



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

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

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

Welcome & Announcements

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 leads us again through Chapter Five: "Christ."

We have PDF chapters of the book available for free download on the church website.

Please join us After this morning's worship service for our fellowship meal. There will be no evening service.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 91:1-2

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will abide in the shadow of the Almighty. ² I will say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

† 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

#244 (TH #92)

"A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

Prayer of Confession of Sin

from John Knox's Liturgy of 1560

Almighty God, we are unworthy to come into Your presence, because of our many sins. We do not deserve any grace or mercy from You, if You dealt with us as we deserve. We have sinned against You, O Lord, and we have offended You. And yet, O Lord, as we acknowledge our sins and offenses, so also do we acknowledge You to be a merciful God, a loving and favorable Father, to all who turn to You. And so we humbly ask You, for the sake of Christ Your Son, to show mercy to us, and forgive us all our offenses.

Forgive the sins of our youth, and the sins of our old age. By Your Spirit, O God, take possession of our hearts, so that, not only the actions of our life, but also the words of our mouths, and the smallest thought of our minds, may be guided and governed by You. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with You and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-2

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

² 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

#476 (TH #691)

“It Is Well with My Soul”

† Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q1 and 2

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.

Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

2. Q. What do you need to know in order to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. First, how great my sins and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

2 John 1:7-12

⁷ For many deceivers have gone out into the world, those who do not confess the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh. Such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist. ⁸ Watch yourselves, so that you may not lose what we have worked for, but may win a full reward. ⁹ Everyone who goes on ahead and does not abide in the teaching of Christ, does not have God. Whoever abides in the teaching has both the Father and the Son. ¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this teaching, do not receive him into your house or give him any greeting, ¹¹ for whoever greets him takes part in his wicked works.

¹² Though I have much to write to you, I would rather not use paper and ink. Instead I hope to come to you and talk face to face, so that our joy may be complete.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“Dealing with Deceivers”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

#567 (TH #731)

“Doxology”

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

#277

“Before the Throne of God Above”

The Sacrament of Lord’s Supper

† Closing Hymn

“More Than Conquerors”

#515

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
July 30, 2023
10:30 a.m.

2 John 1:7-12
“Dealing with Deceivers”

Introduction

- I. The Deception of False Teachers (v. 7)
- II. The Duty of Watchfulness (v. 8)
- III. The Doctrine of Christ (v. 9)
- IV. Deviation Should not be Supported (v. 10-11)

Conclusion (v. 12-13)

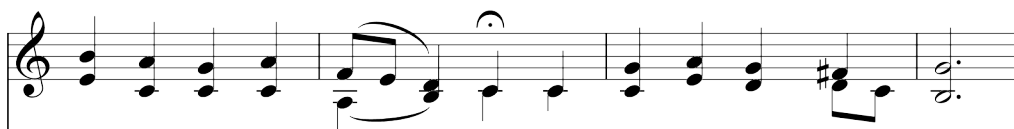
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God



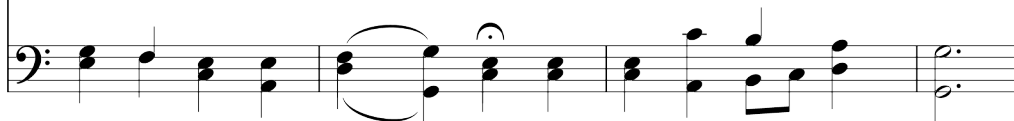
1. A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
2. Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
3. And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
4. That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a -



fail - ing; our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing; were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth; the Spir - it and the gifts are ours through



mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be?
 truth to tri - umph through us. The prince of dark - ness grim,
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go,



doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great,
 Christ Je - sus, it is he, Lord Sa - ba - oth his name,
 we trem - ble not for him; his rage we can en - dure,
 this mor - tal life al - so; the bod - y they may kill:

and armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 from age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 for lo, his doom is sure; one lit - tle word shall fell him.
 God's truth a - bid - eth still; his king - dom is for - ev - er.

Based on Psalm 46
 Martin Luther, 1529
 Tr. Frederick H. Hedge, 1853

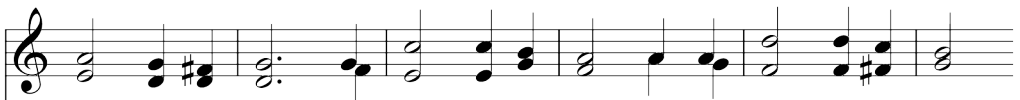
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 Martin Luther, 1529

It Is Well with My Soul

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1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
3. My sin—O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled



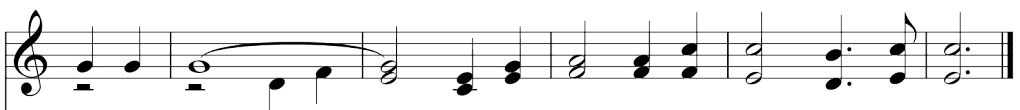
sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 back as a scroll; the trump shall re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend;



Refrain



"It is well, it is well with my soul."
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so"—it is well with my soul.



with my soul;
 with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.



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.

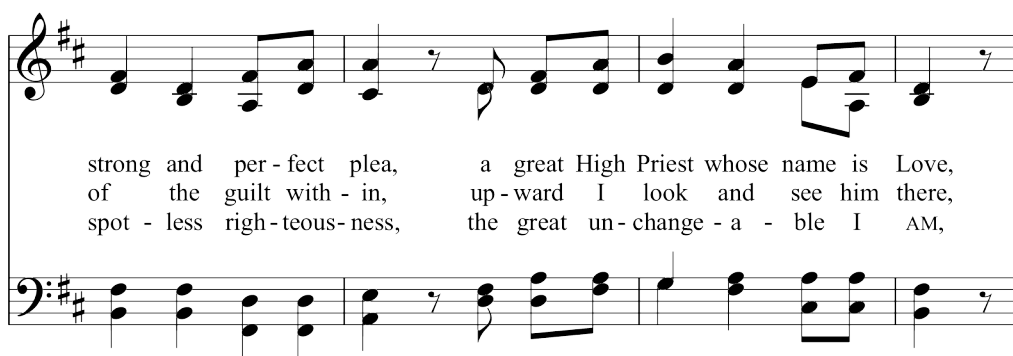
Thomas Ken, 1674

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Louis Bourgeois, 1551

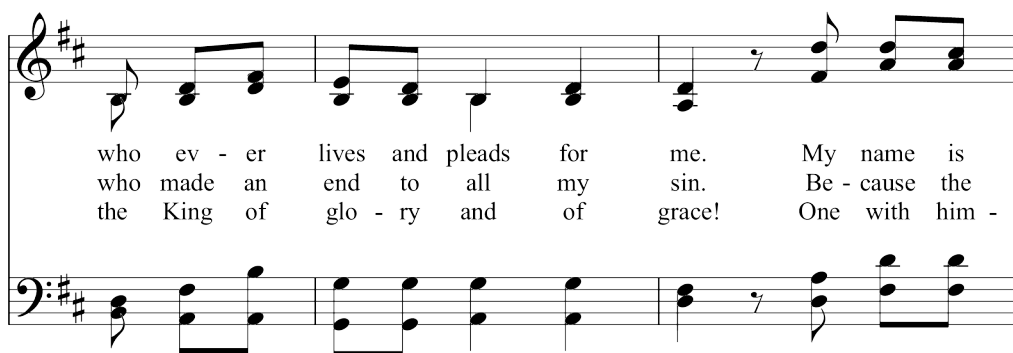
Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove, I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair and tells me
 3. Be - hold him there, the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is Love,
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him there,
 spot - less right - teous - ness, the great un - change - a - ble I AM,



who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

grav - en on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die. My soul is pur - chased by his

heart. I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 free; for God, the just, is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood! My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sa - vior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

Charitie Bancroft, 1863; alt.

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Vikki Cook; arr. Ruth Coleman

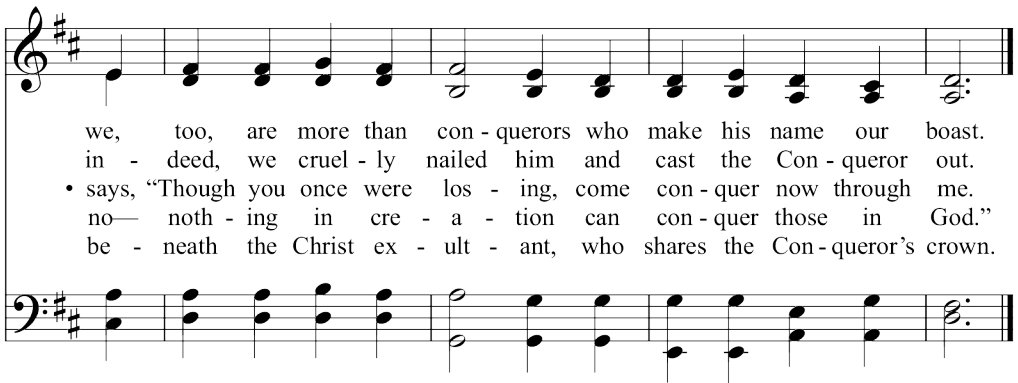
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More Than Conquerors

1. All hail the might-y Con - queror, Christ Je - sus, our great King!
 2. Yet how can we in - her - it this ti - tle "con - queror" too?
 3. But ris - ing up vic - to - rious he con - quered death and sin,
 4. "You can - not be de - feat - ed by tri - als in this life.
 5. Now since our God is for us, what have we then to fear?

6. All hail the glo - rious War - rior, to whom our praise we bring.
 7. We have not earned the mer - it or fame that is his due.
 8. • and reigns in heav - en glo - rious, each con - flict set to win.
 9. The con - quest is com - plet - ed o'er Sa - tan, sin, and strife.
 10. Though en - e - mies de - plore us, we face them all with cheer.

11. May he be giv - en hon - ors by all his ran - somed host:
 12. For we have on - ly failed him by ev - 'ry sin and doubt;
 13. • To those of his own choos - ing he shares the vic - to - ry;
 14. No pain, no trib - u - la - tion, no dan - ger, fam - ine, sword,
 15. For we will be tri - um - phant: each foe will be trod down



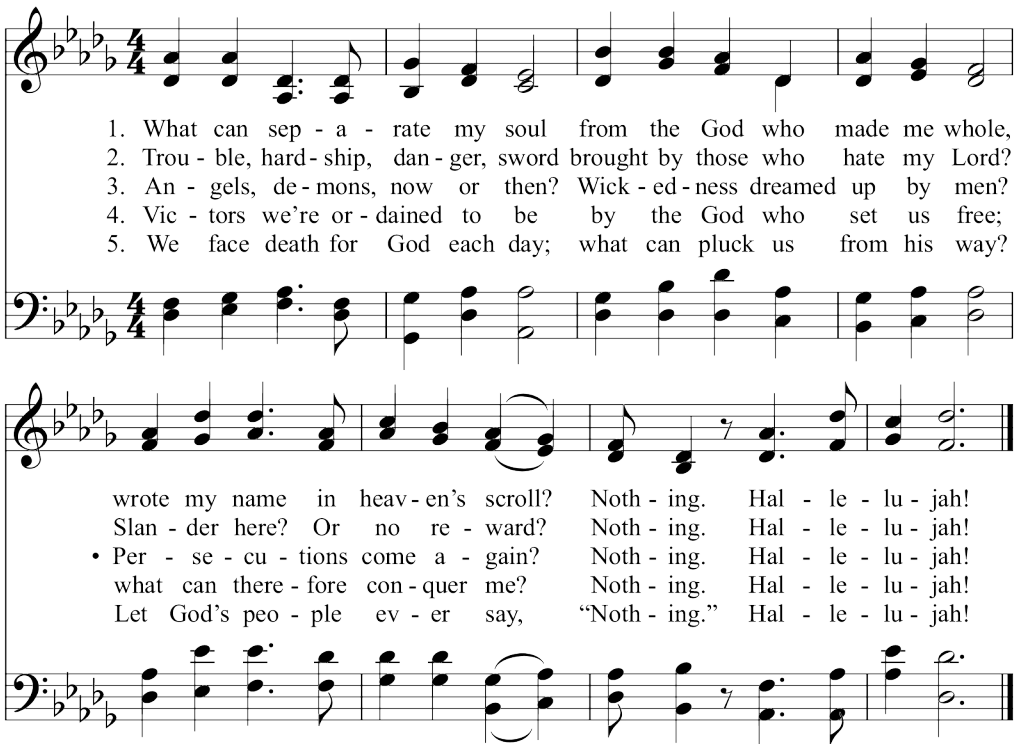
we, too, are more than con - querors who make his name our boast.
 in - deed, we cruel - ly nailed him and cast the Con - queror out.
 • says, "Though you once were los - ing, come con - quer now through me.
 no - noth - ing in cre - a - tion can con - quer those in God."
 be - neath the Christ ex - ult - ant, who shares the Con - queror's crown.

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 Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

Hallelujah!

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1. What can sep - a - rate my soul from the God who made me whole,
 2. Trou - ble, hard - ship, dan - ger, sword brought by those who hate my Lord?
 3. An - gels, de - mons, now or then? Wick - ed - ness dreamed up by men?
 4. Vic - tors we're or - dained to be by the God who set us free;
 5. We face death for God each day; what can pluck us from his way?

wrote my name in heav - en's scroll? Noth - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Slan - der here? Or no re - ward? Noth - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 • Per - se - cu - tions come a - gain? Noth - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 what can there - fore con - quer me? Noth - ing. Hal - le - lu - jah!
 Let God's peo - ple ev - er say, "Noth - ing." Hal - le - lu - jah!

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