



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY  
March 26, 2023  
10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Our deacons have scheduled a church workday for **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** from **9am to 1:00pm**. We are asking all who are able to participate to join us. There will be outdoor tasks and indoor tasks supervised by our deacons, and a pizza lunch will be provided for those who participate! If you have any questions please contact either Darin Akerman or Ken Andersen.

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 every Thursday at 9:30 a.m.

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

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

**Prelude**

**†Call to Worship**

Psalm 103:1–5

The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake! The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples. Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is He! The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob. Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!

### **†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**

#91A

“The One Who Dwells in God”

### **Confession of Sin**

Holy Father, you see us as we are, and know our inmost thoughts. We confess that we are unworthy of your gracious care. We forget that all life comes from you and that to you all life returns. We have not sought to do your will with our whole hearts. We have not lived as grateful children, nor loved as Christ loved us. Apart from you, we are nothing. Only your grace can sustain us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us, heal us, and make us whole. Set us free from our sin and restore us to the joy of your salvation now and forever. Amen.

### **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

Ephesians 2:4-9

But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— and raised us up with Him and seated us with Him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the coming ages He might show the immeasurable riches of His grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

## †Hymn of Assurance

#434 (TH #463)

“A Debtor to Mercy Alone”

## †Confession of Faith

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there he shall come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**Choral Anthem** “Praise We Sing to Thee”

## Pastoral Prayer

## Scripture Reading Habakkuk 3:1-19

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth. <sup>2</sup> O Lord, I have heard the report of you, and your work, O Lord, do I fear. In the midst of the years revive it; in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. <sup>3</sup> God came from Teman, and the Holy One from Mount Paran. *Selah* His splendor covered the heavens, and the earth was full of His praise. <sup>4</sup> His brightness was like the light; rays flashed from His hand; and there He veiled His power.

<sup>5</sup> Before Him went pestilence, and plague followed at His heels. <sup>6</sup> He stood and measured the earth; He looked and shook the nations; then the eternal mountains were scattered; the everlasting hills sank low. His were the everlasting ways. <sup>7</sup> I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction; the curtains of the land of Midian did tremble. <sup>8</sup> Was your wrath against the rivers, O Lord? Was your anger against the rivers, or your indignation against the sea, when you rode on your horses, on your chariot of salvation?

<sup>9</sup> You stripped the sheath from your bow, calling for many arrows. *Selah* You split the earth with rivers. <sup>10</sup> The mountains saw you and writhed; the raging waters swept on; the deep gave forth its voice; it lifted its hands on high. <sup>11</sup> The sun and moon stood still in their place at the light of your arrows as they sped, at the flash of your glittering spear. <sup>12</sup> You marched through the earth in fury; you threshed the nations in anger. <sup>13</sup> You went out for the salvation of your people, for the salvation of your anointed.

You crushed the head of the house of the wicked, laying him bare from thigh to neck. *Selah* <sup>14</sup> You pierced with his own arrows the heads of his warriors, who came like a whirlwind to scatter me, rejoicing as if to devour the poor in secret. <sup>15</sup> You trampled the sea with your horses, the surging of mighty waters. <sup>16</sup> I hear, and my body trembles; my lips quiver at the sound; rottenness enters into my bones; my legs tremble beneath me. Yet I will quietly wait for the day of trouble to come upon people who invade us.

<sup>17</sup> Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, <sup>18</sup> yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation. <sup>19</sup> God, the Lord, is my strength; He makes my feet like the deer's; He makes me tread on my high places. To the choirmaster: with stringed instruments.

**Sermon**

Teaching Elder Rev. Doug Nystrom

### **“From Complaining to Rejoicing”**

#### **Worship with Tithes & Offerings**

**†Doxology**

“Gloria Patri”

#571 (TH #734)

**†Prayer of Dedication**

**†Closing Hymn**

“Revive Thy Work, O Lord”

#413 (TH #370)

**†Benediction**

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

**March 26, 2023**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Habakkuk 3:1-19**

**“From Complaining to Rejoicing”**

Introduction

I. Key to Transformation - Faith

II. Key to Faith – Remembering

III. What does Transformation Look Like?

Conclusion

## The One Who Dwells in God

## 91A

*Unison*

1. <sup>1</sup>The one who dwells in God as his a - bode, with - in the  
 2. <sup>3</sup>He sure - ly saves you from the fowl - er's snare and res - cues  
 3. <sup>5</sup>You will not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor ar - rows  
 4. <sup>7</sup>Tho' thou - sands fall, ten thou - sand at your right, no harm will  
 5. <sup>9</sup>Be - cause you make the LORD your dwell - ing place— the Most High

shad - ow of th'Al - might - y rests. <sup>2</sup>“He is my ref - uge,”  
 you from dead - ly pes - ti - lence. <sup>4</sup>Un - der his wings a  
 • fly - ing in the light of day, <sup>6</sup>nor the dis - ease which  
 come to you or near you stand. <sup>8</sup>Your eyes will then look  
 God, who is my ref - uge sure— <sup>10</sup>no e - vil then will

I say of the LORD, “My for - tress sure, my God; in him I trust.”  
 ref - uge you will find; your strong de - fense will be his faith - ful - ness.  
 • stalks you in the dark, nor plague of noon that will de - struc - tion lay.  
 on, and you will see the wick - ed pun - ished as their ways de - mand.  
 ev - er on you fall, nor dire ca - lam - i - ty come near your door.

6. <sup>11</sup>For he will charge his angels with your care,  
 to guard your ways, your footsteps every one;  
<sup>12</sup>they will uphold and bear you in their hands,  
 lest you should strike your foot against a stone.

7. <sup>13</sup>Upon the mighty lion you will tread;  
 the cobra you will overcome and kill.  
 Your feet will trample down the king of beasts;  
 the serpent will be crushed beneath your heel.

8. <sup>14</sup>“Because he loves me,” says the  
 Sov'reign LORD,  
 “I will deliver him and keep from harm.  
 Since he acknowledges my holy name,  
 I will protect him with my mighty arm.

9. <sup>15</sup>“On me he calls, and I will answer him;  
 in time of trouble I with him will be.  
 I will deliver him and honor give.  
<sup>16</sup>Long will he live, and my salvation see.”

## A Debtor to Mercy Alone

1. A debt - or to mer - cy a - lone, of cov - e - nant mer - cy I sing;  
 2. The work which his good - ness be - gan, the arm of his strength will com - plete;  
 3. My name from the palms of his hands e - ter - ni - ty will not e - rase;

nor fear, with your righ - teous - ness on, my per - son and of - f'ring to bring.  
 his prom - ise is yea and a - men, and nev - er was for - feit - ed yet.  
 im - pressed on his heart it re - mains, in marks of in - del - i - ble grace.

The ter - rors of law and of God with me can have noth - ing to do;  
 Things fu - ture, nor things that are now, nor all things be - low or a - bove,  
 Yes, I to the end shall en - dure, as sure as the ear - nest is giv'n;

my Sav - ior's o - be - dience and blood hide all my trans - gres - sions from view.  
 can make him his pur - pose for - go, or sev - er my soul from his love.  
 more hap - py, but not more se - cure, the glo - ri - fied spir - its in heav'n.

DOXOLOGIES

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Gloria Patri

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

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri' is in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody is written in the treble clef and the accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the' are written below the notes.

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics 'Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is' are written below the notes.

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

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The lyrics 'now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' are written below the notes.

2nd cent; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE) Irreg.  
Charles Meineke, 1844



THE KINGDOM OF GOD

# 412 Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

1. Lord, keep us stead - fast in your Word; curb those who by de - ceit or sword  
 2. Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are Lord of lords a - lone;  
 3. O Com - for - ter of price - less worth, send peace and u - ni - ty on earth;

would wrest the king - dom from your Son and bring to naught all he has done.  
 de - fend your ho - ly church, that we may sing your praise tri - um - phant - ly.  
 sup - port us in our fi - nal strife, and lead us out of death to life.

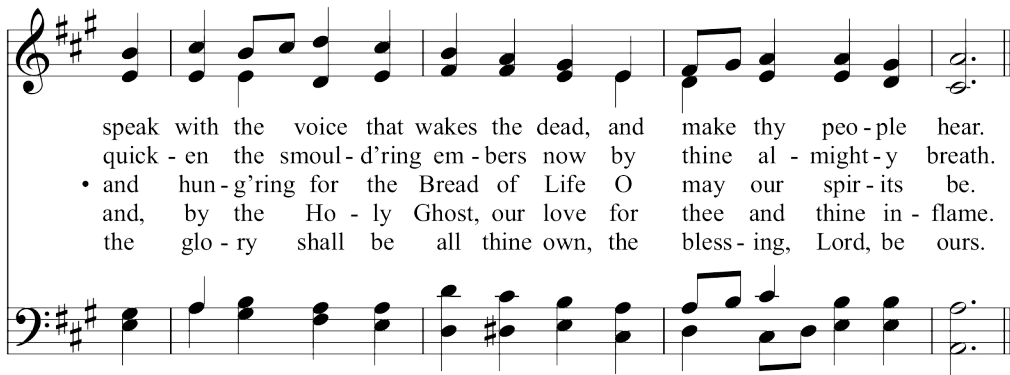
Martin Luther, 1541, 1542  
 Tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt.; mod.

ERHALT UNS, HERR L.M.  
 Joseph Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*; 1543

# 413 Revive Thy Work, O Lord

1. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, thy might - y arm make bare;  
 2. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, dis - turb this sleep of death;  
 3. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, cre - ate soul - thirst for thee;  
 4. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, ex - alt thy pre - cious name;  
 5. Re - vive thy work, O Lord, give Pen - te - cos - tal show'rs;

THE KINGDOM OF GOD



speak with the voice that wakes the dead, and make thy peo-ple hear.  
quick - en the smoul - d'ring em - bers now by thine al - might - y breath.  
• and hun - g'ring for the Bread of Life O may our spir - its be.  
and, by the Ho - ly Ghost, our love for thee and thine in - flame.  
the glo - ry shall be all thine own, the bless - ing, Lord, be ours.

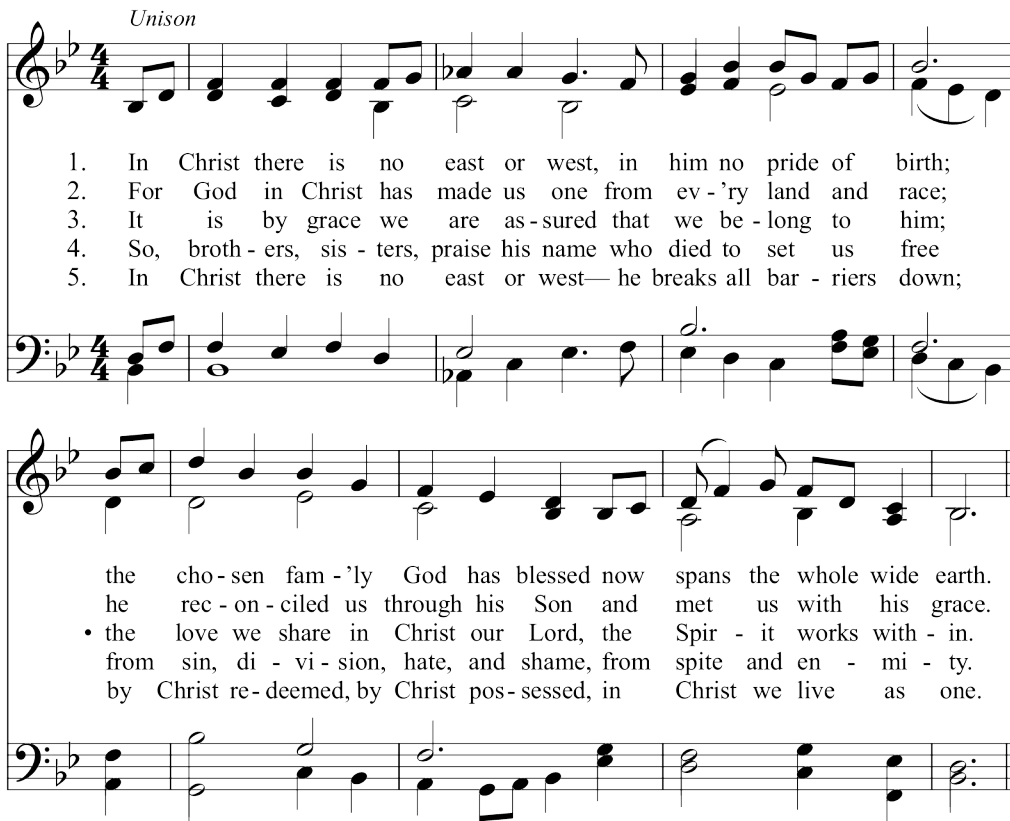
Albert Midlane, 1858

FESTAL SONG S.M.  
William Howard Walter, 1894

In Christ There Is No East or West

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*Unison*



1. In Christ there is no east or west, in him no pride of birth;  
2. For God in Christ has made us one from ev - 'ry land and race;  
3. It is by grace we are as - sured that we be - long to him;  
4. So, broth - ers, sis - ters, praise his name who died to set us free;  
5. In Christ there is no east or west— he breaks all bar - riers down;  
the cho - sen fam - 'ly God has blessed now spans the whole wide earth.  
he rec - on - ciled us through his Son and met us with his grace.  
• the love we share in Christ our Lord, the Spir - it works with - in.  
from sin, di - vi - sion, hate, and shame, from spite and en - mi - ty.  
by Christ re - deemed, by Christ pos - sessed, in Christ we live as one.

Michael A. Perry, 1982

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Spiritual  
Arr. Harry T. Burleigh, 1939