



Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
October 15, 2023
10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

There will be a Couples Come & Go Wedding Shower for Nathan Taylor & Bethany Miller at the home of John & Marianna Smoot on October 20th from 6 to 8pm.

The annual Wilkie Peterson Hayride will take place on Saturday, October 28th at 5pm. BYO hot dogs & buns and one dish of finger food to potluck. Hot apple cider, hot chocolate and coffee will be provided. More information and directions to the event can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Contact Chuck or Gail Peterson if you have any questions.

Please join us for our fifth Sunday fellowship meal on October 29th.

Kelvin Crombie, an expert in Messianic Jews and the Holocaust will be giving a weekend seminar on *God's Sovereignty in History and Geography* on November 3 - November 5 at Covenant Church. The proposed schedule is as follows:

Thursday, November 2 9:30-11:30am lecture at Women's Bible Study

Friday November 3 6:30-8:30am talk at Men's Bible Study

Friday November 3 6pm Pizza Fellowship followed lectures 6:30-9pm

Saturday November 4 Donuts and Danish and 8:30am-12pm lectures

Sunday November 5 9AM Sunday School 10:30am message on the New Covenant, and 6PM message.

We as a church will pack shoe boxes for Operation Christmas Child on November 11th. In preparation for this event, please see the information in the back of the sanctuary for ideas on items to include.

Contact Jan House for more information.

Ladies of Covenant, please pray and consider where God has gifted you to serve here at Covenant and then sign up for one of the following areas: Administrative, Fellowship, Funerals, Helping Hands, Showers, Church Interiors, and Nursery.

Leadership for the WIC committees will be determined at a later date. Sign up sheets are in the foyer and the sign-up deadline is October 22nd. If you have any questions, please call or text Denise Sagan or Rose Nystrom.

Grace and Truth Church in Israel pastored by David Zadok is on the frontlines of bringing relief to those suffering as a result of the invasion of Israel by Hamas. If you would like to support efforts to feed and clothe and protect those who have been devastated, you can do so by designating an offering through Covenant Church for Israel relief. If you designate an offering funds will be sent asap through usual channels for the purpose of relief via Grace and Truth church in Israel. Continue to pray for all Israel to be saved and come to the knowledge of the Messiah Jesus through this suffering.

There will be a New Members class at the church this afternoon at 2pm for those who would like to learn more about what Covenant Church believes.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 121:1-8

I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? ² My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. ³ He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. ⁴ Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. ⁵ The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

⁶ The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. ⁷ The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. ⁸ The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and 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

#215 (TH#3)

“Give to Our God Immortal Praise”

Confession of Sin

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

Romans 5:8

⁸ but God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

† Hymn of Assurance

#256 (TH #128)

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

† Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism, Q1 and 2

1Q. 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.

2Q. 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

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12

Pew Bible page number 556

There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, and it lies heavy on mankind: ² a man to whom God gives wealth, possessions, and honor, so that he lacks nothing of all that he desires, yet God does not give him power to enjoy them, but a stranger enjoys them. This is vanity; it is a grievous evil. ³ If a man fathers a hundred children and lives many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul is not satisfied with life's good things, and he also has no burial, I say that a stillborn child is better off than he. ⁴ For it comes in vanity and goes in darkness, and in darkness its name is covered. ⁵ Moreover, it has not seen the sun or known anything, yet it finds rest rather than he. ⁶ Even though he should live a thousand years twice over, yet enjoy no good—do not all go to the one place? ⁷ All the toil of man is for his mouth, yet his appetite is not satisfied. ⁸ For what advantage has the wise man over the fool? And what does the poor man have who knows how to conduct himself before the living? ⁹ Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the appetite: this also is vanity and a striving after wind. ¹⁰ Whatever has come to be has already been named, and it is known what man is, and that he is not able to dispute with one stronger than he. ¹¹ The more words, the more vanity, and what is the advantage to man? ¹² For who knows what is good for man while he lives the few days of his vain life, which he passes like a shadow? For who can tell man what will be after him under the sun?

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Misery of Insatiable Desire”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Gloria Patri”

#571 (TH #735)

† Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn of Preparation **#453 (TH #501)**
“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† Closing Hymn **#431 (TH #455)**
“And Can It Be that I Should Gain”

† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
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10:30 a.m.

Ecclesiastes 6:1-12
“The Misery of Insatiable Desire”

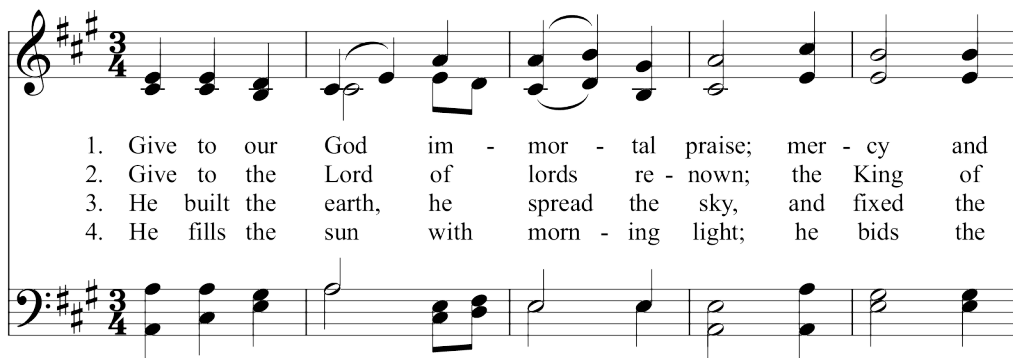
Introduction

- I. The Insecurity of Wealth (v. 1-6)
- II. Insatiable Desire (v. 6-9)
- III. The Impossibility of Contentment Without Christ (v. 10-12)

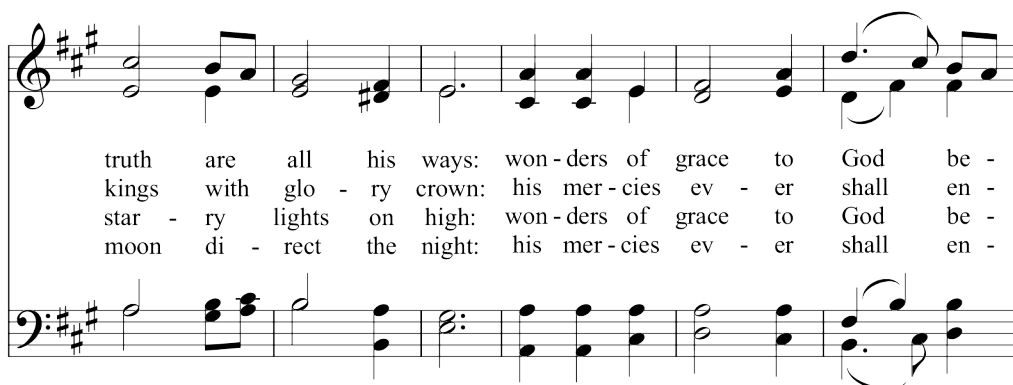
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Give to Our God Immortal Praise

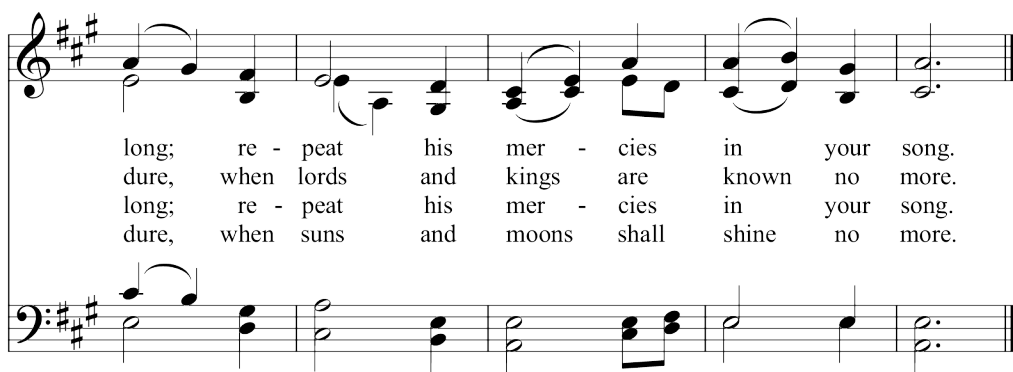
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1. Give to our God im - mor - tal praise; mer - cy and
 2. Give to the Lord of lords re - nown; the King of
 3. He built the earth, he spread the sky, and fixed the
 4. He fills the sun with morn - ing light; he bids the



truth are all his ways: won - ders of grace to God be -
 kings with glo - ry crown: his mer - cies ev - er shall en -
 star - ry lights on high: won - ders of grace to God be -
 moon di - rect the night: his mer - cies ev - er shall en -



long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 dure, when lords and kings are known no more.
 long; re - peat his mer - cies in your song.
 dure, when suns and moons shall shine no more.

5. He sent his Son with pow'r to save
 from guilt and darkness and the grave:
 wonders of grace to God belong;
 repeat his mercies in your song.

6. Through this vain world he guides our feet,
 and leads us to his heav'nly seat:
 his mercies ever shall endure,
 when this vain world shall be no more.

PROVIDENCE

ly, its part of pain and plea-sure, min-gling toil with peace and rest.
 days, your strength shall be in mea-sure," this the pledge to me he made.
 one, the days, the mo-ments fleet-ing, 'til I reach the prom-ised land.

Carolina V. Sandell Berg, 1865
 Tr. A. L. Skoog, 1931; mod.

BLOTT EN DAG Irreg.
 Oscar Ahnfelt, 1872; alt. 1990

God Moves in a Mysterious Way

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1. God moves in a mys-te-rious way his won-ders to per-form;
 2. Deep in un-fath-om-a-ble mines of nev-er-fail-ing skill
 3. Ye fear-ful saints, fresh cour-age take; the clouds ye so much dread
 4. Judge not the Lord by fee-ble sense, but trust him for his grace;

he plants his foot-steps in the sea, and rides up-on the storm.
 he trea-sures up his bright de-signs, and works his sov-'reign will.
 are big with mer-cy, and shall break in bless-ings on your head.
 be-hind a frown-ing prov-i-dence he hides a smil-ing face.

5. His purposes will ripen fast,
 unfolding ev'ry hour;
 the bud may have a bitter taste,
 but sweet will be the flow'r.

6. Blind unbelief is sure to err,
 and scan his work in vain;
 God is his own interpreter,
 and he will make it plain.

William Cowper, 1774

DUNDEE C.M.
 Scottish Psalter, 1615

DOXOLOGIES

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Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE) Irreg.
Charles Meineke, 1844

Just as I Am, without One Plea

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1. Just as I am, with - out one plea, but that thy
2. Just as I am, and wait - ing not to rid my
3. Just as I am, though tossed a - bout with man - y a
4. Just as I am, poor, wretch - ed, blind; sight, rich - es,


blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me
soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can
con - flict, man - y a doubt, fight - ings and fears with -
heal - ing of the mind, yea, all I need, in

come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
in, with - out, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.


5. Just as I am, thou wilt receive,
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

6. Just as I am, thy love unknown
has broken ev'ry barrier down;
now, to be thine, yea, thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.


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1. And can it be that I should gain an in - t'rest
 2. 'Tis mys - t'ry all! Th'Im - mor - tal dies: who can ex -
 3. He left his Fa - ther's throne a - bove (so free, so
 4. Long my im - pris - oned spir - it lay fast bound in
 5. No con - dem - na - tion now I dread; Je - sus, and

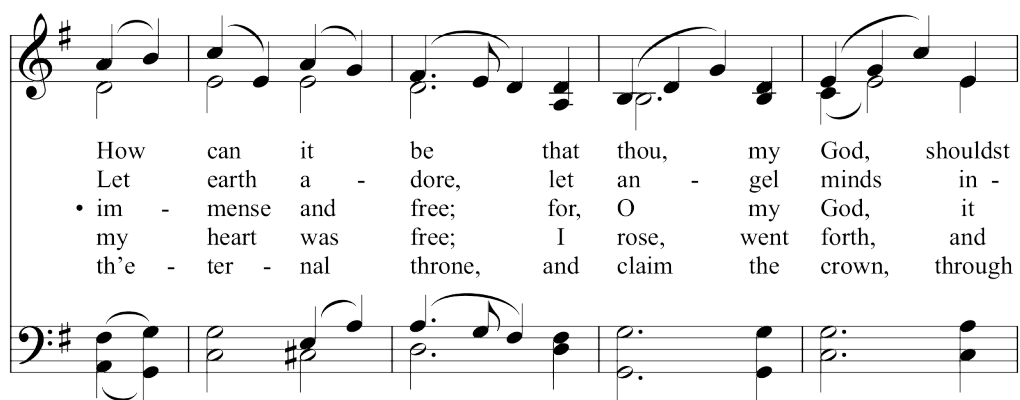


in the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his
 plore his strange de - sign? In vain the first - born ser - aph
 • in - fi - nite his grace!), hum - bled him - self (so great his
 sin and na - ture's night; thine eye dif - fused a quick - 'ning
 all in him, is mine! A - live in him, my liv - ing



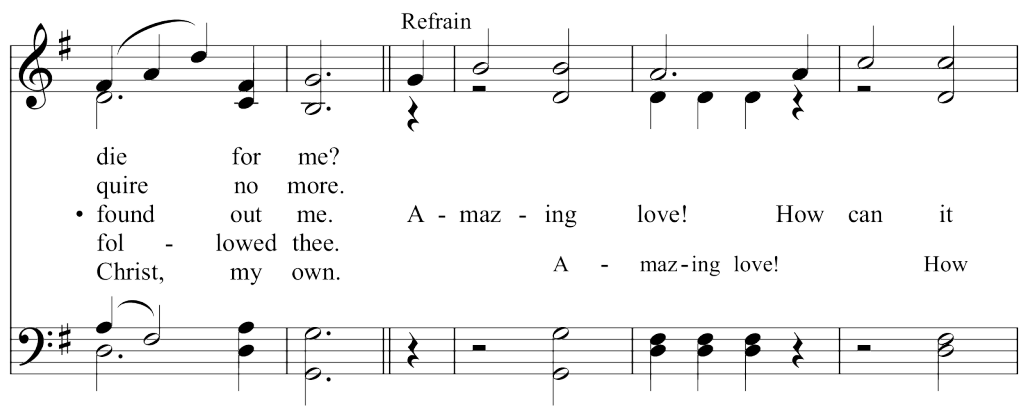
pain? For me, who him to death pur - sued? A - maz - ing love!
 tries to sound the depths of love di - vine. 'Tis mer - cy all!
 • love!), and bled for all his cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy all,
 ray; I woke, the dun - geon flamed with light; my chains fell off,
 Head, and clothed in righ - teous - ness di - vine, bold I ap - proach

SALVATION BY GRACE



How can it be that thou, my God, shouldst
 Let earth adore, let an - gel minds in -
 • im - mense and free; for, O my God, it
 my heart was free; I rose, went forth, and
 th'e - ter - nal throne, and claim the crown, through

Refrain



die for me?
 quire no more.
 • found out me. A - maz - ing love! How can it
 fol - lowed thee. A - maz-ing love! How
 Christ, my own.



be that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
 can it be that thou, my God,