



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
May 28, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

Please help us to restock our frozen food pantry.

Please take a moment to read our Children in Worship cards in the seat-back pocket in front of you. Kids are most welcome at Covenant Church!

Church officer training will begin during the Sunday school hour, starting June 4.

The Women's book study's next meeting will be held on June 22nd at 9:30 a.m. The discussion will be over "Delighting in the Trinity" by Michael Reeves.

Our Summer Sunday school class will start on June 4th. J. Gresham Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism*, published one hundred years ago, is as timely and relevant as ever. We will consider its biblical doctrine during our large group Sunday school class at 9 a.m., in the sanctuary. The book is out of copyright, so we have PDF chapters available for free download on the church website.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 33:1, 20-22

Shout for joy in the LORD, O you righteous! Praise befits the upright.

²⁰Our soul waits for the LORD; He is our help and our shield. For our heart is glad in Him, because we trust in His holy name. Let your steadfast love, O LORD, be upon us, even as we hope in you.

† 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

248 (TH#115)

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

Confession of Sin

Adapted from the Directory of
Publick Worship (1645)

We bewail our blindness of mind, our hardness of heart, and our unbelief. We have sinned in the face of the mercies of the Father, the love of Christ, and the light of the gospel shone in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. But now we draw near to the throne of grace, encouraging ourselves with the hope of a gracious answer through the Lord Jesus Christ. Heavenly Father, comfort all that mourn in Zion. Speak peace to wounded and troubled spirits. Bind up the broken-hearted. Turn us from darkness unto light, and from the power of Satan unto God. Forgive us our sins and grant us an inheritance among those who are sanctified by faith in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-2

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

#343 (TH #261)

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith 2.1

There is but one only, living, and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a most pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or passions; immutable, immense, eternal, incomprehensible, almighty, most wise, most holy, most free, most absolute; working all things according to the counsel of His own immutable and most righteous will, for His own glory;

most loving, gracious, merciful, long-suffering, abundant in goodness and truth, forgiving iniquity, transgression, and sin; the rewarder of them that diligently seek Him; and withal, most just, and terrible in His judgments, hating all sin, and who will by no means clear the guilty.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:7-12

Page 1023 in the pew Bible

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent His only Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

“The Love of God is for Us and in Us”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† Doxology

#571 (TH #357)

“Gloria Patri”

† Prayer of Dedication

† Closing Hymn

#465 (TH #529)

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

May 28, 2023

10:30 a.m.

1 John 4:7-12

“The Love of God is for Us and in Us”

Introduction

I. Demand of Love (vv. 7–8)

II. Display of Love (vv. 9–10)

III. Development of Love (vv. 11–12)

Conclusion

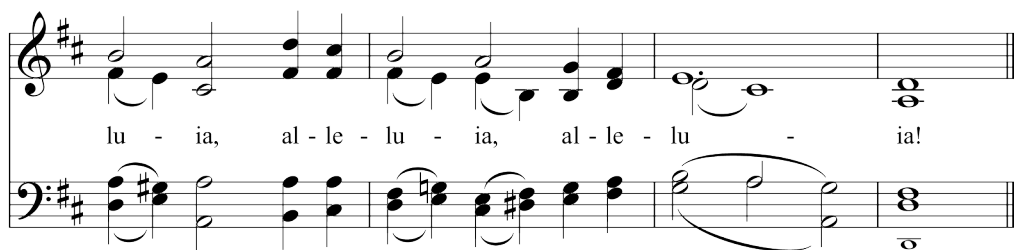
All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voice and
 2. Thou rush-ing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in
 3. Thou flow-ing wa-ter, pure and clear, make mu-sic for thy
 4. And all ye men of ten-der heart, for-giv-ing oth-ers,
 5. Let all things their Cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in

with us sing al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou burn-ing
 heav'n a-long, O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Thou ris-ing
 • Lord to hear, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Thou fire so
 take your part, O sing ye, al-le-lu-ia! Ye who long
 hum-ble-ness, O praise him, al-le-lu-ia! Praise, praise the

sun with gold-en beam, thou sil-ver moon with soft-er gleam,
 morn, in praise re-joice, ye lights of eve-ning, find a voice,
 • mas-ter-ful and bright, that giv-est man both warmth and light,
 pain and sor-row bear, praise God and on him cast your care,
 Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spir-it, three in one,

O praise him, O praise him, al-le-



Francis of Assisi, ca. 1225
Tr. William H. Draper, 1926

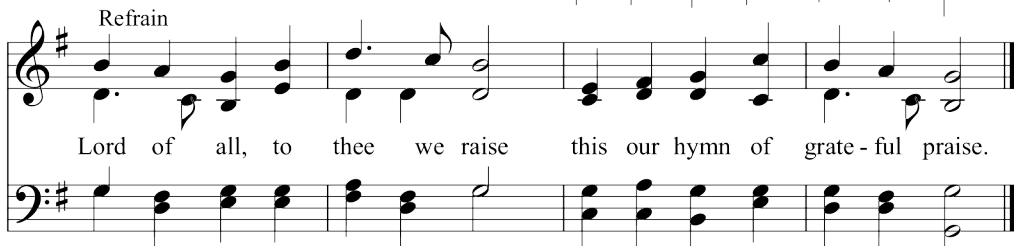
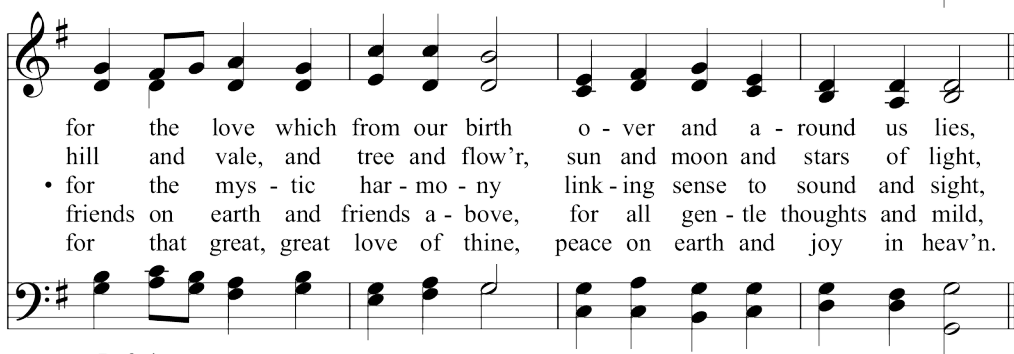
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Geistliche Kirchengesänge, Cologne, 1623

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For the Beauty of the Earth

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Folliott S. Pierpoint, 1864; alt.

DIX 7.7.7.7.7.
Conrad Kocher, 1838
Arr. William H. Monk, 1861

What Wondrous Love Is This

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1. What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what
 2. When I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
 4. And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is
 I was sink-ing down, sink-ing down; when I was sink-ing
 God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm

this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 down be-neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a-side his crown for my
 Lamb, who is the great I AM, while mil-lions join the theme, I will
 free, I'll sing and joy-ful be, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul!
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a-side his crown for my soul!
 sing, I will sing, while mil-lions join the theme, I will sing!
 on, I'll sing on, and through e-ter-ni-ty I'll sing on!

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 G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and a bass staff. The treble staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The bass staff begins with a bass clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody in the treble staff is: G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), D4 (half).

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

The second system of musical notation continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff melody is: C4 (half), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), D4 (half).

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

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece. The treble staff melody is: C4 (half), D4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), B4 (quarter), C5 (quarter), B4 (quarter), A4 (quarter), G4 (quarter), F#4 (quarter), E4 (quarter), D4 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), F#3 (quarter), G3 (quarter), A3 (quarter), B3 (quarter), C4 (quarter), D4 (half).

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry trou - bled breast;
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy life re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be:



fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy faith - ful mer - cies crown:
 let us all in thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest:
 sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more thy tem - ples leave.
 let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in thee;



Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love thou art;
 take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve thee as thy hosts a - bove,
 changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, 'til in heav'n we take our place,



vis - it us with thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 End of faith, as its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 pray and praise thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 'til we cast our crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

