



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
February 19, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

There will be a new members class today at 2pm

Our 2023 missions conference will take place February 24-26 with Rev. Wilson Van Hooser serving as our keynote speaker.

Please prayerfully consider your Faith Promise commitments for the 2023-24 year. You can make your commitment by filling out a Faith Promise card included in your bulletin.

If you have any questions, please speak with Matt Lee.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 22:22-26

²² I will tell of Your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise You: ²³ You who fear the Lord, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel! ²⁴ For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from him, but has heard, when he cried to Him.

²⁵ From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will perform before those who fear Him. ²⁶ The afflicted shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek Him shall praise the Lord! May your hearts live forever!

† Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Unison

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#104A (verses 1-5 & 11)

“Bless the Lord, My Soul!”

Confession of Sin

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us.

Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to Your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for His sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life for the glory of Your holy name. Amen

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

† Hymn of Assurance

#456 (TH #498)

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession Ch. 8 section 1

It pleased God, in His eternal Purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

I John 1:1-4

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you,

so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“That Our Joy May Be Complete”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Doxology”

#567 (TH #731)

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

#181 (TH #98)

“Now Thank We All Our God”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Prayer

† **Closing Hymn**

#465 (TH #529)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

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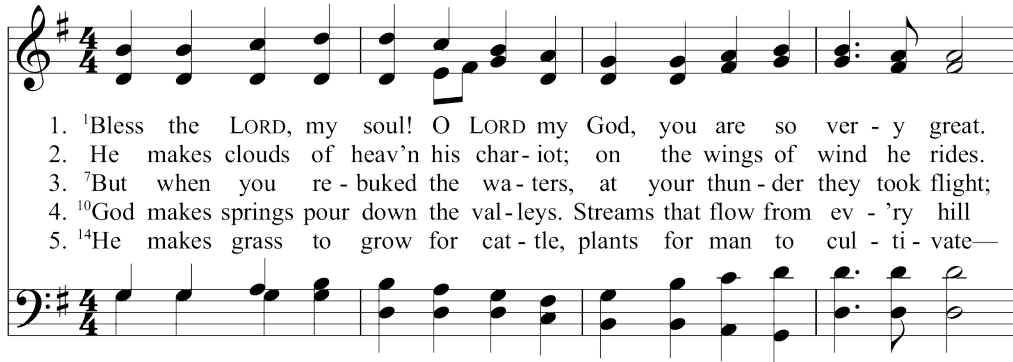
“That Our Joy May Be Complete”

Introduction

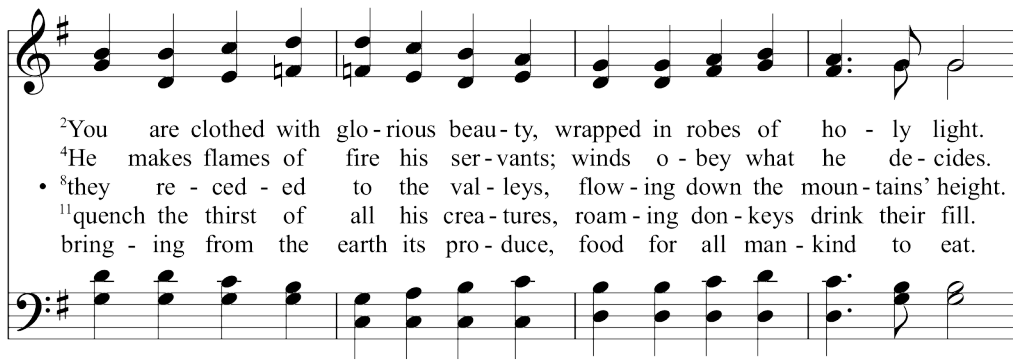
- I. The Word of Life (v. 1)
- II. John’s Testimony to His Life (v. 2)
- III. The Fellowship of Life (v. 3)
- IV. The Joy of Life (v. 4)

Conclusion

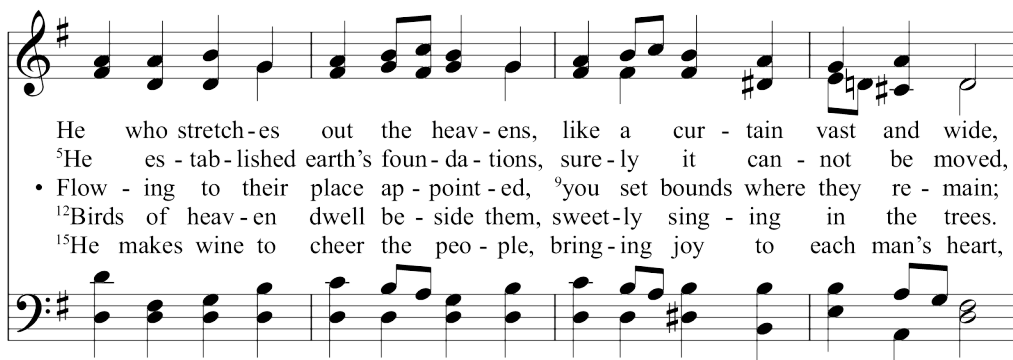
104A Bless the LORD, My Soul!



1. ¹Bless the LORD, my soul! O LORD my God, you are so ver - y great.
 2. He makes clouds of heav'n his char - iot; on the wings of wind he rides.
 3. ⁷But when you re - buked the wa - ters, at your thun - der they took flight;
 4. ¹⁰God makes springs pour down the val - leys. Streams that flow from ev - 'ry hill
 5. ¹⁴He makes grass to grow for cat - tle, plants for man to cul - ti - vate—

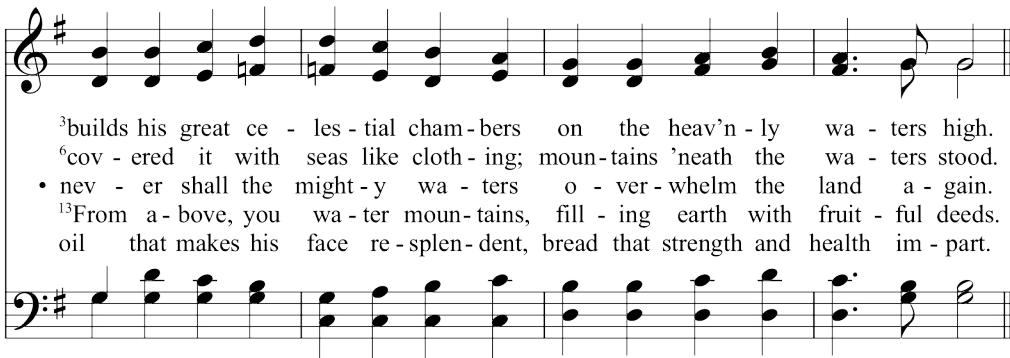


²You are clothed with glo - rious beau - ty, wrapped in robes of ho - ly light.
⁴He makes flames of fire his ser - vants; winds o - bey what he de - cides.
 • ⁸they re - ced - ed to the val - leys, flow - ing down the moun - tains' height.
¹¹quench the thirst of all his crea - tures, roam - ing don - keys drink their fill.
 bring - ing from the earth its pro - duce, food for all man - kind to eat.




He who stretch - es out the heav - ens, like a cur - tain vast and wide,
⁵He es - tab - lished earth's foun - da - tions, sure - ly it can - not be moved,
 • Flow - ing to their place ap - point - ed, ⁹you set bounds where they re - main;
¹²Birds of heav - en dwell be - side them, sweet - ly sing - ing in the trees.
¹⁵He makes wine to cheer the peo - ple, bring - ing joy to each man's heart,


PSALM 104



6. ¹⁶Plenteous water feeds the forests,
trees which to the LORD belong,
mighty cedars that he planted
on the heights of Lebanon.
¹⁷Birds reside among the cedars;
storks upon the pine trees nest.
¹⁸Goats live high above in mountains;
rabbits in the crags find rest.
7. ¹⁹See the moon, which marks the seasons,
setting sun which knows its time;
²⁰you bring night by making darkness
when the beasts through forests roam.
²¹Lions roar throughout the forest,
while from God they seek their prey;
²²then at dawn in dens they gather.
²³Man goes to his toil all day.
8. ²⁴LORD, how many are your wonders!
Wisely you have made them all.
Earth is full of all your creatures,
living things both great and small.
²⁵Here's the sea, so vast and spacious,
filled with life that multiplies.
²⁶There leviathan is playing;
there the sailing ships pass by.
9. ²⁷All your creatures look to you, LORD,
waiting for the food they need.
²⁸When you give, your creatures gather;
from your open hand they feed.
²⁹When you hide your face, they're troubled;
lifeless, they to dust go down.
³⁰When you send your Spirit, you cre-
ate them and renew the ground.
10. ³¹May the glory of the LORD our
God endure eternally;
may the LORD rejoice in all his
mighty works and glorious deeds,
³²he looks on his whole creation,
causing earth to shake in fear,
he makes all the mountains tremble;
smoke and flames of fire appear.
11. ³³I will praise the LORD my God with
all my life and all my voice.
³⁴May my meditation please him,
for I, in the LORD, rejoice.
³⁵Let all sinners be demolished;
let the wicked be no more!
Bless the LORD, my soul, O praise him!
Come, my soul, and praise the LORD!

Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!


1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in him;
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;





friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.




Refrain



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.



DOXOLOGIES

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Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Now Thank We All Our God

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1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en—

who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
 2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
 3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
 4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:

fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;

Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,

vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.