



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

June 18, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

1. As ministry partners with Loving Choices, we participate in their Baby Bottle fundraising campaign every year. Please pick up a bottle in the back of the sanctuary to fill with your loose change. The return date for the bottles is Father's Day, June 18th.
[Note: We can have an additional week to return the bottles in case anyone needs more time because we started later than normal.]
2. We will be hosting our VBS for grades Pre-K through 6th, in the mornings the week of July 17th. VBS Student and Volunteer sign-up and forms can be found in the back of the sanctuary.
Please contact Kathryn Bruce if you have any questions.
3. 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!
4. Our Summer Sunday school class has started. Please join us next Sunday morning in the sanctuary at 9 a.m. for our study of J. Gresham Machen's "Christianity and Liberalism." Next week, Pete Golden will lead us as we study Chapter Two: Doctrine. The book is out of copyright, so we have PDF chapters available for free download on the church website.
5. The Smoots, the Sagans and Jan House, would like to invite those interested to a slide show of history, art and sights of Rome and Florence Italy as well as Holy Land of Israel and Jordan. John and Marianna Smoot will be hosting it at their home on Tuesday night, June 20th at 6:30 pm. There will be appetizers and drinks provided.

6. Please join us again tonight for our evening service at 5PM when we will receive our General Assembly Report.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 133

Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! ² It is like the precious oil on the head, running down on the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down on the collar of his robes! ³ It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion! For there the Lord has commanded the blessing, life forevermore.

† 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

239 (TH#76)

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

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

Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ 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. ⁶ 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

#252 (TH #111)

“This Is My Father’s World”

† Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession, Article 5

We receive all these books and these only as holy and canonical, for the regulating, founding, and establishing of our faith. And we believe without a doubt all things contained in them—not so much because the church receives and approves them as such but above all because the Holy Spirit testifies in our hearts that they are from God, and also because they prove themselves to be from God. For even the blind themselves are able to see that the things predicted in them do happen.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-12

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of Him. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey His commandments. ³ For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome. ⁴ For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵ Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? ⁶ This is He who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. ⁷ For there are three that testify: ⁸ the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree. ⁹ If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater, for this is the testimony of God that He has borne concerning His Son. ¹⁰ Whoever believes in the

Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning His Son. ¹¹ And this is the testimony, that God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. ¹² Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Victory of Faith”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

#567 (TH #731)

“Doxology”

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

#273 (TH #146)

“Break Thou the Bread of Life”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† **Closing Hymn**

#48A

“Great Is the Lord Our God”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
June 18, 2023
10:30 a.m.

1 John 5:1-12
“The Victory of Faith”

Introduction

I. The Victory of Faith (v. 4-5)

II. The Confirmation of Faith (v. 6-10)

III. The Result of Faith (v. 11-12)

Conclusion

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

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1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en, to his feet your trib - ute bring;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to our fa - thers in dis - tress;
3. Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4. Frail as sum - mer's flow'r we flour - ish, blows the wind and it is gone;
5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be - hold him face to face;



- ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, who, like me, his praise should sing?
 praise him, still the same for - ev - er, slow to chide and swift to bless.
 • in his hands he gent - ly bears us, res - cues us from all our foes.
 but while mor - tals rise and per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space.



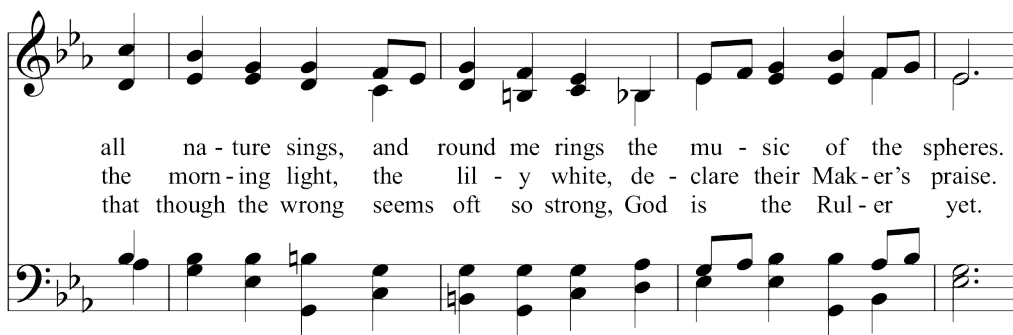
- Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the ev - er - las - ting King.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 • Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, wide - ly as his mer - cy goes.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High E - ter - nal One.
 Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.



This Is My Father's World



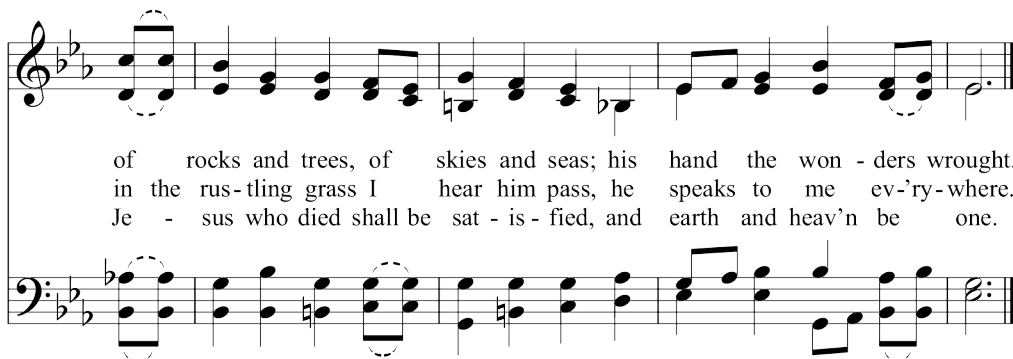
1. This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears,
 2. This is my Fa-ther's world, the birds their car-ols raise,
 3. This is my Fa-ther's world, O let me ne'er for-get



all na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 the morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their Mak-er's praise.
 that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Rul-er yet.



This is my Fa-ther's world: I rest me in the thought
 This is my Fa-ther's world: he shines in all that's fair;
 This is my Fa-ther's world: the bat-tle is not done;



of rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 in the rus-tling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Je-sus who died shall be sat-is-fied, and earth and heav'n be one.

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

Break Thou the Bread of Life

1. Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,
 2. Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,
 3. Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,
 4. O send thy Spir - it, Lord, now un - to me,

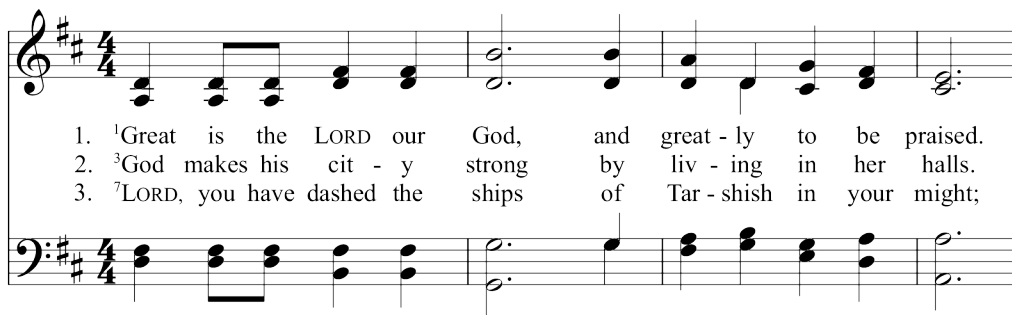
as thou didst break the loaves be - side the sea;
 as thou didst bless the bread by Gal - i - lee;
 thy ho - ly Word the truth that sav - eth me;
 that he may touch mine eyes and make me see:

through - out the sa - cred page I seek thee, Lord,
 then shall all bond - age cease, all fet - ters fall;
 give me to eat and live with thee a - bove;
 show me the truth con - cealed with - in thy Word,

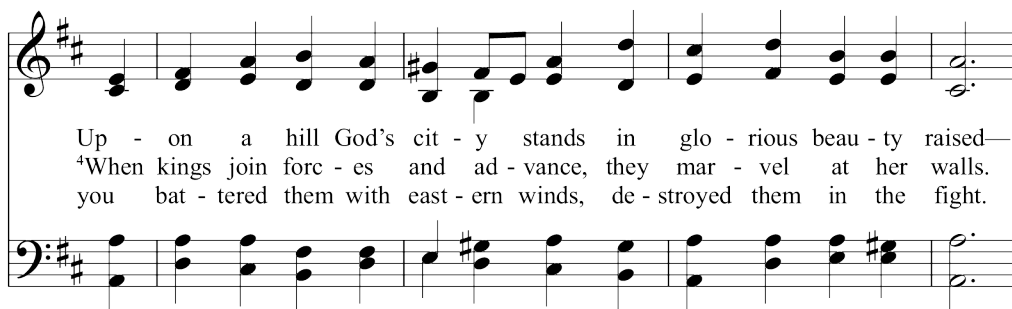
my spir - it pants for thee, O liv - ing Word.
 and I shall find my peace, my All in all.
 teach me to love thy truth, for thou art love.
 and in thy Book re - vealed I see the Lord.

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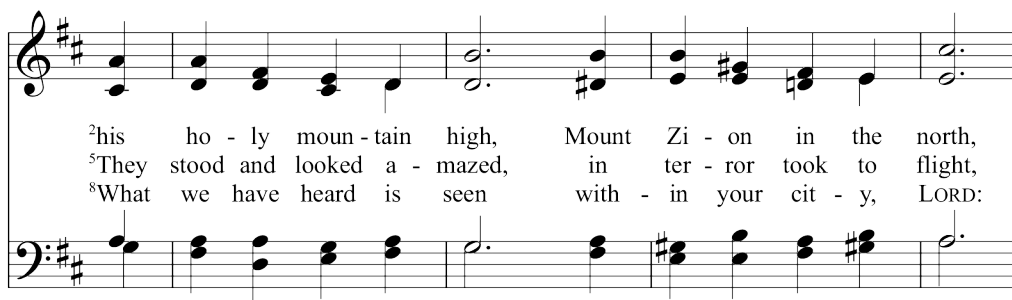
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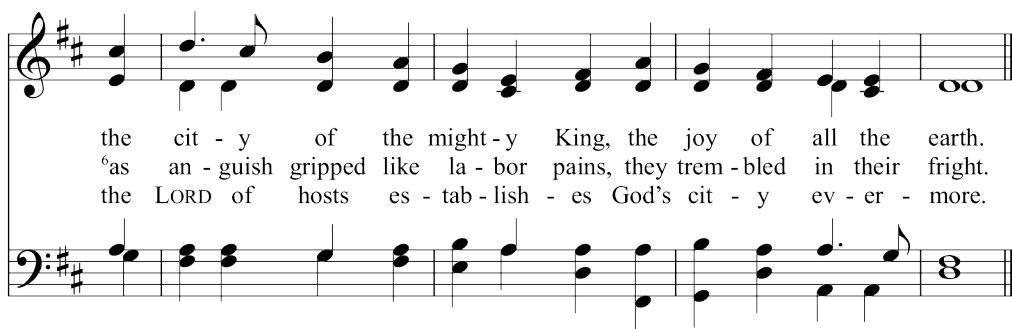
1. ¹Great is the LORD our God, and great - ly to be praised.
 2. ³God makes his cit - y strong by liv - ing in her halls.
 3. ⁷LORD, you have dashed the ships of Tar - shish in your might;



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.



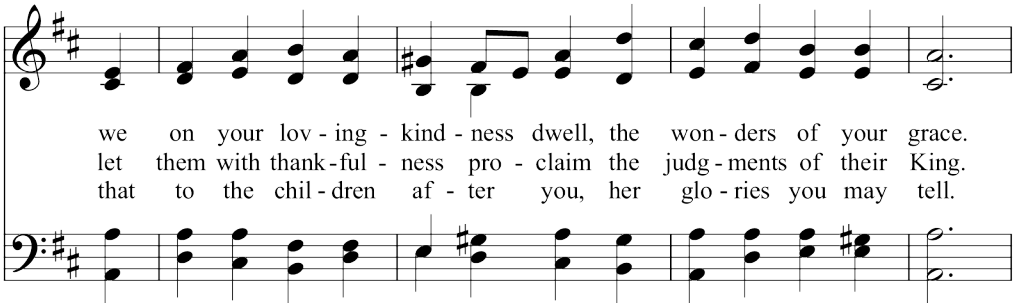
²his ho - ly moun - tain high, Mount Zi - on in the north,
⁵They stood and looked a - mazed, in ter - ror took to flight,
⁸What we have heard is seen with - in your cit - y, LORD:



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.



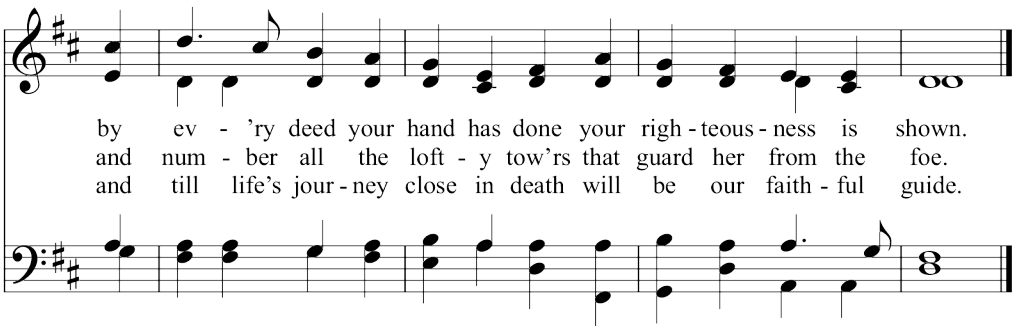
4. ⁹With - in your tem - ple, LORD, in that most ho - ly place,
 5. ¹¹Let Zi - on now re - joice and all her daugh - ters sing;
 6. ¹³Ob - serve her pal - ac - es, mark her de - fens - es well,



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.