



**Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
March 12, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

Church officer nominations are now open. There are nomination forms in the back of the sanctuary for you to fill out if you would like to put someone forward for the position. Please confirm with your nomination that he is willing to serve in this capacity **before** submitting the form.

Please prayerfully consider your Faith Promise commitments for the 2023-24 year. You can make your commitment by filling out a Faith Promise card that can be found in the seat-back pocket in front of you. If you have any questions, please speak with Matt Lee.

Weekly events in the church:

Women's Bible Study at the church every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

The Men's weekly Tuesday Noon Bible Study. Meeting in-person at the church or via zoom. Link sent out via email weekly.

The Men's weekly Breakfast and Larger Catechism Bible Study every Friday at 6 a.m. at the church.

†Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1–5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

†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

#216 (TH #53)

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

Confession of Sin

Psalm 51:1–4

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.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:11–13

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

†Hymn of Assurance

#381 (TH 300)

“Blessing and Honor and Glory and Power”

†Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 60

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by true faith in Jesus Christ. Even though my conscience accuses me of having grievously sinned against all God's commandments, of never having kept any of them, and of still being inclined toward all evil,

nevertheless, without any merit of my own, out of sheer grace, God grants and credits to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never sinned nor been a sinner, and as if I had been as perfectly obedient as Christ was obedient for me — if only I accept this gift with a believing heart.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 John 1:8–10

⁸ If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰ If we say we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

Sermon

“A Taxonomy of Sin”

Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

†Doxology

“Gloria Patri”

#571 (TH #734)

†Prayer of Dedication

†Closing Hymn

“To the Hills I Lift My Eyes”

#121B

†Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
March 12, 2023
10:30 a.m.

1 John 1:8-10
“A Taxonomy of Sin”

Introduction

I. “We Have no Sin” — Self-Deception (v. 8)

II. “Confess Our Sins” — Forgiven & Cleansed (v. 9)

III. “We Have not Sinned” — Call God a Liar (v. 10)

Conclusion

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1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
 3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
 4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
 made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear; now to his
 gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
 guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
 brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!

THE PERFECTIONS OF GOD

5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
 All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
 Let the amen sound from his people again;
 gladly fore'er we adore him.

Based on Psalm 103
 Joachim Neander, 1680
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990

LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8.
Ernewerten Gesangbuch, Stralsund, 1665
 Arr. in Johann Crüger, *Praxis Pietatis Melica*, 1668

My God, How Wonderful Thou Art

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1. My God, how won - der - ful thou art, thy maj - es - ty how bright!
 2. Won - drous are thine e - ter - nal years, O ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3. O how I fear thee, liv - ing God, with deep - est, ten - d'rest fears,
 4. Yet I may love thee too, O Lord, al - might - y as thou art,
 5. No earth - ly fa - ther loves like thee, no moth - er half so mild

How beau - ti - ful thy mer - cy seat, in depths of burn - ing light!
 by ho - ly an - gels day and night un - ceas - ing - ly a - dored!
 • and wor - ship thee with trem - bling hope and pen - i - ten - tial tears!
 for thou hast stooped to ask of me the love of my poor heart.
 bears and for - bears, as thou hast done with me, thy sin - ful child.

6. How wonderful, how beautiful,
 the sight of thee will be,
 thine endless wisdom, boundless pow'r,
 and awesome purity!

7. Father of Jesus, Love divine,
 what rapture it will be,
 prostrate before thy throne to lie,
 and gaze and gaze on thee!

From Psalm 113
 Frederick W. Faber, 1848; alt. 1961, 1990

ST. ETHELDREDA C.M.
 Thomas Turton, 1780–1864

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1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r,
 2. Sound - eth the heav'n of the heav'ns with his name;
 3. Ev - er as - cend - eth the song and the joy;
 4. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;

wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more
 ring - eth the earth with his glo - ry and fame;
 ev - er de - scend - eth the love from on high;
 take we the robe and the harp and the palm;

give ye to him who our bat - tle hath won,
 o - cean and moun - tain, stream, for - est, and flow'r
 bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and praise—
 sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,

whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.
 e - cho his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
 this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
 dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

DOXOLOGIES

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Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

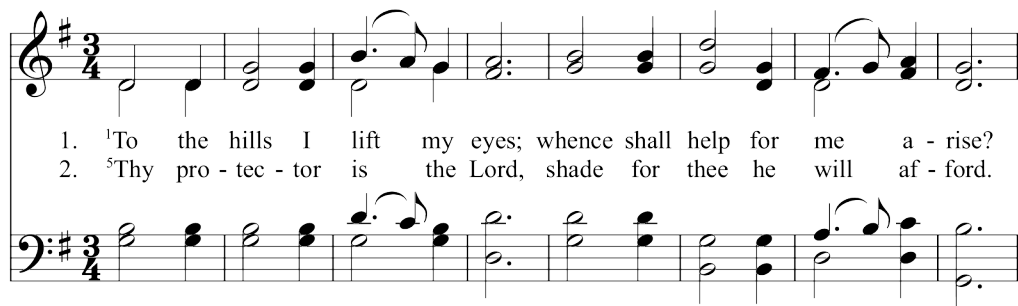
now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE) Irreg.
Charles Meineke, 1844

To the Hills I Lift My Eyes

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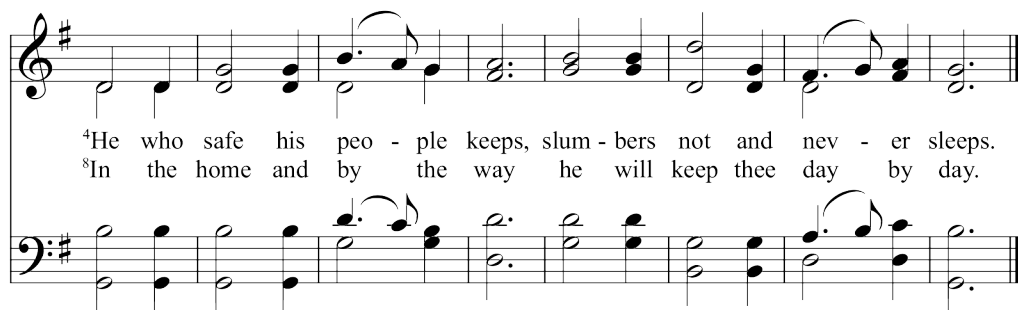
1. ¹To the hills I lift my eyes; whence shall help for me a - rise?
 2. ⁵Thy pro - tec - tor is the Lord, shade for thee he will af - ford.



²From the Lord shall come my aid, who the heav'n and earth has made.
⁶Nei - ther sun nor moon shall smite; God shall guard by day and night.



³He will guide through dan - gers all, will not suf - fer thee to fall.
⁷He will ev - er keep thy soul; what would harm he will con - trol.



⁴He who safe his peo - ple keeps, slum - bers not and nev - er sleeps.
⁸In the home and by the way he will keep thee day by day.