

BRIARWOOD WEEKLY

• AUGUST 28, 2020 •

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To say that March through August has been out of the norm would be a huge understatement! It knocked us all out of our routines and rhythm of daily life. However, this upheaval and change is not all bad. For many of us we have been forced to take a deep long look at how we have done life and what we have given priority. This season of change has given us the freedom to recalibrate and set in motion what is of first importance in our lives.

As believers we understand that we are called first and foremost to be worshippers! This primary focus then leads us as we understand the call to be in community with one another, and this time of separation has grown in many of us a desire to gather together even more.

*Women—we have an opportunity to GATHER in person on Friday, August 28, 6:30–8:30 p.m. in the Worship Center. It will be a great time of worship, a brief challenge from the Word, and socially distanced fellowship! The schedule and details are posted on the women’s webpage: briarwood.org/women. Please mark your calendar, make arrangements for your kids (nursery not available), get excited, *register your attendance online* and plan to join your sisters.*

Please use wisdom as to whether or not you should attend this event. We are going to video our event for those who are in vulnerable categories and not yet able to safely participate. The video will be posted on the women’s webpage after the event.

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CONVERSATIONS

WITH HARRY AND BRUCE

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

Available on briarwood.org, Facebook,
Roku, AppleTV and the Briarwood App.

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



THE REAL STATE OF THE UNION



From a Biblical World and Life View in Light of Today's Crisis

Birmingham Conference on Theology & Life

*State of The Union from a Biblical World and Life View
Christianity in Public Theology in Light of Today's Crisis*

In order to accommodate safety protocols we have modified our 2020 Birmingham Conference on Theology and Life for Sunday, September 6. We are grateful to have Dr. Peter Lillback, President of Westminster Theological Seminary preach Sunday morning in our 8:00 and 11:00 a.m. Worship services. Joining him will be Dr. John Currie, Dean of Pastoral Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary preaching in our 9:30 morning service. Both Dr. Lillback and Dr. Currie will join our *Conversations with Harry & Bruce* program Sunday evening at 6:00 to discuss Public Theology in this present distress.

You will be able to hear all messages from the Conference online at briarwood.org/sermons and watch at briarwood.org/archivetv and briarwood.org/conversations.

Children's Ministry Update

Praise The Lord for His blessings on the reopening of our Nursery and addition of our 8:00 a.m. Children's Worship this past Sunday. We are grateful for the thoughtful response of our parents and the ministry of our staff and volunteers. Please remember to make your nursery reservations for this coming Sunday at briarwood.org/nursery and pay careful attention to social distancing when picking up your children from Children's Worship.

Thank you for your continued support of our Community Food Drive. The need remains as this pandemic continues, please place your non-perishables in the trailer at Parking Lot B (near the Altadena House) Sundays from 7:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. and Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. For questions, contact Chris Thompson at cthompson@briarwood.org.





Celebration of Worship

MORNING SERVICES OF DIVINE WORSHIP – August 30, 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

And all who believed were together and had all things in common. Acts 2:44

The Call to Worship and Preparation from the Psalms

Psalm 11:7

[All:] For the LORD is righteous; He loves righteous deeds; the upright shall behold His face.

The Prelude and Time of Meditation and Confession

"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" (Irish Hymn Tune)

Have mercy on me, O God, according to Your steadfast love; according to Your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against You, You only, have I sinned and done what is evil in Your sight, so that You may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise."

from Psalm 51

The Invocation

The Gospel Word of Salvation

***The Greeting of Grace and Peace**

***The Hymn of Ascents**

"For All the Saints" Hymn 546 vv. 1, 2, 5, 6

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light: Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day:

The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way: Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!

***The Confession of Truth**

Westminster Larger Catechism, q. 56

[Leader:] *How is Christ to be exalted in His coming again to judge the world?*

[All:] Christ is to be exalted in His coming again to judge the world, in that He, who was unjustly judged and condemned by wicked men, shall come again at the last day in great power, and in the full manifestation of His own glory and of His Father's, with all His holy angels, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God, to judge the world in righteousness.

THE PETITIONING OF GOD'S PROVIDENCE

...I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people... I Timothy 2:1

The Pastoral Prayer of Intercession

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

"To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!" Revelation 5:13b

The Presentation and Consecration of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. II Corinthians 9:7

The Musical Offering of Worship

"We Shall Behold Him" (Rambo)
Daniel Cason, soloist

[Solo:]

*The sky shall unfold, Preparing His entrance;
The stars shall applaud Him with thunders of praise.
The sweet light in His eyes shall enhance those awaiting;
And we shall behold Him then face to face.*

[All:]

We shall behold Him, we shall behold Him
Face to face in all of His glory.
We shall behold Him, we shall behold Him
Face to face, our Savior and Lord.

[Solo:]

*The angel shall sound the shout of His coming;
And the sleeping shall rise from there slumbering place.
And those who remain shall be changed in a moment;
And we shall behold Him then face to face.*

[All:]

We shall behold Him, we shall behold Him
Face to face in all of His glory.
We shall behold Him, face to face Our Savior and Lord;
We shall behold Him, our Savior and Lord, Savior and Lord!

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

"Come, Lord Jesus (Even So, Come)" (Tomlin)

All of creation, all of the earth
Make straight a highway, a path for the Lord; Jesus is coming soon.
Call back the sinner, wake up the saint,
Let ev'ry nation shout of Your fame; Jesus is coming soon.

[Chorus:] Like a bride waiting for her groom,
we'll be a Church ready for You.
Ev'ry heart longing for our King, we sing:
"Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come."
Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come."

There will be justice, all will be new.
Your name forever, faithful and true; Jesus is coming soon. (Chorus)

So we wait, we wait for You.
God, we wait; You're coming soon. (Repeat) (Chorus)
"Even so, come, Lord Jesus, come."

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

*...and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit,
which is the Word of God... Ephesians 6:17*

***The Prayer of Illumination**

***The New Testament Reading**

Hebrews 9:11-28

The Exposition of God's Word

Pastor Reeder

XIII. The Apostles' Creed in Biblical Perspective
"I Believe..."

"From There He Shall Come to Judge the Living and the Dead"
I Timothy 3:14-16, Hebrews 9:11-28, Revelation 20:11-15

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power
of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13*

***The Pastoral Benediction**

***The Congregational Affirmation**

"Rejoice All Ye Believers" (Trinity Hymnal)

Our hope and expectation, O Jesus, now appear;
Arise, Thou sun so longed for, o'er this benighted sphere.
With hearts and hands uplifted, we plead, O Lord to see
The day of earth's redemption that brings us unto Thee.

The Postlude

"We Are God's People" (Leech)

* 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. Watch the recording anytime at briarwood.org/archivetv.

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EVENING SERVICE – 6:00 P.M.

"Conversations with Harry and Bruce"

available online at briarwood.org/livetv, on the BriarwoodPCA App
and on Facebook, Roku and AppleTV