

Trinity Reformed Church of Northwest Connecticut

Biblical, Traditional, Congregational

Lord's Day Worship for

May 18, 2025

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." – Philippians 4:6*



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“✠” = Please stand if you are able.

Welcome, Greeting & Announcements

Call to Worship – Psalm 5:7-18

Leader: But as for me, by Your abundant lovingkindness I will enter Your house,

People: At Your holy temple I will bow in reverence for You.

Leader: O LORD, lead me in Your righteousness because of my foes;

People: Make Your way straight before me.

Leader: There is nothing reliable in what they say;

People: Their inward part is destruction itself.

Leader: Their throat is an open grave;

People: They flatter with their tongue.

Leader: Hold them guilty, O God;

People: By their own devices let them fall!

Leader: In the multitude of their transgressions thrust them out,

People: For they are rebellious against You.

Leader: But let all who take refuge in You be glad,

People: Let them ever sing for joy;

Leader: And may You shelter them,

People: That those who love Your name may exult in You.

Leader: For it is You who blesses the righteous man, O LORD,

People: You surround him with favor as with a shield.

Prayer of Invocation and Confession

Gospel Absolution Text – Habakkuk 3:18-19

***Hymn #44** – “How Great Thou Art”

Scripture Reading – Luke 1:39-56

Ancient Creedal Proclamation – Apostles Creed (pg#845 in the red hymnal)

Offerings Presented

[Please put your tithe/offering in the plates before or after the service – Thank you!]

[Gifts labeled “Deacon’s Fund go to aid those in need in the congregation.]

***Doxology #731** (red hymnal)

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

***Sung Psalm #68B** – “*Let God Arise*”

Prayers of the Church & Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Reformation Creedal Reading – A Harmony of the Westminster Shorter (Q#98) and Larger Catechisms (Q#178) on Prayer.

Leader: Question: What is Prayer?

People: Prayer is an offering up of our desires unto God,

Ps 62:8

Leader: For things agreeable to His will,

1John 5:14

People: In the name of Christ,

John 16:23

Leader: By the help of his Spirit;

Rom 8:26

People: With confession of our sins,

Ps 32:5-6

Leader: And thankful acknowledgment

Dan 9:4

People: Of His mercies.

Phil 4:6

Ministry of the Word

Prayer of Illumination

***Sermon Text** – 1Samuel 2:1-3

***Gloria Patri #735** (red hymnal)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sermon – “Exult in the LORD”

(A Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8)

***Hymn #310** – “*Rejoice, the Lord is King*”

***Benediction**

Everyone is welcome to Coffee Hour Fellowship downstairs after church today

Announcements

- Pastor Doug & Verna would like to thank everyone who joined us for pizza on Friday. It was an enjoyable evening.
- TRC is **organizing a visitation/meal outreach** that will provide friendly visits, especially to shut-ins, either in-person or by phone. Also, this group will provide temporary meals to those in need or special occasions. If you are interested in either volunteering to help, or know someone who would like a visit, please contact Leona [billejeune@gmail.com - (860) 480-0370].
- There is a "Draft" of the **Photo Directory** available for review after Church. If any of your individual information is incorrect or needs to be updated or removed, please make a note of it on the draft so that it can be revised before the final directory is printed and copies made available for members and visitors. Also, one last call for anyone who has not submitted a picture and would like to have it included in the Directory to send it to Sheryl by **Friday, 5/23**, (sgabelmann058@gmail.com) so that the Directory can be finalized for publication.

Upcoming Events

- Pastor Doug and Verna would like to thank all those who attended the Friday Night gathering.
- A joint **Elders & Deacons** meeting will be at Pastor Doug's house on **May 24th at 9:00 AM**. Breakfast will be provided.
- **New Members** will be joining on **Pentecost, Sunday, June 8th**.
(Zoom classes will be on Saturday, May 3, 10, 17 & 31 at 9:00 AM.)
- **Pool Party/Picnic** to be held on **Saturday, July 19th** at the Gabelmanns, 101 Wallens St., Winsted, beginning at **noon**. Hamburgers, hot dogs, drinks and an ice cream bar will be provided. Please bring a dish to share if you are able. Bring your swimsuits if you wish to enjoy the pool. This will be held rain or shine as we are not able to plan for a rain date this year. Mark your calendars!

Regular Weekly Events

<i>Sunday</i>	9:00 – c.10:00 AM	Sunday School Children's curriculum: KVB Publications Women's Study: Sproul's <u>What is Reformed Theology?</u> Adult Study: Westminster Larger Catechism <u>Worship</u> (Lord's Supper on the 1 st Sunday of the month) Coffee Hour Fellowship
	10:30 – c.11:40 AM c.11:40 AM	
<i>Tuesday</i>	10:30 AM – Noon	Tuesday Study (Evangelism in Acts) at Pastor Doug's house
<i>Wednesday</i>	6:30 – 8:00 PM 6:30 – 8:00 PM	Wednesday Study (biblical geography) at Pastor Doug's house Gen Alpha Club (Tiny Theologians) - 2 nd & 4 th Wednesdays at Pastor Doug's house
<i>Friday</i>	6:30 - ??? PM	Young Adult Discussion Group at Pastor Doug's house (1 st & 3 rd Fridays)
<i>Saturday</i>	morning	Prayer Group at the Gabelmann's. (Please call Sheryl to confirm if the group is meeting that day, 860-309-7250.)

ONLINE RESOURCES

TRC's Webpage:	TrinityReformedCT.org
TRC's Facebook Page:	facebook.com/people/Trinity-Reformed-Church/61554974150922/
TRC's Youtube Channel:	youtube.com/@TrinityReformedCT
Pastor Doug's	youtube.com/simplyreformed
Youtube Channels:	youtube.com/@PilgrimsofPlunder

INTERNET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have any prayer requests for our prayer chain, please email them to Donna Ensminger at: **trcnwprayer@gmail.com**. (If you would like to join the Prayer Chain, also see Donna.)

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Sermon Notes

1Samuel 2:1-3

“Exult in the LORD”

A Sermon Series on 1Samuel 1-8

May 18, 2025

Introduction

- 1) Do you “exult” in the LORD?
- 2) We are going through 1Samuel, chapters 1-8, that focus on Samuel.
 - a) 1Samuel is the story about how and why Israel gets its first king, Saul.
 - i) Saul fails but is replaced by the godly King David whose kingship is taught in 2Samuel.
 - ii) And it is from David’s line that we get the King of Kings, the Messiah, the Son of God, Jesus Christ. 2Sam 7:12-16; Ps 89:3-4
Matt 1:1; John 7:42
 - b) Samuel is one of the key OT figures, who will be a priest, prophet & last judge.¹
 - c) Chapter 1 is about the birth of Samuel,

¹ Samuel was a writer, historian and seer of a critical time in Israel’s history. (1Sam 9:19; 10:25; 1Chr 9:22; 26:28; 29:29). Two books of the Bible, 1 & 2Samuel, bear his name. He is the last of the judges, those who ruled Israel in between the patriarchs (Abraham, Isaac & Jacob) and before they had kings (Saul, David, Solomon, etc.). (1Sam 7:6,15; Acts 13:20) He is the first of the great prophets since the time of Moses, the greatest OT prophet. (Deut 34:10; 1Sam 3:20; 19:20; Acts 3:24; Heb 11:32) He is called by God to ordain Israel’s first king (Saul) and then one of its greatest kings (David). (1Sam 13:14; 16:13; Ps 89:3-4; Acts 13:22) He held three great OT offices that usually don’t go together: Priest, prophet and judge. Samuel’s greatness is noted in the later parts of the Old Testament (OT) and in the New Testament (NT). (2Chr 35:18; Ps 99:6; Jer 15:1; Acts 3:24; 13:20; Heb 11:32)

- 3) Samuel's mother, Hannah couldn't have a child so she prayed and made a vow² to the Lord requesting a child.
 - a) The Lord heard her prayer so she gives birth to Samuel.
 - b) Because of the vow she must give the three-year old Samuel to be a priest to the Lord at Shiloh.
- 4) Hannah, and her husband Elkanah, willingly turn over Samuel to the High Priest Eli. 1Sam 1:26-28
- 5) What follows in 1Samuel 2:1-10 is Hannah's reaction to all of this.
 - a) It is one of the most beautiful prayers in Scripture, in Pastor Doug's opinion.
 - b) It is Hannah's last words we have recorded.
(Her last mention is in 1Samuel 2:21)
 - c) It is a verbally spoken out loud prayer seemingly in public. 1Sam 2:3
Unlike her prayer at Shiloh asking of a child. 1Sam 1:13
 - d) Her prayer is very psalm like.
 - i) It is one of the earliest psalms in the Bible.³
 - A psalm is a song, a melody, with words.
 - Technically, it doesn't say Hannah sung, however, Hannah's prayer is structured like a Psalm.
 - ii) Hannah's prayer is modeled elsewhere in Scripture.
(More about that later.)
 - e) It is also extraordinarily prophetic.
(Again, more about that later.)
- 6) In Pastor Doug's opinion, this one of the most humbling sections of Scripture.
 - a) Imagine asking for a child, and the Lord answers, but then you have to turn him over only after three years.
 - b) Then you have to turn him over.
 - c) Would your reaction be one of complete joy?

1Samuel 2:1

- 1) The events of chapter 1 caused Hannah to pray, thus "*then Hannah prayed and said*". – 1Sam 2:1a
- 2) She first says, "*My heart exults in the LORD; My horn is exalted in the LORD*". – 1Sam 2:1b
- 3) For the ancients, "heart" doesn't mean "just emotions."
 - a) The extreme dualism of the modern phrase "*you think with your mind and feel with your heart*" is not biblical.
 - b) Of course, "heart" can just refer to the organ that pumps blood which has nothing to do with thinking or feeling. Ps 38:10
 - c) In the deeper spiritual sense, "heart" is the totality of the inner life of a person, that non-physical part of you that includes one's mind, soul, spirit, volition (will), thoughts, desires, feelings, and the self. Ps 31:12

² The OT clearly has rules for vows. (Num 6:1ff; 30:1-16; Ps 76:11; 116:14,18) The Lord Jesus, however, warns against vows. (Matt 5:33-34; James 5:12; Acts 18:18?)

³ True, people before Hannah like Moses & Miriam and Deborah & Barak did sing songs onto the Lord. (Ex 15:1ff; Judg 5:1ff)

- i) Though the mind is slightly more emphasized, the heart shows itself by one's thoughts, acts of the will and desires.
 - ii) We see this in Luke 1:51, when Mary prays: "*He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered those who were proud in the thoughts* (literally "thought, attitude") *of their heart.*"
- 4) So, with all her inner being Hannah "*exults in the LORD.*"
 - a) "Exult" means to rejoice, be jubilant, to be in a state of joy, which usually includes verbal expressions of joy and praise. 1Sam 2:1; 1Chr 16:32
Ps 5:11; 9:2; 68:3
Prov 11:10
 - b) It has martial echoes, implying to conquer, to win a glorious victory, and to rejoice. Ps 25:2
Prov 28:12
 - c) You hear this martial imagery throughout Hannah's prayer. As we have seen in this verse when she says she will speak boldly against her enemies.
 - d) If you want a modern example, think of cheering when your team suddenly and dramatically obtains victory at the Superbowl.
 - e) For Hannah she is rejoicing with her inner being in the Triune God.
 - i) When the OT word "LORD" is in all capitals, it is God's name given to Moses, which means "*I Am.*" Ex 3:13-14; 6:3; Ps 68:4,20; 83:18; Is 52:5-6;
Jer 16:21; Ezek 37:6,13; John 6:20; 8:24,28,58;
John 18:5; Rev 19:12-13,16
 - ii) So, it is not to some generic spirit but the God who reveals Himself in Scripture.
- 5) Her "*horn is exalted in the LORD*" – 1Samuel 2:1c
 - a) "Horn" (*qě-rěñ*) here refers to the bony growth on animal heads.
 - b) It is not the musical instrument, a "horn" (*šô-pār*), though that too could be made out of animal horn. Ex 19:16,19; 20:18
Josh 6:4-6,8-9,13,16,20
 - c) This horn in the Bible is associated with status, strength and ability.
 - d) "Exalt" is to be on high, raised up, lifted up – either in triumphant and/or put in a safe position. Gen 7:17; Job 22:12; Ps 107:25
Ps 118:16; Is 49:11; Ezek 31:4
 - e) So here Hannah's status, strength and ability has been lifted up in the LORD. And for a woman that means having a child. Gen 1:28; 30:23
Ps 127:3-5; 1Tim 2:15
- 6) Because Hannah exults in the Lord, and her strength is exalted in the Lord, her "*mouth speaks* (literally "is enlarged") *boldly against my enemies*". – 1Samuel 2:1d Ps 35:21
Is 57:4
 - a) If you have received great victory, you can exalt over enemies.
 - b) Modern Christians don't like the term "enemies".
 - i) In once sense this is a good thing because unlike the OT Church, the NT Church is not tied to a nation state. So, our weapons now are not physical (swords, guns, etc.) but spiritual (faithfulness, prayer, good works, etc.) Matt 5-7; Rom 13:4
2Cor 6:7; 10:3-4
Gal 5:22-23
Eph 6:10-18
 - ii) In another sense it is a bad thing, because much of the modern church has become effeminate and weak (in the bad sense) focusing on being nice instead of holy.
As Pastor Voddie Baucham (who is well worth listening too) has said:
In the modern church we have the 11th Commandment, "thou shall be nice" and we ignore the other Ten.

- iii) The church very much has enemies: Sin, Satan, demons, death, heretics, false teaching, the world, etc. that war against the Bride of Christ. Rom 11:27-28; 1Cor 15:24-26
Phil 3:17-18; 1Tim 5:14
James 4:4; Rev 20:7-9
 - iv) We are called to love our enemies but always loving and fearing God first and thus we love our enemies by God's standards and His ways, not the world's. Matt 5:43-44; 22:36-40
Luke 6:27,35; 1John 2:15
Rom 12:14-21
 - c) Who are Hannah's enemies?
 - i) Maybe in a general sense her husband's other wife, the mean Peninnah. 1Sam 1:2,4,6
 - ii) Clearly being barren (though this was by the Lord's doing), because we all live in this fallen world. 1Sam 1:5-6
Gal 1:4
 - iii) However, considering the prophetic nature of this prayer, it also includes our true enemies: Sin, Satan, the world, etc. Which is clearly seen by the next verse.
 - d) 1Samuel 2:1e – *"Because I rejoice in Your salvation."*
 - i) Salvation is a fairly broad term.
 - It can mean to be delivered, brought to safety, rescued, to be in a state of freedom from danger. Ex 14:13
 - It can imply, in context, the act of conquering the enemy. 2Sam 22:51
 - It, of course, can refer to salvation in the heavenly sense. Ps 62:1
 - And a title for God, Himself. Deut 32:15
Ps 42:5,11; 43:5; 68:19; 89:26
 - ii) Here, Hannah is speaking of all aspects of salvation.
 - She has been saved from being barren. 1Tim 2:15
 - And by the great faith given to her by God's grace she has been saved in the grand sense. Eph 2:8-9
1Pet 1:5
 - iii) Thus, she rejoices in *"Your (i.e. God's) salvation."*
 - iv) God is the source of her son, and her happy circumstance, and even her joy itself, which is solely by His grace. Acts 11:23
Eph 2:5
As we seen in the next verse.

1Samuel 2:2

- 1) The source of Hannah's joy is clear: *"There is no one holy like the LORD"*. – 1Samuel 2:2a
 - a) The most common trait the Bible speaks about when it comes to the character and nature of God is that He is holy. Ex 15:11; Lev 11:44-45; 19:2; 20:7,26
Josh 24:19; 1Sam 6:2; Ps 77:13; 99:9
Is 5:16; 6:3; 8:13; 1Pet 1:16
Rev 3:7; 4:8; 6:10; 15:4
 - b) "Holy One" is literally a name for God. 2Kgs 19:22; Ps 71:22; 78:41; 89:18
Is 1:4; Luke 4:34; 1Pet 1:15; Rev 16:5
 - c) To be "holy" is to be unique, pure, superior in moral quality, godly, sacred, consecrated, set apart, etc.
 - d) There is only one being who is perfectly holy, the LORD. Ex 15:11; Ps 86:8

2) Hannah defines holy, *"Indeed, there is no one besides You"* – 1Samuel 2:2b

- a) The most basic division in existence is between Creator and creation. Job 38:1ff; Is 55:8-9
- b) There is only one Creator, the Triune God as revealed in Holy Scripture. Is 45:5,21; 46:9
- c) Everything else is creation, whose creation, current existence, and future state exists solely by the will of the Creator. Job 34:14-15; 1Cor 8:6
Col 1:17; Heb 1:3
Rev 4:11

3) Our only hope, and the only foundation, is God.

- a) Thus, Hannah prays, *"nor is there any rock like our God."* – 1Samuel 2:2c
- b) "Rock" is literally a title for God. Deut 32:4,15,18,30-31; 2Sam 23:3?
Is 26:4; 30:29; 44:8; Hab 1:12
- c) Christ, His work, and message is the rock. Matt 7:24-25; 16:18; Rom 9:33; 1Pet 2:8
- d) For the faithful, God is "our rock." 2Sam 22:2-3,47
Ps 18:2,46; 19:14; 31:3; 42:9; 62:2,6; 71:3; 92:15; 144:1

1Samuel 2:3

1) Hannah then commands the listener, the reader, and maybe herself that *"Boast no more so very proudly, do not let arrogance come out of your mouth."* – 1Sam 2:3a

- a) Hannah understands that any good, any blessing, whether simple existence, or the answer of a prayer about this life, or redemption itself, is solely by God's grace.
 - i) Whether it is something miraculous by God's dramatic power, such as Samuel calling down thunder and rain in 1Samuel 12:16-17
 - ii) Or something that seems ordinary to use, like when Hannah became pregnant.
 - 1Samuel 1:19b – *"And Elkanah had relations with Hannah his wife, and the LORD remembered her."*
 - God also works through ordinary means. Gen 8:22; Ex 21:13; Deut 19:5
1Kgs 22:28,34; Is 10:6-7; Jer 31:35
 - Because all things have been ordained and decreed by Him. Ps 135:6; Prov 16:9,33; Is 46:9-10; 45:7
Dan 4:35; Acts 4:27-28
Rom 8:28; 9:15,18; 11:33; Eph 1:11; Heb 6:17
- b) This is one of these things that is easy to say but very hard to have dwell deep in our soul.
 - i) Saying *"Jesus is Lord"* and living that out are two different things. 1Cor 12:3
 - ii) Or to say "rejoice in suffering for Christ's sake." Acts 5:41; Col 1:24; 1Pet 4:13
 - iii) It is easy to give lip service to the idea that God is sovereign, it is harder to live that out, let alone rejoice in it.
 - iv) This is only by the grace of God, which this epic prayer clearly shows.

2) Then comes a fierce warning: *"For the LORD is a God of knowledge, and with Him actions are weighed."* – 1Samuel 2:3b

- a) God knows everything about us. He knows us better than we know ourselves.
- b) Every action, every thought, every moment of your life He knows perfectly.
- c) And all the actions, including the intentions of our "heart" which drive our actions, will be weighed, and judged, by the Holy God who demands perfection because He is Holy. Ps 90:8; Eccles 3:17; 11:9; 12:14
Matt 5:1-48; 10:26; 12:36; 15:18-19
Matt 12:34; Rom 2:16; 1Cor 4:5
2Cor 5:10; Gal 5:19-21; Rev 20:12

- i) Ecclesiastes 12:14 - *"For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil."*
- ii) Or as the Lord Jesus commands, *"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."* – Matthew 5:48
- d) This, should terrify us. As the author of Hebrews wrote, *"For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine, I will repay.' And again, 'The Lord will judge His people.' It is a terrifying thing to fall into the hands of the living God."* – Hebrews 10:30-31

Conclusion

- 1) In one sense Hannah's prayer is very inspiring, to see such faith that she is rejoicing in all things is amazing.
 - a) It becomes the pattern for other famous prayers:
 - i) David's great psalm of deliverance. 2Sam 22:1ff
 - ii) Mary's famous prayer about her pregnancy called the Magnificat. Luke 1:46ff
 - b) How many of us, lest by God's grace, would react like this in giving away your first child?
 - c) Not just begrudging faith (which is still faith!) but to exult in joy.
 - d) This also makes it very humbling.
- 2) There is much freedom in prayer.
 - a) Remember prayer is us speaking to God.
 - i) Our heavenly Father wants to hear from His children.
 - ii) We can turn over all things unto Him, including our complaints, fears and joys; remember the Book of Job.
 - iii) Of course, blasphemy is forbidden, as too is complaining too long.
 - b) We tend to make a laundry list of requests when we prayer in our private prayers and that is okay.
 - i) However, adding praise for what God has done is a very good thing.
 - ii) For blessings or answered prayers in this life, let alone for the salvation He has given us in Christ.
 - c) There is a place for more detailed prayer: Sunday morning.
 - i) That is why Sunday Service is that "sweet hour of prayer."
 - ii) Where it is easier to add things to our prayers, such as thanksgiving through His word – like singing the Psalms!
 - iii) And it is on the Lord's Day that God speaks to us in the normal way, through the preaching of His Word and the administration of the Sacraments.
- 3) It is tempting to ask, however: How do I get faith like this, to rejoice in everything?
 - a) Answer: In this life, you don't, though you should work on increasing your faith. Mark 9:24; 2Cor 10:15
Eph 4:13-15; 2Thes 1:3
 - b) The worst thing to do is to pursue the desire to always feel happy and never sad, that is a terrible idol that leads only to despair. Matt 16:25-26

c) To respond in faith, even while deeply grieved is a great sign of faithfulness and the indwelling of the Holy Spirit.

i) Remember the Lord Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane.

Luke 22:39-46

ii) And He is God, without sin.

2Cor 5:21; Heb 4:15

d) There are times, maybe, in our lives that we will experience such joy as Hannah did, and if so, praise God!

e) If you haven't experienced periods of great joy, however, and you still believe, you are doing fine! Having experiences is not required, but faith in Christ which creates in us hope and produces love for God and our neighbor, is required.

4) If there is a key to increase one's joy it is again not to focus on joy but Christ and His Gospel.

a) You want more joy in this life then know your sin, let God's Law tear into your life and cut deep.

b) Then flee to Christ and His cross, and trust in Him alone, only there you will find relief and assurance. Rest in His perfection credited to you.

c) That faith will produce many good works based on thanksgiving for what Christ has done, and that will increase joy.

d) Hannah's great prayer is not really about Hannah, it is about the Triune God, because it is an extraordinary prophecy.

i) Look at the last verse of this prayer: "*And He will give strength to His king, and will exalt the horn of His anointed."* – 1Samuel 2:10b

ii) What king is Hannah talking about?

• There are no kings in Israel at this time.

Judg 17:6; 18:1; 19:1; 21:21

• The purpose of Samuel, many years later, is to anoint the first king of Israel.

iii) And let me say "anointed" in Hebrew: "Messiah"
In NT Greek it is "Christ."

e) There is the joy! In the Christ, God's Anointed One.

i) That is why we come to church; besides it being commanded.

ii) It is here on the Lord's Day we hear and taste His kindness.

iii) For strength is not in ourselves but in Christ, and His work, and in Him, there is much joy.