



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY  
August 20, 2023  
5:00 p.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, Phil Schenewerk will lead us through Chapter Seven: "The Church."

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

The last Women's Book discussion meeting for the Summer will be on Thursday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. The book they will be discussing is "For the Body" by Timothy Tennent.

Women's weekly Bible study beginning Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. They will be studying "Westminster Confession Study Guide" by Joseph Pipa. Books are available in late August. Contact Judy Smith for more details. Childcare will be provided.

There will be a congregational meeting on Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup> convening at 10:30 AM concluding at the end of worship, for the purpose of electing new ruling elders. Phil Schenewerk and Nathan Jarvis have been approved by the session to stand for the office of ruling elder.

**† Opening Prayer**

**† Hymn of Praise**

**#37 (v. 1-5)  
"Do Not Fret on Account of the Wicked"**

Pastoral Prayer

## **Scripture Reading**

**Psalm 37:1-7**

*Pew Bible page number 466*

Fret not yourself because of evildoers; be not envious of wrongdoers! <sup>2</sup> For they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb. <sup>3</sup> Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. <sup>4</sup> Delight yourself in the Lord, and He will give you the desires of your heart. <sup>5</sup> Commit your way to the Lord; trust in Him, and He will act. <sup>6</sup> He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. <sup>7</sup> Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for Him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!

## **Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“Fret Not Over Evildoers”**

## **† Closing Hymn**

**#131B (TH #683)**

**“Not Haughty is My Heart”**

## **† Benediction**

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**August 20, 2023**  
**5:00 p.m.**

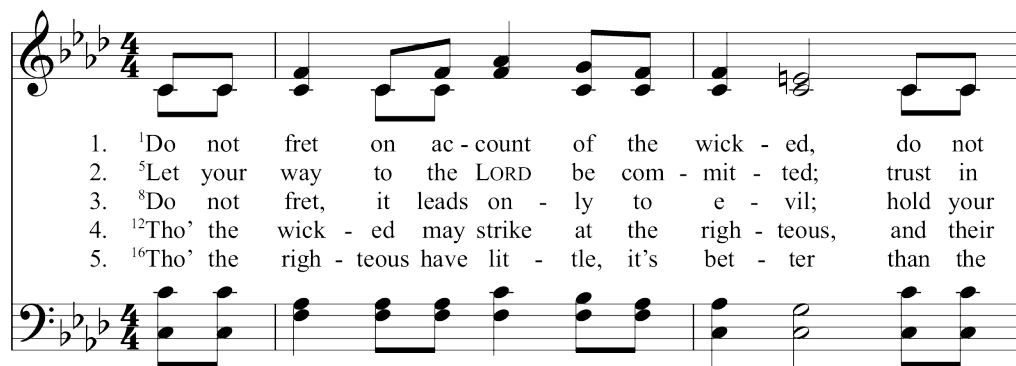
**Psalm 37:1-7**  
**“Fret Not Over Evildoers”**

Introduction

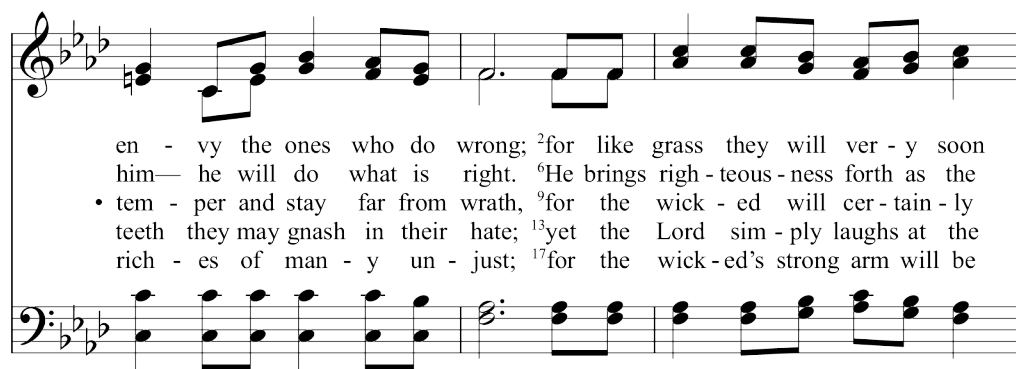
- I. Do not fret over the Wicked (v. 1)
- II. They will soon Fade (v. 2)
- III. Making ourselves Useful (v. 3)
- IV. Delighting in God (v. 4)
- V. Trust in God’s Vindication (v. 5-7)

Conclusion

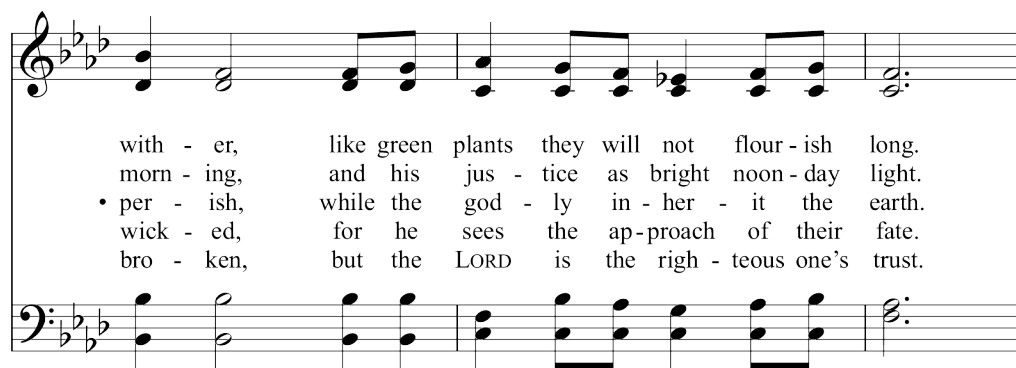
# 37 Do Not Fret on Account of the Wicked



1. <sup>1</sup>Do not fret on ac - count of the wick - ed, do not  
 2. <sup>5</sup>Let your way to the LORD be com - mit - ted; trust in  
 3. <sup>8</sup>Do not fret, it leads on - ly to e - vil; hold your  
 4. <sup>12</sup>Tho' the wick - ed may strike at the righ - teous, and their  
 5. <sup>16</sup>Tho' the righ - teous have lit - tle, it's bet - ter than the



en - vy the ones who do wrong; <sup>2</sup>for like grass they will ver - y soon  
 him— he will do what is right. <sup>6</sup>He brings righ - teous - ness forth as the  
 • tem - per and stay far from wrath, <sup>9</sup>for the wick - ed will cer - tain - ly  
 teeth they may gnash in their hate; <sup>13</sup>yet the Lord sim - ply laughs at the  
 rich - es of man - y un - just; <sup>17</sup>for the wick - ed's strong arm will be

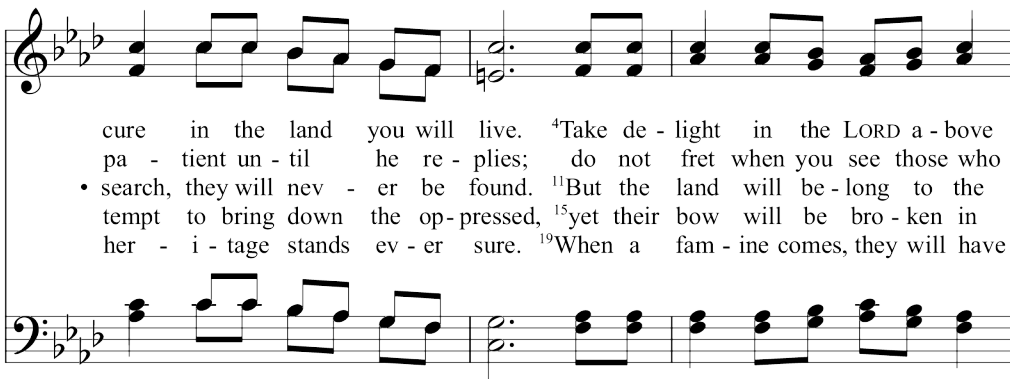


with - er, like green plants they will not flour - ish long.  
 morn - ing, and his jus - tice as bright noon - day light.  
 • per - ish, while the god - ly in - her - it the earth.  
 wick - ed, for he sees the ap - proach of their fate.  
 bro - ken, but the LORD is the righ - teous one's trust.

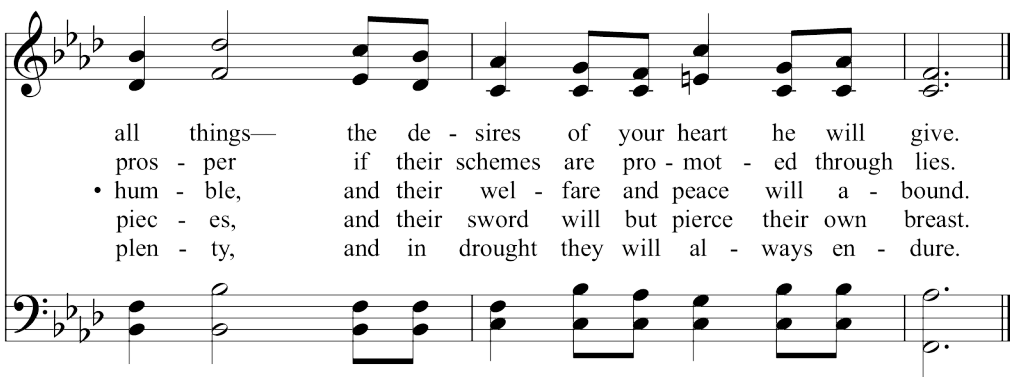
PSALM 37:1-19



<sup>3</sup>Put your trust in the LORD and be up - right; then se -  
<sup>7</sup>So be si - lent and seek the LORD's pres - ence, and be  
 • <sup>10</sup>Yet a - while and the wick - ed will van - ish; though you  
<sup>14</sup>Tho' the wick - ed take aim at the righ - teous, and at -  
<sup>18</sup>Day by day cares the LORD for the blame - less, so their



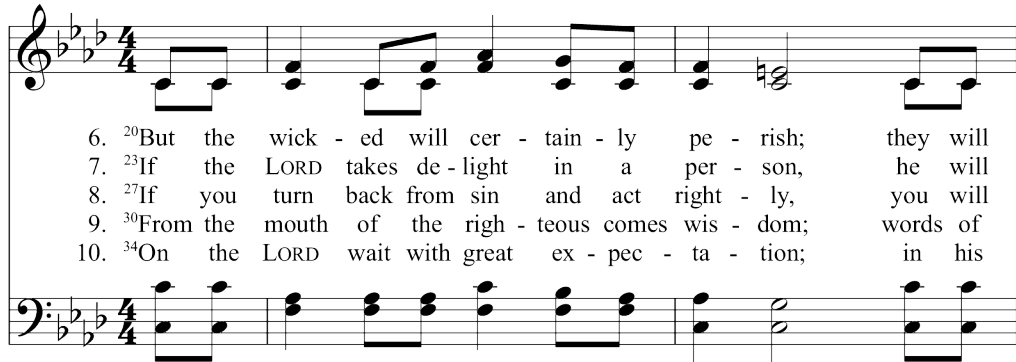
cure in the land you will live. <sup>4</sup>Take de - light in the LORD a - bove  
 pa - tient un - til he re - plies; do not fret when you see those who  
 • search, they will nev - er be found. <sup>11</sup>But the land will be - long to the  
 tempt to bring down the op - pressed, <sup>15</sup>yet their bow will be bro - ken in  
 her - i - tage stands ev - er sure. <sup>19</sup>When a fam - ine comes, they will have



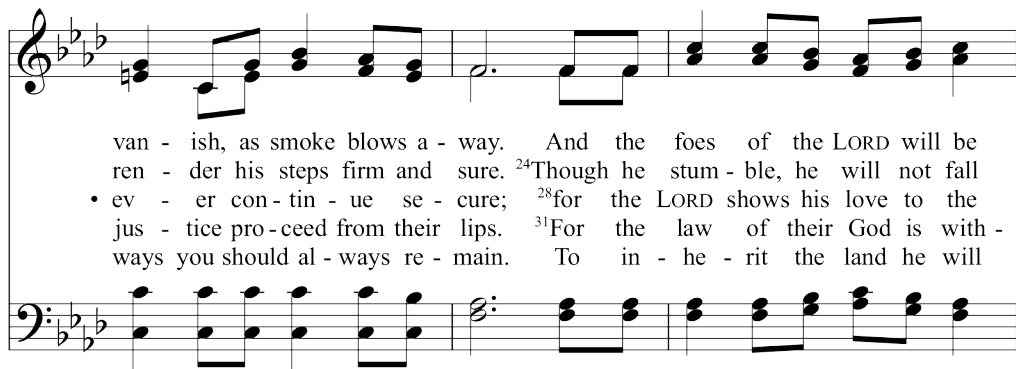
all things— the de - sires of your heart he will give.  
 pros - per if their schemes are pro - mot - ed through lies.  
 • hum - ble, and their wel - fare and peace will a - bound.  
 piec - es, and their sword will but pierce their own breast.  
 plen - ty, and in drought they will al - ways en - dure.

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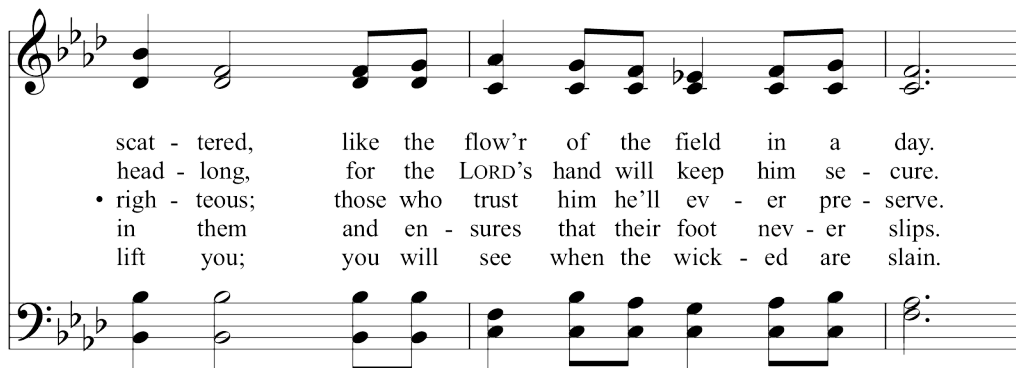
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6. <sup>20</sup>But the wick - ed will cer - tain - ly pe - rish; they will  
 7. <sup>23</sup>If the LORD takes de - light in a per - son, he will  
 8. <sup>27</sup>If you turn back from sin and act right - ly, you will  
 9. <sup>30</sup>From the mouth of the righ - teous comes wis - dom; words of  
 10. <sup>34</sup>On the LORD wait with great ex - pec - ta - tion; in his

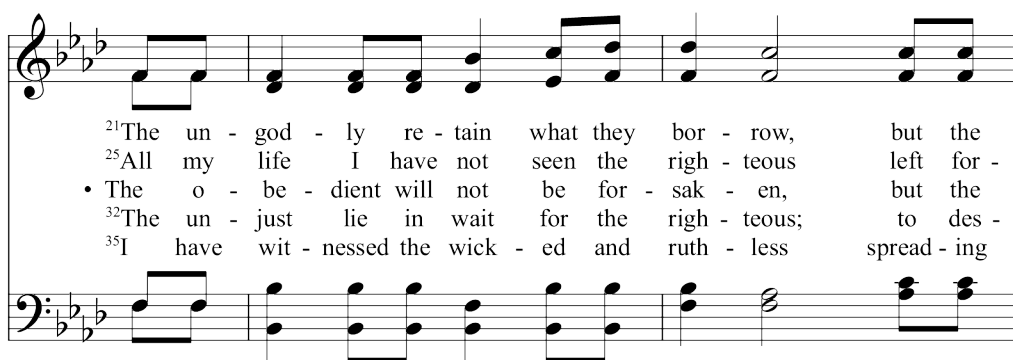


van - ish, as smoke blows a - way. And the foes of the LORD will be  
 ren - der his steps firm and sure. <sup>24</sup>Though he stum - ble, he will not fall  
 • ev - er con - tin - ue se - cure; <sup>28</sup>for the LORD shows his love to the  
 jus - tice pro - ceed from their lips. <sup>31</sup>For the law of their God is with -  
 ways you should al - ways re - main. To in - he - rit the land he will

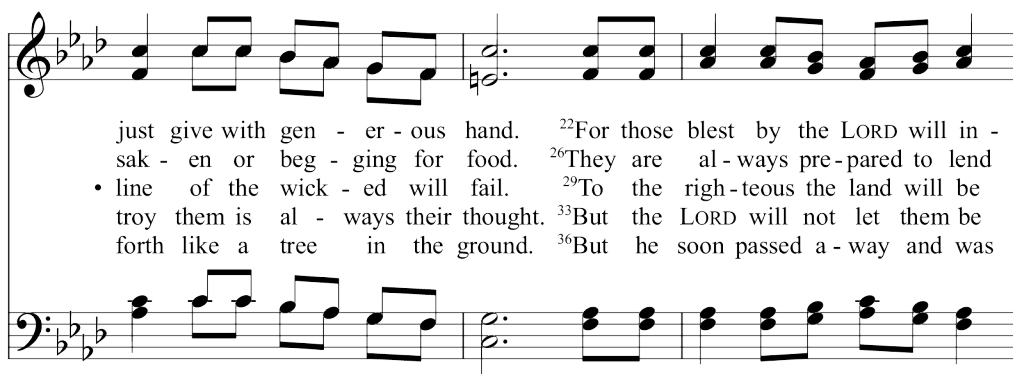


scat - tered, like the flow'r of the field in a day.  
 head - long, for the LORD's hand will keep him se - cure.  
 • righ - teous; those who trust him he'll ev - er pre - serve.  
 in them and en - sures that their foot nev - er slips.  
 lift you; you will see when the wick - ed are slain.

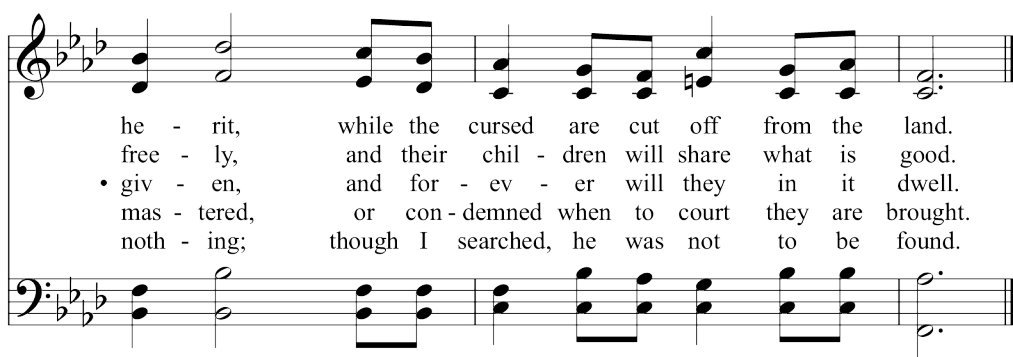
PSALM 37:20-40



<sup>21</sup>The un - god - ly re - tain what they bor - row, but the  
<sup>25</sup>All my life I have not seen the righ - teous left for -  
 • The o - be - dient will not be for - sak - en, but the  
<sup>32</sup>The un - just lie in wait for the righ - teous; to des -  
<sup>35</sup>I have wit - nessed the wick - ed and ruth - less spread - ing



just give with gen - er - ous hand. <sup>22</sup>For those blest by the LORD will in -  
 sak - en or beg - ging for food. <sup>26</sup>They are al - ways pre - pared to lend  
 • line of the wick - ed will fail. <sup>29</sup>To the righ - teous the land will be  
 troy them is al - ways their thought. <sup>33</sup>But the LORD will not let them be  
 forth like a tree in the ground. <sup>36</sup>But he soon passed a - way and was



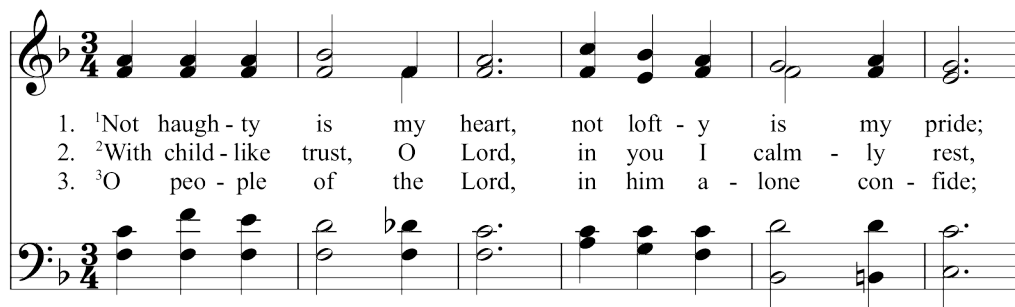
he - rit, while the cursed are cut off from the land.  
 free - ly, and their chil - dren will share what is good.  
 • giv - en, and for - ev - er will they in it dwell.  
 mas - tered, or con - demned when to court they are brought.  
 noth - ing; though I searched, he was not to be found.

11. <sup>37</sup>Watch the blameless, consider the upright;  
 there's a future for those who make peace.  
<sup>38</sup>But destruction awaits the rebellious,  
 and their future will suddenly cease.  
<sup>39</sup>From the LORD comes the hope of the righteous,  
 and in trouble defense for the meek;  
<sup>40</sup>so the LORD saves them all from the wicked,  
 for in him their protection they seek.

PSALM 131

## Not Haughty Is My Heart

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1. <sup>1</sup>Not haugh - ty is my heart, not loft - y is my pride;  
2. <sup>2</sup>With child - like trust, O Lord, in you I calm - ly rest,  
3. <sup>3</sup>O peo - ple of the Lord, in him a - lone con - fide;



I do not seek to know the things God's wis - dom has de - nied.  
con - tent - ed as a lit - tle child up - on its moth - er's breast.  
from this time forth and ev - er - more his wis - dom be your guide.

*The Psalter*; 1912; mod.

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