” and of course, I paid careful attention to the signs to come which guided me on through the Pass. That is where I feel we are now with this Present Distress. We need to proceed with caution and with increased prayer paying careful attention to the detailed communications from our ministries.

This Sunday, August 23 we open our Nursery, and detailed information has been sent to parents and posted on our website for those desiring to use it. Wednesday, August 26 our Youth Ministry begins their weekly large group meetings and directions have been emailed and posted for students and parents. Rooms are available by reservation for Congregational Communities desiring to use them, and that information has been communicated. Our Pastor has given us great perspective and encouragement in his Pastoral Letter this week. Please take the time to read these communications that apply to you and your family as our church family proceeds with caution, with increased prayer, and pays careful attention to the “road signs.”

Bruce

P.S. By God’s Grace we made it to the airport and returned home safely!



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# CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

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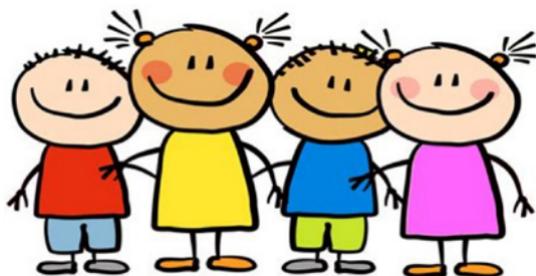
Pastor Reeder and Bruce Stallings  
answer questions submitted to  
[askthepastor@briarwood.org](mailto:askthepastor@briarwood.org)  
this Sunday night at 6:00 p.m.

Available on [briarwood.org](http://briarwood.org), Facebook,  
Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

Read Pastor Reeder's latest Pastoral Letter  
at [briarwood .org/pastorsblog](http://briarwood.org/pastorsblog).

## EXCITING NEWS FOR OUR CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Welcome Back! We have missed being with our children and students! We have three big announcements for this Sunday and next week:



**NURSERY** – We are so excited to have your children back in the Nursery again starting this Sunday, August 23 at the 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. services. We will begin reopening with children from the classes assigned to these two services and it will be by reservation only at least 24 hours before your assigned service. In order to reserve your child(ren)'s spot(s), please visit our website at [briarwood.org/nursery](http://briarwood.org/nursery) for all necessary information on registration, our Nursery Protocols, and Sunday morning arrival.



**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP** – We have added a third Children's Worship for the 8:00 a.m. service. We are thrilled to be able to now offer live worship for our children at each of the three morning services. Please visit our website at [briarwood.org/children](http://briarwood.org/children) for more information. And please continue to help us on Sunday mornings during drop-off and pick-up, being extra diligent to practice social distancing in the Children's area. It is very easy for parents and kids to get bunched-up in this area on Sunday mornings.



**STUDENT MINISTRY** – Our Raiders and BYG ministries will begin their weekly Large Group Gathering at The Barn on Wednesday, August 26 from 6:30–8:00 p.m. This will provide a great opportunity for fellowship and to be encouraged and strengthened in the Lord. For more information, visit our website at [briarwood.org/youth](http://briarwood.org/youth).



# Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – August 23, 2020

## Worship Leaders

Dr. Harry L. Reeder III, Pastor/Teacher

Mr. Bruce Stallings, Executive Pastor

Rev. Daniel Cason, Pianist

Dr. John Haines, Worship Pastor

Mr. Hunter Goff, Organist

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*Let them extol Him in the congregation of the people, and praise Him  
in the assembly of the elders. Psalm 107:32*

**The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms**

Psalm 47:5-7

[All:] **Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory!"**

**The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession**

*"Lift up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates" (Weissel)*

*Gracious Heavenly Father, we acknowledge this day that You are the Giver of every good and perfect gift, and the Sustainer of our lives. We humbly come before You, recognizing the presence of sin in our hearts, and knowing that You have graciously given Your Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to pay the price and bear the penalty for our sin. We confess our sin before You now, and gratefully accept Your full and complete pardon. Free us to worship You now in Spirit and Truth, with joy and celebration, and tune our hearts and fit our lives to live to the praise of Your glory and the advancement of Your Kingdom.*

**The Invocation**

**The Gospel Word of Salvation**

**\*The Greeting of Grace and Peace**

**\*The Hymn of Ascents**

*"Alleluia! Sing to Jesus" Hymn 233*

Alleluia! sing to Jesus! His the scepter, His the throne;

Alleluia! His the triumph, His the victory alone;

Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion Thunder like a mighty flood;

"Jesus, out of ev'ry nation Has redeemed us by His blood."

Alleluia! not as orphans Are we left in sorrow now;

Alleluia! He is near us, Faith believes, nor questions how:

Though the clouds from sight received Him When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget His promise, "I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of Heaven, You on earth our food and stay!

Alleluia! here the sinful Flee to You from day to day;

Intercessor, Friend of sinners, Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless Sweep across the crystal sea. Amen.

[Leader:] *In what does Christ's exaltation consist?*

[All:] **Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day; in ascending into heaven; in sitting at the right hand of God the Father; and in coming to judge the world at the last day.**

## THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

*The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. James 5:16b*

### The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

## THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

*...addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart... Ephesians 5:19*

### The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

*Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine. Proverbs 3:9-10*

### The Musical Offering of Worship

"Arise, My Soul, Arise"

Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears;  
The bleeding Sacrifice on my behalf appears.  
Before the throne my Surety stands,  
Before the throne my Surety stands;  
My name is written on His hands.

[Chorus:]

[Men:] Arise, Arise, Arise, [Women:] Arise, Arise,  
[All:] Arise, my soul, arise.

[Men:] Arise, Arise, Arise, [Women:] Arise, Arise,  
[All:] Arise, my soul, arise; Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above for me to intercede,  
His all redeeming love, His precious blood to plead.  
His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race,  
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. (Chorus)

Five bleeding wounds He bears, Received on Calvary.  
They pour effectual prayers; They strongly plead for me.  
"Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, oh, forgive," they cry,  
"Don't let that ransomed sinner die!" (Chorus)

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear.  
He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear;  
With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh,  
And, "Father, Abba, Father!" cry. (Chorus)

### \*The Singing of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs

"Be Unto Your Name" • "Behold Our God"

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time;  
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting, reigning on high.

[Refrain:] Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty, Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain;  
Highest praises, honor and glory Be unto Your name, be unto Your name.

We are the broken, You are the Healer, Jesus, Redeemer, mighty to save;  
You are the love song We'll sing forever, Bowing before You, blessing Your name.

(Refrain x2)

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Who has given counsel to the Lord? Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds? (Chorus)

[Chorus:]

Behold our God, seated on His throne Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King – nothing can compare Come, let us adore Him.

Who has felt the nails upon His hands? Bearing all the guilt of sinful man;  
God eternal, humbled to the grave Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign. (Chorus)

[Men:] You will reign forever.

[Women:] Let Your glory fill the earth! (x 4)

(Chorus x2)

## THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God. Acts 20:27*

\*The Prayer of Illumination

\*The New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:7-10

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XII. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective

*"I Believe..."*

"And Sits at the Right Hand of God, the Father Almighty"

Ephesians 4:7-10

## THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*...that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father  
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Romans 15:6*

\*The Pastoral Benediction

\*The Congregational Affirmation

*"Jesus Shall Reign" Hymn 231 vv.1, 4*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun Does His successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

Let ev'ry creature rise and bring His grateful honors to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud "Amen!"

The Postlude

*"Psalm 19" (Marcello)*

\* The congregation is requested to stand, if able.

The 8:00 and 10:55 Sunday morning services are broadcast live on WLJR 88.5 FM, and are also available online at [briarwood.org/livetv](http://briarwood.org/livetv). Watch the recording anytime at [briarwood.org/archivetv](http://briarwood.org/archivetv).

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