



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
April 23, 2023
5:00 p.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

If you are a woman member of the church who is interested in serving in the nursery during our morning worship service, please contact Leslie Shaw. You can be added to the schedule that rotates through our volunteers for the next four months, or you can volunteer to be a substitute if one of our scheduled volunteers are absent on their scheduled Sunday.

All women are invited to a bridal shower lunch for Esther Atkinson at the church, Thursday, May 25th at 12 noon.
Esther and William Thompson are registered at Amazon and Target. More information can be found in the bulletins.

Please join us for our 5th Sunday Fellowship meal on April 30th. There will be no evening service.

† Call to Worship

† Hymn of Praise

"I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills"

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Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Proverbs 12:23-28

A prudent man conceals knowledge, but the heart of fools proclaims folly.
24 The hand of the diligent will rule, while the slothful will be put to forced labor. 25 Anxiety in a man's heart weighs him down, but a good word makes him glad. 26 One who is righteous is a guide to his neighbor, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. 27 Whoever is slothful will not roast his game, but the diligent man will get precious wealth. 28 In the path of righteousness is life, and in its pathway there is no death.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Pathway of Righteousness”

† Hymn of Preparation

#350 (TH #251)

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† Closing Hymn

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“Great Is the LORD Our God”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

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Proverbs 12:23-28
“The Pathway of Righteousness”

Introduction

- I. A prudent man conceals knowledge (v. 23)
- II. The diligent will rule (v. 24)
- III. The cure for depression (v. 25)
- IV. Righteousness vs. wickedness (v. 26)
- V. The result of laziness (v. 27)
- VI. The pathway of righteousness (v. 28)

Conclusion

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I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills

1. ¹I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall come my aid?
 2. ³He will not let your foot be moved; your keep - er will not sleep.
 3. ⁵At your right hand the LORD, your keep - er, is your con - stant shade.
 4. ⁷The LORD will keep you from all harm; he keeps your life se - cure.

²My help comes from the LORD a - bove, who heav'n and earth has made.
⁴Be - hold, he slum - bers not, nor sleeps, for he will Is - r'el keep.
⁶The moon shall strike you not by night, nor sun by light of day.
⁸Your go - ing out and com - ing in, the LORD keeps ev - er - more.

Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place:



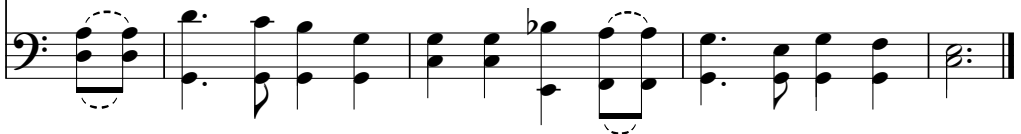
the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;
 the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me;
 I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



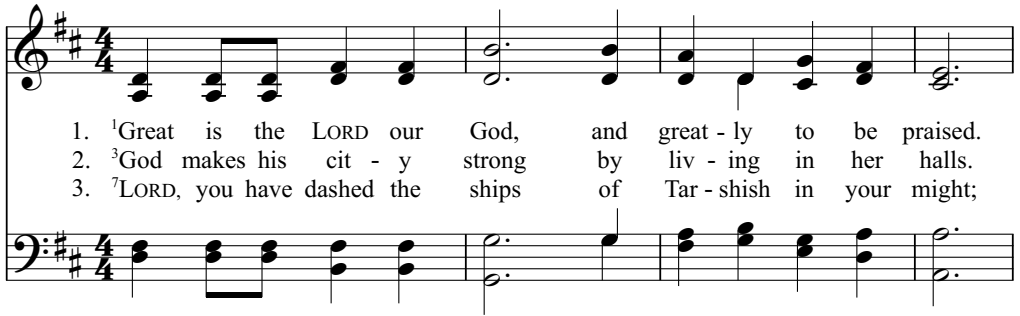
a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
 and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,
 con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;



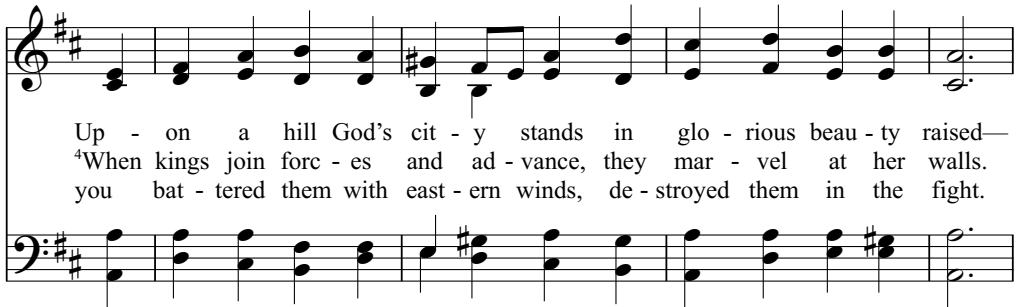
from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
 the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
 my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.



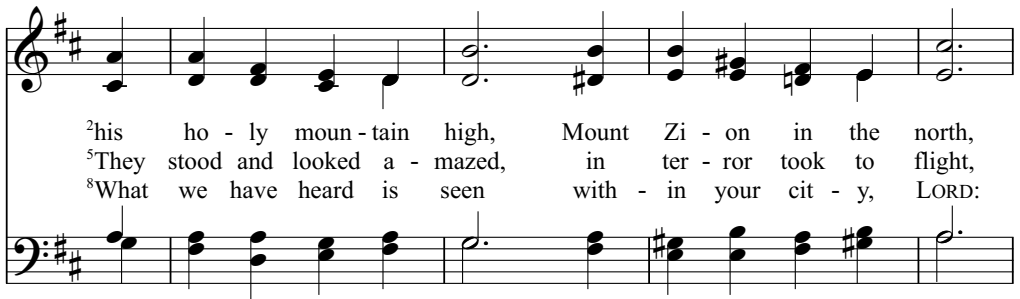
Psalm 48A



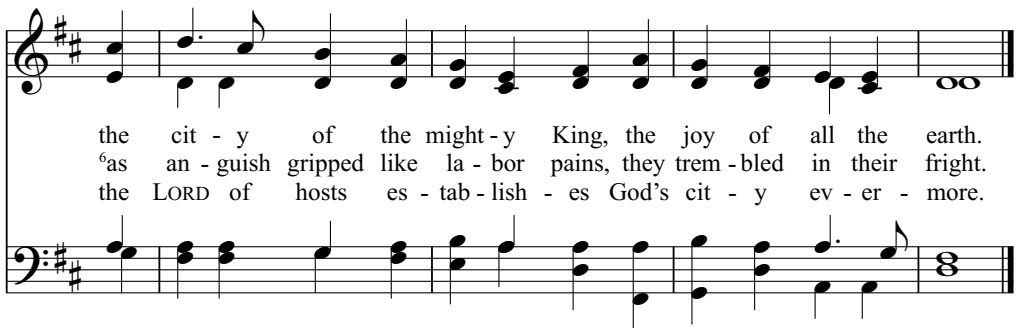
1. ¹Great is the LORD our God, and great - ly to be praised.
 2. ³God makes his cit - y strong by liv - ing in her halls.
 3. ⁷LORD, you have dashed the ships of Tar - shish in your might;



Up - on a hill God's cit - y stands in glo - rious beau - ty raised—
⁴When kings join forc - es and ad - vance, they mar - vel at her walls.
 you bat - tered them with east - ern winds, de - stroyed them in the fight.



²his ho - ly moun - tain high, Mount Zi - on in the north,
⁵They stood and looked a - mazed, in ter - ror took to flight,
⁸What we have heard is seen with - in your cit - y, LORD:

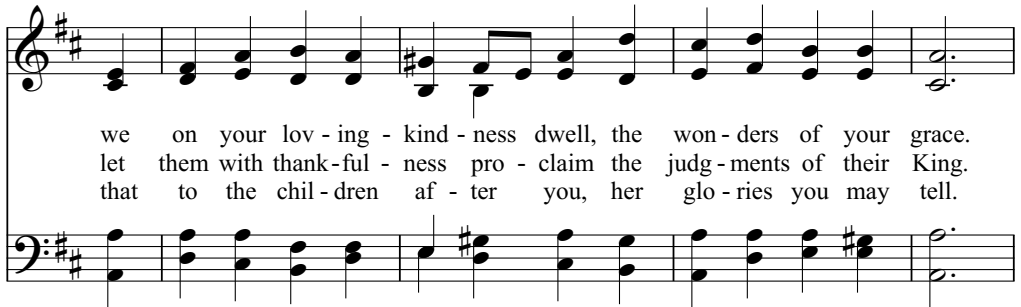


the cit - y of the might - y King, the joy of all the earth.
⁶as an - guish gripped like la - bor pains, they trem - bled in their fright.
 the LORD of hosts es - tab - lish - es God's cit - y ev - er - more.

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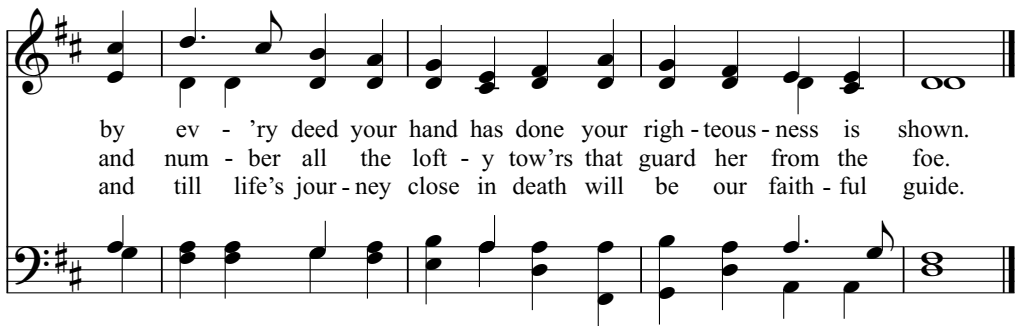
4. ⁹With - in your tem - ple, LORD, in that most ho - ly place,
 5. ¹¹Let Zi - on now re - joice and all her daugh - ters sing;
 6. ¹³Ob - serve her pal - ac - es, mark her de - fens - es well,



we on your lov - ing - kind - ness dwell, the won - ders of your grace.
 let them with thank - ful - ness pro - claim the judg - ments of their King.
 that to the chil - dren af - ter you, her glo - ries you may tell.



¹⁰Your peo - ple sing your praise wher - e'er your name is known;
¹²Mount Zi - on's walls be - hold, a - bout her ram - parts go,
¹⁴For God, as our own God, for - e - ver will a - bide,



by ev - 'ry deed your hand has done your righ - teous - ness is shown.
 and num - ber all the loft - y tow'rs that guard her from the foe.
 and till life's jour - ney close in death will be our faith - ful guide.