



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
March 19, 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.

Prelude

† Call to Worship Psalm 100

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, He is God! It is He who made us, and we are His; we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture. Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His name! For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and His faithfulness to all generations.

† 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

#100B (TH #1)

“All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

Confession of Sin

Adapted from Colossians 3:5-8, 12-13

Lord God Almighty, we know your wrath is coming against sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry. We have walked in these ways, living in them. Now we put them all away, along with anger, wrath, malice, slander, and obscene talk from our mouths.

Heavenly Father, please take away our sin, for the sake of your Son, the Lord Jesus, and send your Spirit to work in us compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Cause us to bear with one another and forgive each other, even as the Lord has forgiven us. We ask these things for the sake of your great and awesome Name, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 John 1:8–9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

† Hymn of Assurance

#394

“Eternal Spirit, God of Truth”

† Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism Q. 86-87

Q. 86. Since we have been delivered from our misery by grace through Christ without any merit of our own, why then should we do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, is also renewing us by His Spirit into His image, so that with our whole lives we may show that we are thankful to God for His benefits, and that He may be praised through us, and further, so that we may be assured of our faith by its fruits, and by our godly living our neighbors may be won over to Christ.

Q. 87. Can those be saved who do not turn to God from their ungrateful and unrepentant ways?

A. By no means. Scripture tells us that no unchaste person, no idolater, adulterer, thief, no covetous person, no drunkard, slanderer, robber, or the like will inherit the kingdom of God.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 John 2:1-6

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments.

Whoever says “I know Him” but does not keep His commandments is a liar, and the truth is not in him, but whoever keeps his word, in him truly the love of God is perfected. By this we may know that we are in Him: whoever says he abides in Him ought to walk in the same way in which He walked.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

“Jesus Died for Us, and He Speaks for Us”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† Doxology #567 (TH #731)
“Doxology”

† Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn of Preparation #506
“Weary of Earth, and Laden with My Sin”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† Closing Hymn #243 (TH #94)
“How Firm a Foundation”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
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1 John 2:1-6
“Jesus Died for Us, and He Speaks for Us”

Introduction

I. A Message from John (v. 1a)

II. The Ministry of Jesus (vv. 1b–2)

III. A Measure for Your Journey (vv. 3–6)

Conclusion

100B All People That on Earth Do Dwell

1. ¹All peo - ple that on earth do dwell, sing
 2. ³Know that the LORD is God in - deed; he
 3. ⁴O en - ter then his gates with joy, with -
 4. ⁵Be - cause the LORD our God is good, his

to the LORD with cheer - ful voice. ²Serve him with joy, his
 formed us all with - out our aid. We are the flock he
 in his courts his praise pro - claim! Let thank - ful songs your
 mer - cy is for - ev - er sure. His faith - ful - ness at

prais - es tell, come now be - fore him and re - joice!
 sure - ly feeds, the sheep who by his hand were made.
 tongues em - ploy. O bless and mag - ni - fy his name!
 all times stood and shall from age to age en - dure.

Eternal Spirit, God of Truth

1. E - ter - nal Spir - it, God of truth, our con - trite hearts in - spire;
 2. Sub - due the pow'r of ev - 'ry sin, what - e'er that sin may be,

ig - nite a flame of heav'n - ly love, and feed the pure de - sire.
 that we, in sin - gle - ness of heart, may wor - ship on - ly thee.

'Tis thine to soothe the sor - r'wing mind, with guilt and fear op - pressed;
 Then with our spir - it wit - ness bear that we are sons of God,

'tis thine to bid the dy - ing live, and give the wea - ry rest.
 re - deemed from sin and death and hell thro' Christ's a - ton - ing blood.

Thomas Cotterill, 1810; alt.

FOREST GREEN C.M.D.
 Traditional English melody
 Arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

DOXOLOGIES

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Doxology

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

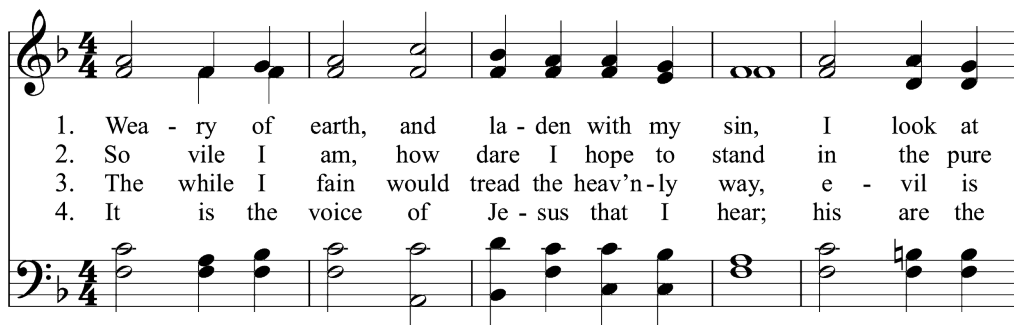
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

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

Thomas Ken, 1674

OLD HUNDREDTH L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

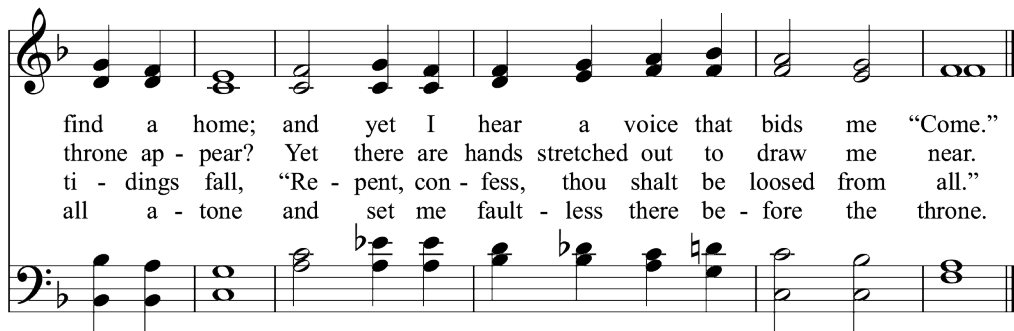
506 Weary of Earth, and Laden with My Sin



1. Wea - ry of earth, and la - den with my sin, I look at
 2. So vile I am, how dare I hope to stand in the pure
 3. The while I fain would tread the heav'n - ly way, e - vil is
 4. It is the voice of Je - sus that I hear; his are the



heav'n and long to en - ter in; but there no e - vil thing may
 glo - ry of that ho - ly land? Be - fore the white - ness of that
 ev - er with me day by day; yet on my ears the gra - cious
 hands stretched out to draw me near, and his the blood that can for



find a home; and yet I hear a voice that bids me "Come."
 throne ap - pear? Yet there are hands stretched out to draw me near.
 ti - dings fall, "Re - pent, con - fess, thou shalt be loosed from all."
 all a - tone and set me fault - less there be - fore the throne.

5. O great Absolver, grant my soul may wear
 the lowliest garb of penitence and pray'r,
 that in the Father's courts my glorious dress
 may be the garment of thy righteousness.
6. Yea, thou wilt answer for me, righteous Lord;
 thine all the merits, mine the great reward;
 thine the sharp thorns, and mine the golden crown;
 mine the life won, and thine the life laid down.

How Firm a Foundation

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1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
 4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -

faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
 sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I

you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.

5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
 my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
 and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
 like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.

6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

John Rippon, *A Selection of Hymns*, 1787; alt.
 Mod.

FOUNDATION 11.11.11.11.
 Joseph Funk, *A Compilation of Genuine Church Music*, 1832
 Harm. Dale Grotenhuis, 1985

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