



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY

June 4, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

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.

We will be hosting our VBS ministry on mornings the week of Monday, July 17th-Friday, 21st. We will need volunteers to make this happen! If you would like to help, please text Kathryn Bruce.

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!

Our Summer Sunday school class started this morning at 9 a.m. led by Matt Lee. Next week, Matt will lead us again as we study chapter one of J. Gresham Machen's *Christianity and Liberalism*. The book is out of copyright, so we have PDF chapters available for free download on the church website.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name!
² Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, ³ who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, ⁴ who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, ⁵ who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

† 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

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“Father, Long before Creation”

Confession of Sin

Thomas Cranmer

Almighty and most merciful Father; we have erred and strayed from Your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against Your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; And we have done those things which we ought not to have done; And there is no health in us.

O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those, O God, who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent; According to the promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake; That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of Your Holy Name. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:10-13

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; ¹² as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. ¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear Him.

† Hymn of Assurance

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“Eternal Spirit, God of Truth”

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith 2.3

In the unity of the Godhead there be three persons, of one substance, power, and eternity: God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost: the Father is of none, neither begotten, nor proceeding; the Son is eternally begotten of the Father; the Holy Ghost eternally proceeding from the Father and the Son.

Choral Anthem

“O Love”

O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary soul in thee. I give thee back the life I owe, that in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows all my way, I yield my flick’ring torch to thee. My heart restores its borrowed ray, that in thy sunshine’s blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to thee. I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

O Cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from thee. I lay in dust, life’s glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red, life that shall endless be.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 John 4:13-16

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¹³ By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent His Son to be the Savior of the world. ¹⁵ Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. ¹⁶ So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Making of the Mark of the Christians”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Doxology”

#567 (TH #731)

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

#340 (TH #253)

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood”

Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper

† **Closing Hymn**

#492 (TH #647)

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE

June 4, 2023

10:30 a.m.

1 John 4:13-16

“The Making of the Mark of the Christians”

Introduction

- I. It is made by the work of the Holy Spirit (v. 13)
- II. It is made in us by the initiative of the Father (v. 14)
- III. It is Accomplished in us by Jesus the Son (v. 15)
- IV. Salvation is the Work of the Trinity (v. 16)

Conclusion

Father, Long before Creation



1. Fa - ther, long be - fore cre - a - tion you had cho - sen us in love,
2. Though the world may change its fash - ion, you will still re - main the same;
3. Your com - pas - sion is our sto - ry, is our boast - ing all the day;
4. Lov - ing Fa - ther, now be - fore you we shall ev - er sing your grace,



and that love so deep, so mov - ing, draws us close to Christ a - bove.
 your com - pas - sion and your cov - 'nant through all a - ges will re - main.
 mer - cy free and nev - er fail - ing moves our will, di - rects our way.
 and our song will sound for - ev - er when we see you face to face,



Still it keeps us firm - ly fixed in Christ a - lone.
 Your own chil - dren shall for - ev - er praise your name.
 God so loved us that he gave his on - ly Son.
 giv - ing glo - ry to the Lamb up - on the throne.



Eternal Spirit, God of Truth

1. E - ter - nal Spir - it, God of truth, our con - trite hearts in - spire;
 2. Sub - due the pow'r of ev - 'ry sin, what - e'er that sin may be,

ig - nite a flame of heav'n - ly love, and feed the pure de - sire.
 that we, in sin - gle - ness of heart, may wor - ship on - ly thee.

'Tis thine to soothe the sor - r'wing mind, with guilt and fear op - pressed;
 Then with our spir - it wit - ness bear that we are sons of God,

'tis thine to bid the dy - ing live, and give the wea - ry rest.
 re - deemed from sin and death and hell thro' Christ's a - ton - ing blood.

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

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There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood



1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;
2. The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,
4. Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,
5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,

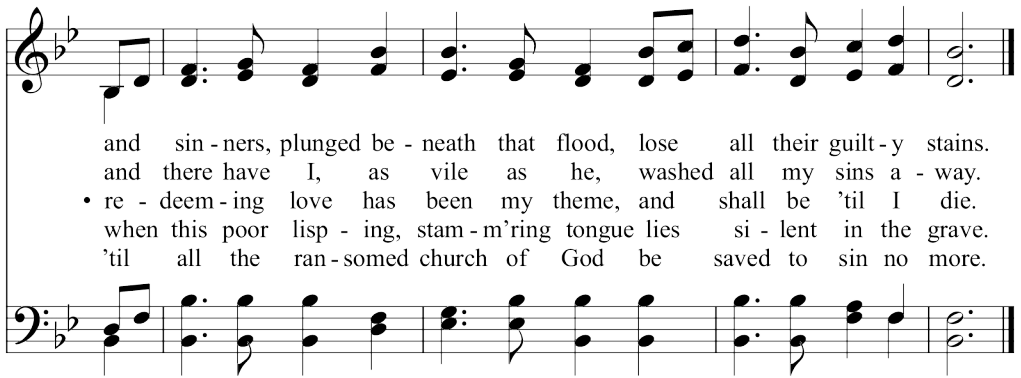


- and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:
 • re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be 'til I die:
 when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:
 'til all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:



- lose all their guilt - y stains, lose all their guilt - y stains;
 washed all my sins a - way, washed all my sins a - way;
 • and shall be 'til I die, and shall be 'til I die;
 lies si - lent in the grave, lies si - lent in the grave;
 be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;





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William Cowper, 1771; mod.

CLEANSING FOUNTAIN 8.6.8.6.6.6.8.6.
Lowell Mason, 1830**Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed****341**


1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - 'reign die!
2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree?
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;
Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I?
A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
• when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

Isaac Watts, 1707
Alt. 1961MARTYRDOM C.M.
Hugh Wilson, 1800
Arr. Robert A. Smith, 1825

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Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

1. Je - sus, the ver - y thought of thee with sweet - ness fills my breast;
 2. No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the mem - 'ry find,
 3. O Hope of ev - 'ry con - trite heart, O Joy of all the meek,
 4. But what to those who find? Ah, this no tongue nor pen can show;
 5. Je - sus, our on - ly joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;

but sweet - er far thy face to see, and in thy pres - ence rest.
 a sweet - er sound than thy blest name, O Sav - ior of man - kind.
 • to those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
 the love of Je - sus, what it is none but his loved ones know.
 Je - sus, be thou our glo - ry now, and through e - ter - ni - ty.

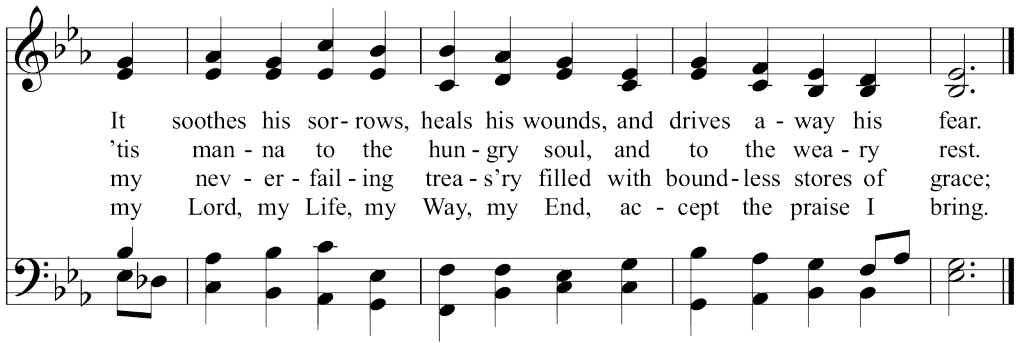
Latin, 11th cent.
 Tr. Edward Caswall, 1849

ST. AGNES C.M.
 John B. Dykes, 1866

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How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in a be - liev - er's ear!
 2. It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole, and calms the trou - bled breast;
 3. Dear Name! the rock on which I build, my shield and hid - ing place,
 4. Je - sus, my Shep - herd, Broth - er, Friend, my Proph - et, Priest, and King,



It soothes his sor-rows, heals his wounds, and drives a-way his fear.
 'tis man-na to the hun-gry soul, and to the wea-ry rest.
 my nev-er-fail-ing trea-s'ry filled with bound-less stores of grace;
 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End, ac-cept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,
 and cold my warmest thought;
 but when I see thee as thou art,
 I'll praise thee as I ought.

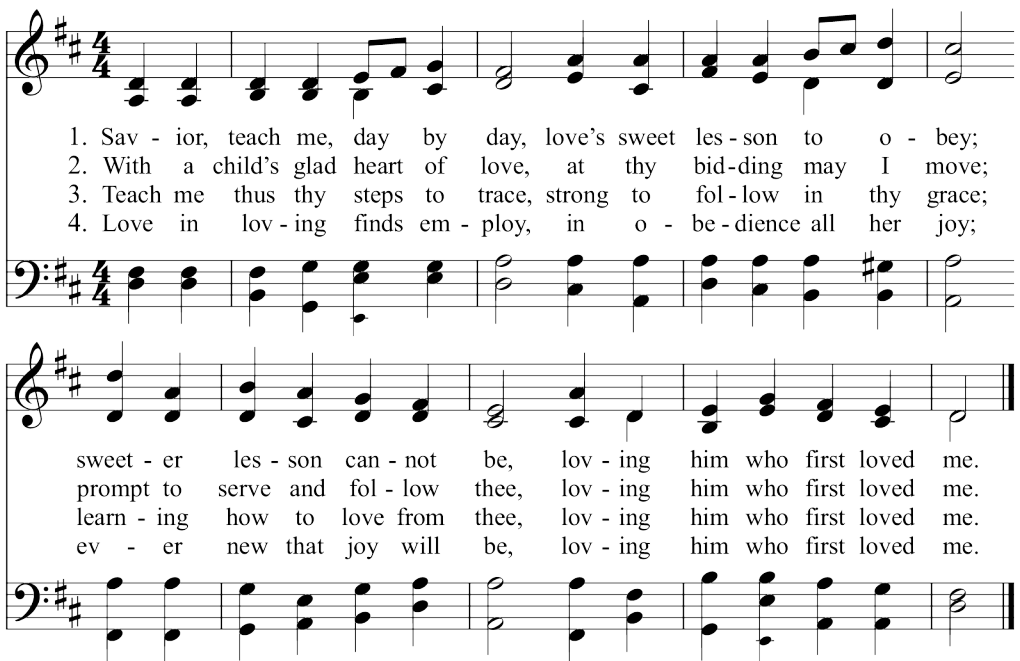
6. 'Til then I would thy love proclaim
 with ev'ry fleeting breath;
 and may the music of thy name
 refresh my soul in death.

John Newton, 1779; alt.

ST. PETER C.M.
 Alexander R. Reinagle, 1836
 Alternate tune: AZMON

Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day

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1. Sav-ior, teach me, day by day, love's sweet les-son to o-bey;
 2. With a child's glad heart of love, at thy bid-ding may I move;
 3. Teach me thus thy steps to trace, strong to fol-low in thy grace;
 4. Love in lov-ing finds em-ploy, in o-be-dience all her joy;

sweet-er les-son can-not be, lov-ing him who first loved me.
 prompt to serve and fol-low thee, lov-ing him who first loved me.
 learn-ing how to love from thee, lov-ing him who first loved me.
 ev-er new that joy will be, lov-ing him who first loved me.

Jane E. Leeson, 1842

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 Georg C. Strattner, 1691
 Arr. J. A. Freylinghausen, 1705