



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

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

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

**Welcome & Announcements**

If there are any female members of the church who are interested in serving in the nursery, please contact Leslie Shaw.  
Please see scheduling details in your bulletin

Please join us for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fellowship meal, immediately following this morning's worship service.  
There will be no evening service.

**† Call to Worship**

**Psalm 89:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>I will sing of the steadfast love of the Lord, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations. <sup>2</sup>For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

† 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**

**#456**

**"Jesus! What A Friend of Sinners!"**

## **Confession of Sin**

O Father, we are gathered before You, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved You with all our heart and soul, we have not loved You with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves.

In Your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With You, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In Your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love You with a holy love. Amen.

Silent Confession

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah 53:4-6**

<sup>4</sup> Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

## **† Hymn of Assurance**

**#51C**

**“God, Be Merciful to Me”**  
(verses 1-4)

## **† Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith  
Ch. 6, Sections 1-4

Our first parents, being seduced by the subtilty and temptation of Satan, sinned, in eating the forbidden fruit. This their sin, God was pleased, according to His wise and holy counsel, to permit, having purposed to order it to His own glory. By this sin they fell from their original righteousness and communion with God, and so became dead in sin, and wholly defiled in all the parts and faculties of soul and body.

They being the root of all mankind, the guilt of this sin was imputed; and the same death in sin, and corrupted nature, conveyed to all their posterity descending from them by ordinary generation. From this original corruption, whereby we are utterly indisposed, disabled, and made opposite to all good, and wholly inclined to all evil, do proceed all actual transgressions.

Choral Anthem

(congregation joins in verse 4)

Pastoral Prayer

### **Scripture Reading**

**1 John 3:4-10**

<sup>4</sup> Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. <sup>5</sup> You know that He appeared in order to take away sins, and in Him there is no sin. <sup>6</sup> No one who abides in Him keeps on sinning; no one who keeps on sinning has either seen Him or known Him. <sup>7</sup> Little children, let no one deceive you. Whoever practices righteousness is righteous, as He is righteous. <sup>8</sup> Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning.

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. <sup>9</sup> No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him; and he cannot keep on sinning, because he has been born of God. <sup>10</sup> By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“Lawlessness”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**#567 (TH #734)**

**“Doxology”**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

**#292**

**“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”**

## **The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**† Hymn of Response**

**#380**

**“Crown Him with Many Crowns”**

**† Benediction**

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**April 30, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**


**1 John 3:4-10**  
**“Lawlessness”**

Introduction

- I. Sin is lawlessness (v. 4)
- II. Jesus came to deal with Sin (v. 5)
- III. The evidence of knowing Christ (v. 6-7)
- IV. What are the works of the Devil that Christ came to destroy? (v. 8)
- V. Your Father is revealed by your life (v. 9-10)

Conclusion

# Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in him;  
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
 4. Je - sus! what a guide and keep - er! While the tem - pest still is high,  
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him, more than all in him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, he, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
 • e - ven when my heart is break - ing, he, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
 storms a - bout me, night o'er - takes me, he, my pi - lot, hears my cry.  
 he hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am his, and he is mine.

Refrain

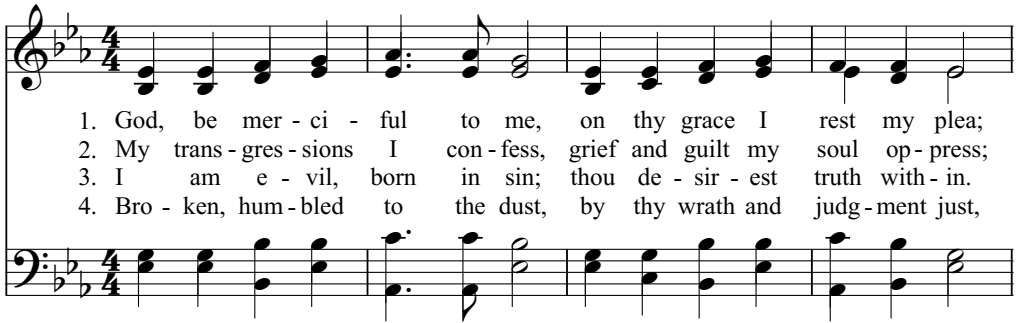


Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!

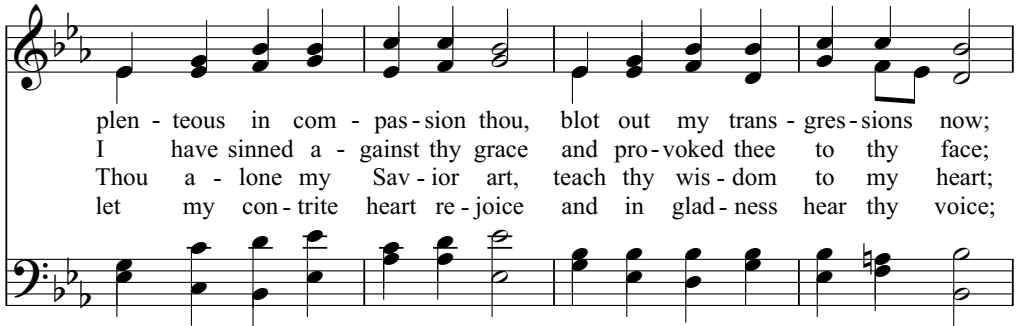


Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

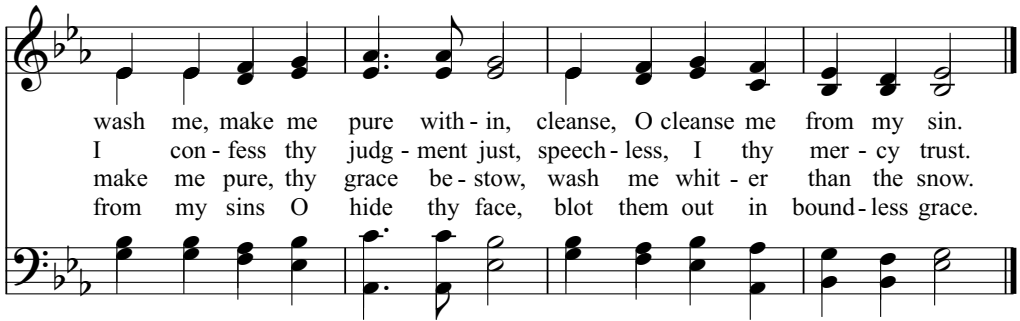
# Psalm 51C



1. God, be mer - ci - ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;  
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my soul op - press;  
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est truth with - in.  
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg - ment just,



plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou, blot out my trans - gres - sions now;  
 I have sinned a - gainst thy grace and pro - voked thee to thy face;  
 Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art, teach thy wis - dom to my heart;  
 let my con - trite heart re - joice and in glad - ness hear thy voice;



wash me, make me pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
 I con - fess thy judg - ment just, speech - less, I thy mer - cy trust.  
 make me pure, thy grace be - stow, wash me whit - er than the snow.  
 from my sins O hide thy face, blot them out in bound - less grace.

5. Gracious God, my heart renew,  
 make my spirit right and true;  
 cast me not away from thee,  
 let thy Spirit dwell in me;  
 thy salvation's joy impart,  
 steadfast make my willing heart.

6. Sinners then shall learn from me  
 and return, O God, to thee;  
 Savior, all my guilt remove,  
 and my tongue shall sing thy love;  
 touch my silent lips, O Lord,  
 and my mouth shall praise accord.

7. Not the formal sacrifice  
 has acceptance in thine eyes;  
 broken hearts are in thy sight  
 more than sacrificial rite;  
 contrite spirit, pleading cries,  
 thou, O God, wilt not despise.

8. Prosper Zion in thy grace  
 and her broken walls replace;  
 then our righteous sacrifice  
 shall delight thy holy eyes;  
 free-will off'rings, gladly made,  
 on thine altar shall be laid.

## 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.

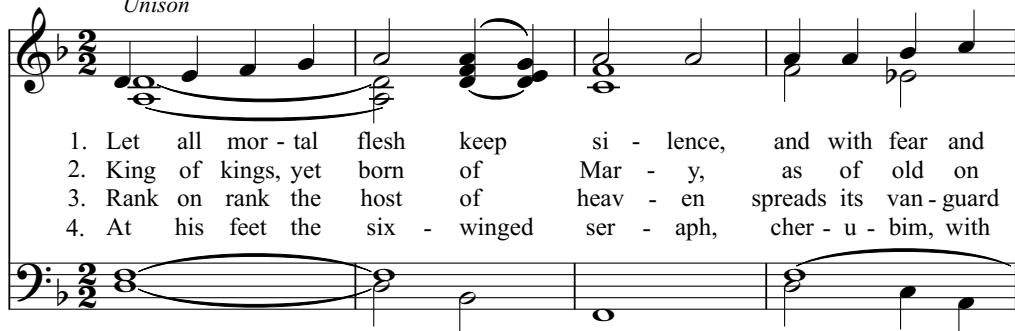
Thomas Ken, 1709

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Louis Bourgeois, 1551

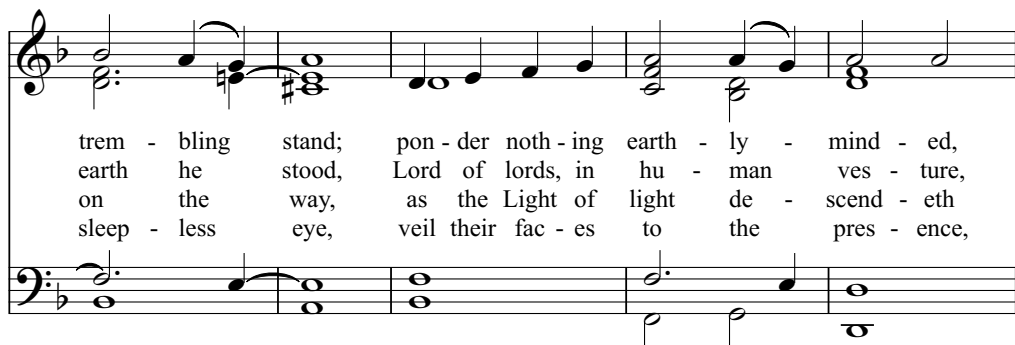


# Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

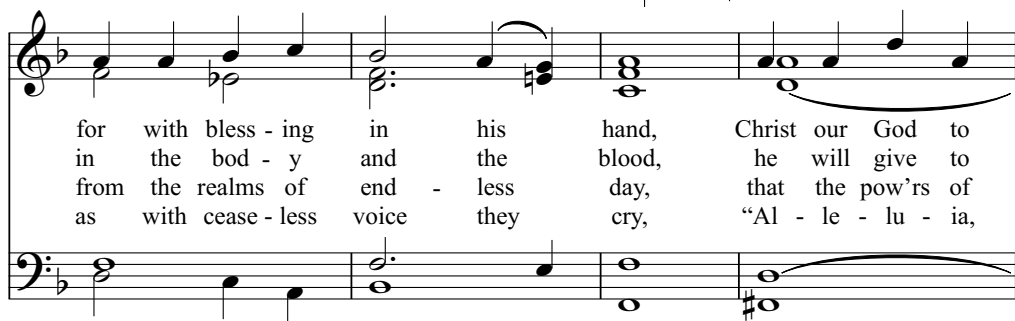
*Unison*



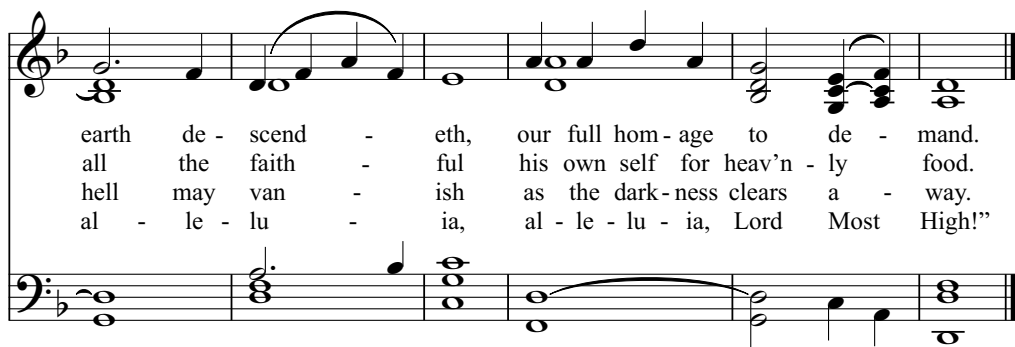
1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and  
 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar - y, as of old on  
 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en spreads its van - guard  
 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, cher - u - bim, with



trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly - mind - ed,  
 earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture,  
 on the way, as the Light of light de - scend - eth  
 sleep - less eye, veil their fac - es to the pres - ence,



for with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to  
 in the bod - y and the blood, he will give to  
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of  
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia,



earth de - scend - eth, our full hom - age to de - mand.  
 all the faith - ful his own self for heav'n - ly food.  
 hell may van - ish as the dark - ness clears a - way.  
 al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Lord Most High!"

*Liturgy of St. James, 5th cent.*  
 adapted by Gerard Moultrie, 1864

PICARDY 8.7.8.7.8.7  
 French melody, 17th cent.  
 arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

# Crown Him with Many Crowns

1. Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;  
 2. Crown him the Lord of life, tri - um - phant o'er the grave,  
 3. Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,  
 4. Crown him the Lord of peace; whose pow'r a scep - ter sways  
 5. Crown him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time;

hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own:  
 who rose vic - to - rious from the strife for those he came to save.  
 • rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:  
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in pray'r and praise:  
 Cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime:

a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,  
 His glo - ries now we sing, who died and reigns on high;  
 • no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
 his reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet  
 all hail, Re - deem - er, hail! for thou hast died for me:

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 he died, e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 • but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 fair flow'rs of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.  
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.