



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

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

**June 25, 2023
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

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 foyer.

Please contact Kathryn Bruce if you have any questions.

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!

Please join us next Sunday morning at 9 a.m. for our study of J. Gresham Machen's "Christianity and Liberalism." Next week, Paul Sagan will lead us as we study Chapter Three: "God and Man." We have PDF chapters of the book available for free download on the church website.

The Women's Book club will have its next meeting on July 27th at 9:30 a.m. to discuss the book "Gentle and Lowly" by Dane Ortlund. Contact Judy Smith for more details.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 8:1-5

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. ² Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes, to still the enemy and the avenger. ³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, ⁴ what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? ⁵ Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

† 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

241 (TH#660)

"O God beyond All Praising"

Confession of Sin

From John Calvin's Geneva Liturgy of 1543

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses.

We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 1:18

¹⁸ "Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

† Hymn of Assurance

#425 (TH #469)

"How Sweet and Awesome is the Place"

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Larger Catechism Q76

What is repentance unto life?

Repentance unto life is a saving grace, wrought in the heart of a sinner by the Spirit and Word of God, whereby, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, and upon the apprehension of God's mercy in Christ to such as are penitent,

he so grieves for and hates his sins, as that he turns from them all to God, purposing and endeavoring constantly to walk with Him in all the ways of new obedience.

Choral Anthem

“Bright Canaan” by Parker/Shaw

O who will come and go with me, I am bound for the land of Canaan.
I'm bound fair Canaan's land to see, I am bound for the land of Canaan.
O, Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan,
O, Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

I'll join with them who've gone before, I am bound for the land of Canaan.
Where sin and sorrow are no more, I am bound for the land of Canaan.
O, Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan,
O, Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Our songs of praise shall fill the skies, bound for Canaan.
And higher still our joys may rise, bound for Canaan!
O, Canaan, bright Canaan, I'm bound for the land of Canaan,
O, Canaan, it is my happy home, I am bound for the land of Canaan.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:13-17

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¹³ I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.¹⁴ And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.

¹⁶ If anyone sees his brother committing a sin not leading to death, he shall ask, and God will give him life—to those who commit sins that do not lead to death. There is sin that leads to death; I do not say that one should pray for that.¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“Assurance of Salvation and Answered Prayer”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Gloria Patri”

#571 (TH #735)

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Closing Hymn**

“Eternal is Your Word, O Lord”

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† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
June 25, 2023
10:30 a.m.

1 John 5:13-17
“Assurance of Salvation and Answered Prayer”

Introduction

- I. Knowing You Have Eternal Life (v. 13)
- II. Confidence in Prayer (v. 14-15)
- III. How to Pray for Sinful People (v. 16)
- IV. The Sin That Does Not Lead to Death (v. 17)

Conclusion

O God beyond All Praising



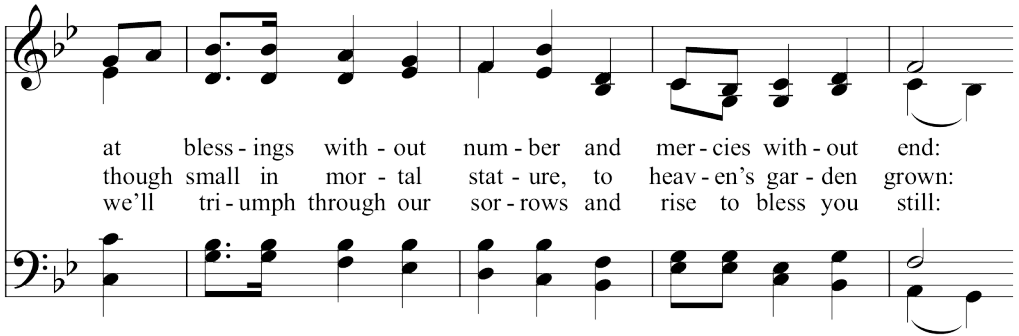
1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
 2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
 3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,



and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
 its frag-ile bloom sur-ren-der to you, the Lord Most High;
 that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;



for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
 but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown—
 and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,



at bless - ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal stat - ure, to heav - en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:



we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your word,
 for Christ, your gift from heav - en, from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,



we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry.
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

Michael A. Perry, 1982

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Gustav Holst, 1918

Arr. Brian E. Coombs, 2003

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How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place

1. How sweet and awe - some is the place
 2. While all our hearts and all our songs
 3. "Why was I made to hear your voice,
 4. 'Twas the same love that spread the feast

with Christ with - in the doors, while ev - er - last - ing
 join to ad - mire the feast, each of us cries, with
 and en - ter while there's room, when thou - sands make a
 that sweet - ly drew us in; else we had still re -

love dis - plays the choic - est of her stores.
 thank - ful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?
 wretch - ed choice, and rath - er starve than come?"
 fused to taste, and per - ished in our sin.

5. Pity the nations, O our God,
 constrain the earth to come;
 send your victorious Word abroad,
 and bring the strangers home.

6. We long to see your churches full,
 that all the chosen race
 may, with one voice and heart and soul,
 sing your redeeming grace.

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 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (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: 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 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (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: 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 (half). The bass staff accompaniment is: G3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), D3 (quarter), E3 (quarter), D3 (quarter), C3 (quarter), B2 (quarter), A2 (half).

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Eternal Is Your Word, O LORD

1. ⁸⁹E - ter - nal is your word, O LORD; in heav'n it stands for -
 2. ⁹²Had not your law been my de - light, I would have per - ished
 3. ⁹⁵The wick - ed lie in wait for me; de - struc - tion threat - ens

ev - er sure. ⁹⁰Your truth re - mains thro' ev - 'ry age the
 in my strife. ⁹³Your pre - cepts I will not for - get; for
 at their hands, but I, in spite of all their threats, will

earth you found - ed, it en - dures. ⁹¹They stand by your de -
 thro' them you pre - served my life. ⁹⁴LORD, res - cue me, for
 still con - sid - er your com - mands. ⁹⁶Per - fec - tion's lim - its

cree this day, for all things serve your sov - 'reign way.
 I am yours, and I have sought to know your word.
 I have found, but your com - mand - ments have no bound.