



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY**

**April 2, 2023  
10:30 a.m.**

**Welcome & Announcements**

Today is the last day to submit your Faith Promise commitment before the Missions Committee meets this afternoon. The current commitment is \$52,313.00.

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.

Please join Covenant Church for Maundy-Thursday as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on April 6<sup>th</sup> at 6pm.

**† Call to Worship**

**Psalms 118:19-25**

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord. <sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the Lord; the righteous shall enter through it. <sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation. <sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. <sup>23</sup> This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. <sup>24</sup> This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. <sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O Lord! O Lord, we pray, give us success!

## **† 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**

**#297**

**"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!"**

## **Confession of Sin**

**Thomas Cranmer, 1552**

Almighty and most merciful Father, 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; and there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders.

Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; according to Your promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for His sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

Silent Confession

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Romans 8:1-2**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

<sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

## **† Hymn of Assurance**

**#347**

**"There Is a Green Hill Far Away"**

**† Confession of Faith** *Westminster Larger Catechism Q and A #48-51*

**Q. 48.** How did Christ humble Himself in His life?

**A.** Christ humbled Himself in His life, by subjecting Himself to the law, which He perfectly fulfilled; and by conflicting with the indignities of the world, temptations of Satan, and infirmities in His flesh, whether common to the nature of man, or particularly accompanying that His low condition.

**Q. 49.** How did Christ humble Himself in His death?

**A.** Christ humbled himself in His death, in that having been betrayed by Judas, forsaken by His disciples, scorned and rejected by the world, condemned by Pilate, and tormented by His persecutors; having also conflicted with the terrors of death, and the powers of darkness, felt and borne the weight of God's wrath, He laid down his life an offering for sin, enduring the painful, shameful, and cursed death of the cross.

**Q. 50.** Wherein consisted Christ's humiliation after His death?

**A.** Christ's humiliation after His death consisted in His being buried, and continuing in the state of the dead, and under the power of death till the third day; which hath been otherwise expressed in these words, He descended into hell.

**Q. 51.** What was the estate of Christ's exaltation?

**A.** The estate of Christ's exaltation never truly comprehendeth His resurrection, ascension, sitting at the right hand of the Father, and His coming again to judge the world.

Pastoral Prayer

**Scripture Reading**

**1 John 2:7-11**

<sup>7</sup> Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. <sup>8</sup> At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in Him and in you, because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining. <sup>9</sup> Whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness.

<sup>10</sup> Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. <sup>11</sup> But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“A New Commandment”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**“Doxology”**

**#567 (TH #734)**

† **Hymn of Preparation**

**#113A**

**“Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise”**

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Response**

**#325**

**“All Glory, Laud and Honor”**

† Benediction

# **SERMON OUTLINE**

## **April 2, 2023**

### **10:30 a.m.**

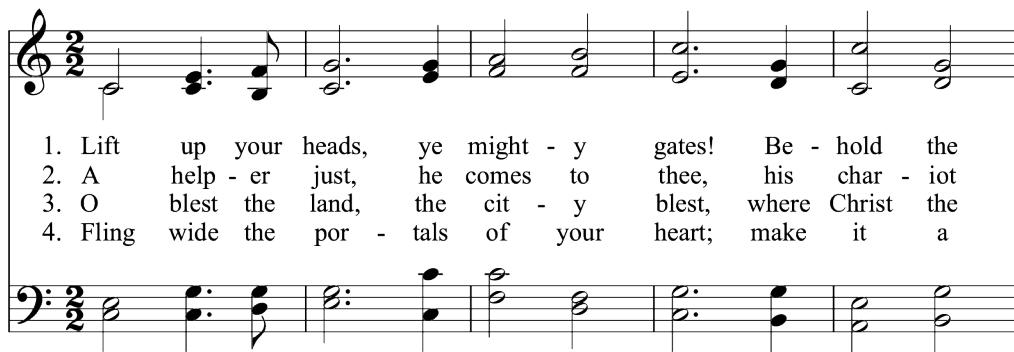
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**“A New Commandment”**

#### Introduction

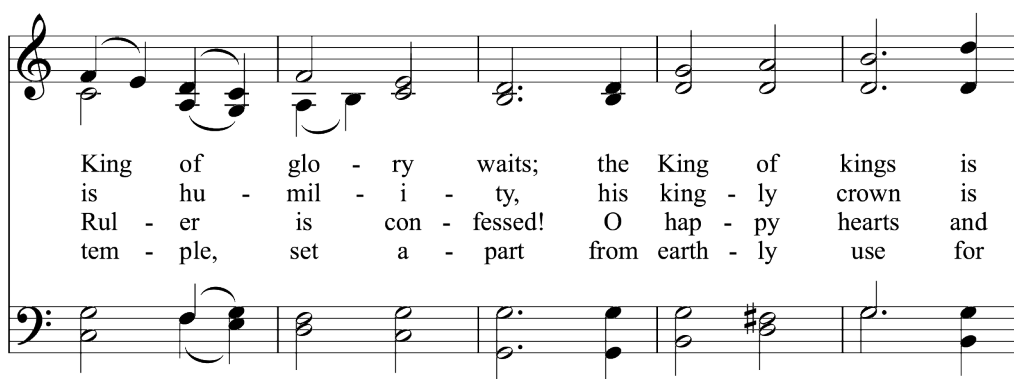
1. An Old Commandment (v. 7)
2. A New Commandment (v. 8)
3. Evidence of a False Profession (v.9)
4. Spiritual Darkness is Deadly (vv. 10-11)

#### Conclusion

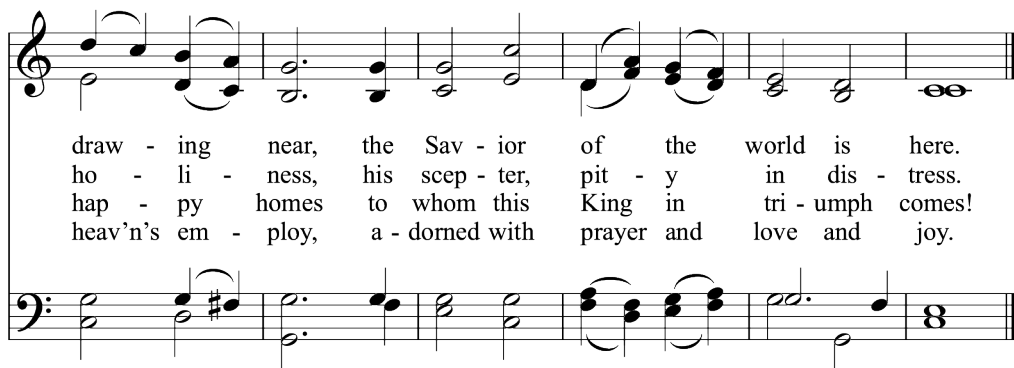
# Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates!



1. Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates! Be - hold the  
 2. A help - er just, he comes to thee, his char - iot  
 3. O blest the land, the cit - y blest, where Christ the  
 4. Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a



King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 is hu - mil - i - ty, his king - ly crown is  
 Rul - er is con - fessed! O hap - py hearts and  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for



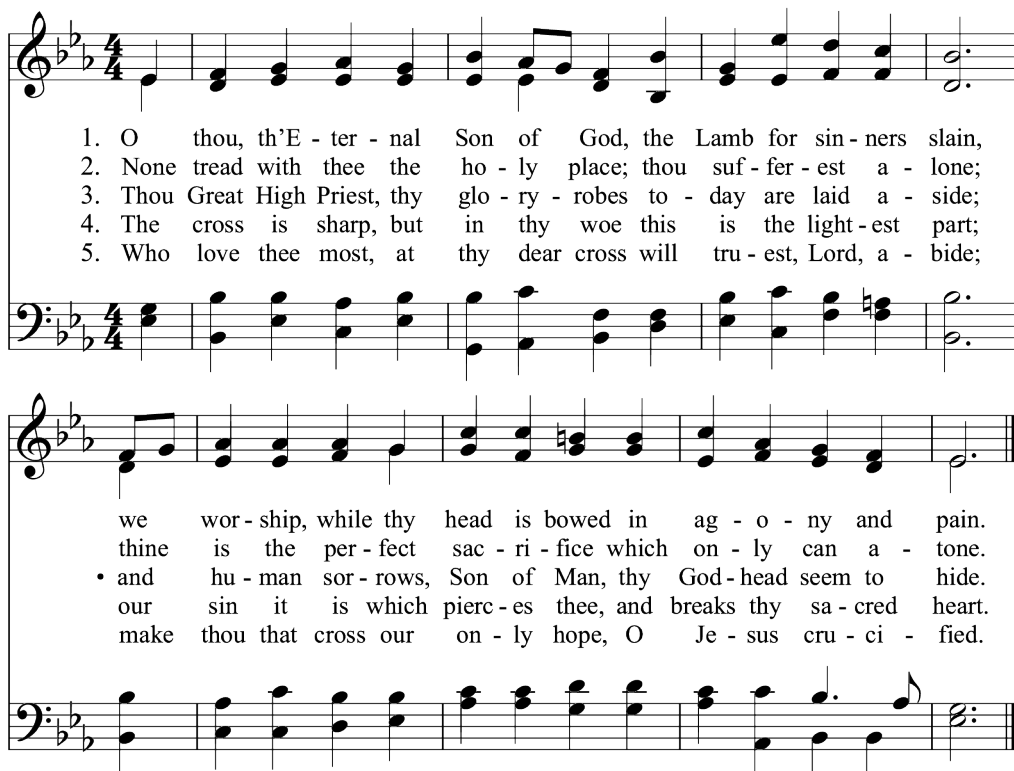
draw - ing near, the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 ho - li - ness, his scep - ter, pit - y in dis - tress.  
 hap - py homes to whom this King in tri - umph comes!  
 heav'n's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.

5. Redeemer, come! I open wide  
 my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide!  
 Let me thy inner presence feel;  
 thy grace and love in me reveal.

6. So come, my Sov'reign, enter in!  
 Let new and nobler life begin!  
 Thy Holy Spirit, guide us on,  
 until the glorious crown be won.

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# O Thou, the Eternal Son of God



1. O thou, th'E - ter - nal Son of God, the Lamb for sin - ners slain,  
 2. None tread with thee the ho - ly place; thou suf - fer - est a - lone;  
 3. Thou Great High Priest, thy glo - ry - robes to - day are laid a - side;  
 4. The cross is sharp, but in thy woe this is the light - est part;  
 5. Who love thee most, at thy dear cross will tru - est, Lord, a - bide;

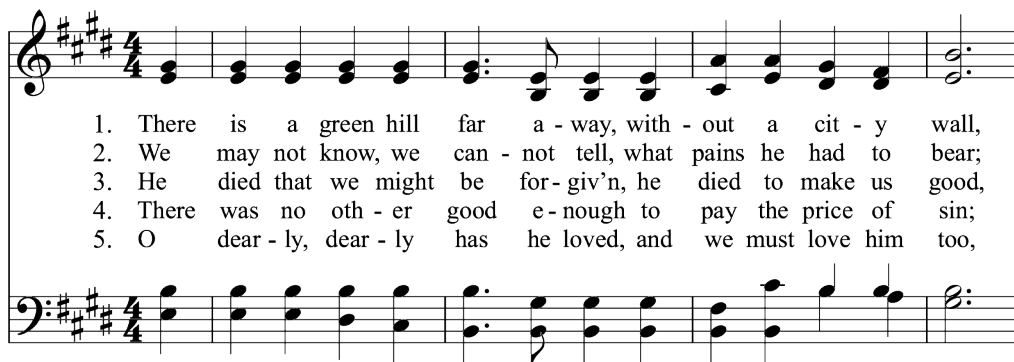
we wor - ship, while thy head is bowed in ag - o - ny and pain.  
 thine is the per - fect sac - ri - fice which on - ly can a - tone.  
 • and hu - man sor - rows, Son of Man, thy God - head seem to hide.  
 our sin it is which pierc - es thee, and breaks thy sa - cred heart.  
 make thou that cross our on - ly hope, O Je - sus cru - ci - fied.

William C. Dix, 1864

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 William Horsley, 1844

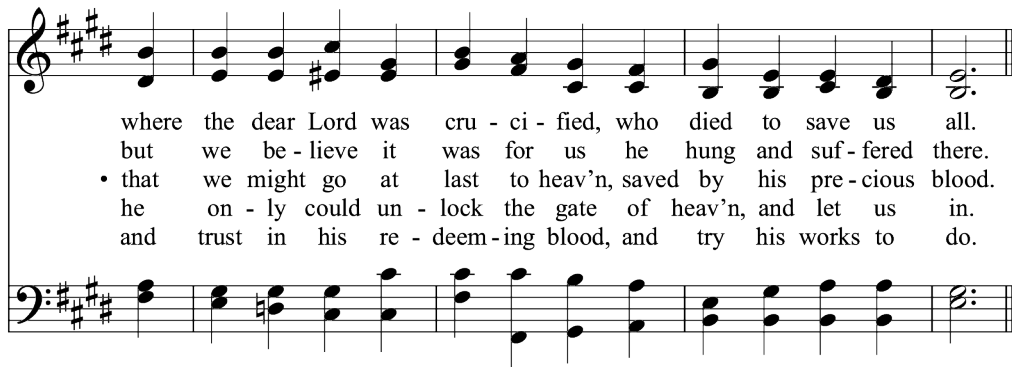
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# There Is a Green Hill Far Away



1. There is a green hill far a - way, with - out a cit - y wall,  
 2. We may not know, we can - not tell, what pains he had to bear;  
 3. He died that we might be for - giv'n, he died to make us good,  
 4. There was no oth - er good e - nough to pay the price of sin;  
 5. O dear - ly, dear - ly has he loved, and we must love him too,

THE PASSION AND ATONING DEATH OF CHRIST



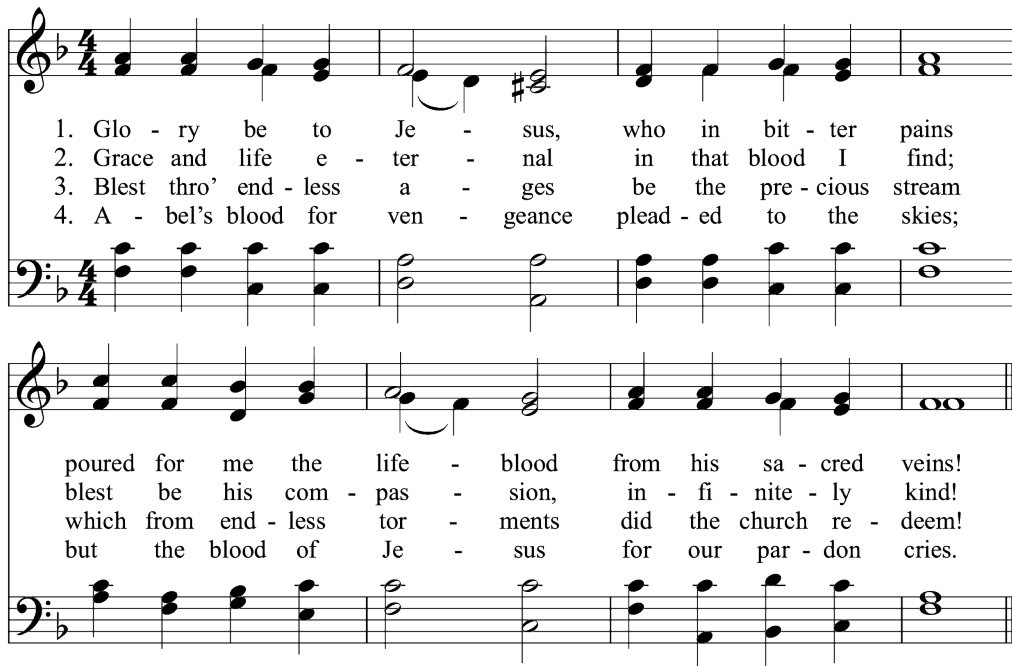
where the dear Lord was cru - ci - fied, who died to save us all.  
but we be - lieve it was for us he hung and suf - fered there.  
• that we might go at last to heav'n, saved by his pre - cious blood.  
he on - ly could un - lock the gate of heav'n, and let us in.  
and trust in his re - deem - ing blood, and try his works to do.

Cecil Frances Alexander, 1848

MEDITATION C.M.  
John H. Gower, 1890

Glory Be to Jesus

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1. Glo - ry be to Je - sus, who in bit - ter pains  
2. Grace and life e - ter - nal in that blood I find;  
3. Blest thro' end - less a - ges be the pre - cious stream  
4. A - bel's blood for ven - geance plead - ed to the skies;

poured for me the life - blood from his sa - cred veins!  
blest be his com - pas - sion, in - fi - nite - ly kind!  
which from end - less tor - ments did the church re - deem!  
but the blood of Je - sus for our par - don cries.

5. Oft as earth exulting  
wafts its praise on high,  
angel hosts rejoicing  
make their glad reply.

6. Lift we, then, our voices,  
swell the mighty flood,  
louder still and louder  
praise the precious blood!

Italian, 18th cent., cento  
Tr. Edward Caswall, 1857

WEM IN LEIDENSTAGEN 6.5.6.5.  
Friedrich Filitz, 1847

## 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

## Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise

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**Verses 1-4 only**

1. <sup>1</sup>Hal - le - lu - jah! Raise, O raise to the LORD our song of praise!  
 2. <sup>2</sup>From this time and ev - er - more bless the name of God the LORD.  
 3. <sup>4</sup>Far a - bove the na - tions high, glo - rious far a - bove the sky,  
 4. <sup>7</sup>From the dust he lifts the low, from the ash heap takes the poor,  
 5. <sup>9</sup>He gives bar - ren wom - en sons, bless - ing them with hap - py homes

Praise, O ser - vants of the LORD, praise the name of God the LORD.  
<sup>3</sup>From the sun - rise to its rest, may the name of God be blest.  
 • <sup>5</sup>who is like the LORD on high, <sup>6</sup>gaz - ing down on earth and sky?  
<sup>8</sup>makes them with the princ - es stand, with the princ - es of the land.  
 filled with joy - ful moth - er - hood. Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the LORD!

## All Glory, Laud, and Honor

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1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing thee on high;  
 3. To thee be - fore thy pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.  
 and mor - tal men, and all things cre - a - ted, make re - ply.  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King.