



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP  
THE LORD'S DAY  
October 8, 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 20<sup>th</sup> from 6 to 8pm.

The annual Wilkie Peterson Hayride will take place on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>.

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 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## **† Call to Worship**

**Psalm 105:1-3**

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon His name; make known His deeds among the peoples! <sup>2</sup> Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wondrous works! <sup>3</sup> Glory in His holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

## **† 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**

**#22B (TH #9)**

**“All You That Fear Jehovah's Name”**

## **Prayer of Confession of Sin**

Almighty God, since You delay with so much forbearance the punishments which we have deserved and daily draw on ourselves, grant that we may not indulge ourselves but carefully consider how often and in how many ways we have provoked Your wrath against us. May we learn humbly to present ourselves to You for pardon, and with true repentance implore Your mercy.

With all our heart we desire to submit ourselves to You, whether You chastise us, or according to Your infinite goodness, You forgive us. Let our condition be ever blessed, not by flattering ourselves in our apathy, but by finding You to be our kind and bountiful Father, reconciled to us in Your only begotten Son. Amen.

Silent Confession

## **Assurance of Pardon**

**Psalm 28:6-7**

<sup>6</sup> Blessed be the Lord! For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.  
<sup>7</sup> The Lord is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

**† Hymn of Assurance**

**#497 (TH #649)**

**“More Love to Thee, Oh Christ”**

**† Confession of Faith**

Westminster Confession of Faith  
Chapter 22, Section 1-2

A lawful oath is a part of religious worship, wherein, upon just occasion, the person swearing solemnly calls God to witness what he asserts, or promises, and to judge him according to the truth or falsehood of what he swears.

The name of God only is that by which men ought to swear, and it is to be used with all holy fear and reverence.

Therefore, to swear vainly, or rashly, by that glorious and dreadful Name; or, to swear at all by any other thing, is sinful, and to be abhorred. Yet, as in matters of weight and moment, an oath is warranted by the Word of God, under the New Testament as well as under the old; so a lawful oath, being imposed by lawful authority, in such matters, ought to be taken.

Pastoral Prayer

**Scripture Reading**

**Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**

Pew Bible page number 555

Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. <sup>2</sup> Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth.

Therefore let your words be few. <sup>3</sup> For a dream comes with much business, and a fool's voice with many words.

<sup>4</sup> When you vow a vow to God, do not delay paying it, for He has no pleasure in fools. Pay what you vow. <sup>5</sup> It is better that you should not vow than that you should vow and not pay. <sup>6</sup> Let not your mouth lead you into sin, and do not say before the messenger that it was a mistake. Why should God be angry at your voice and destroy the work of your hands? <sup>7</sup> For when dreams increase and words grow many, there is vanity; but God is the one you must fear.

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“Keeping Our Vows”**

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

**#567 (TH #731)**

**“Doxology”**

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Closing Hymn**

**#369 (TH #286)**

**“Worship Christ, the Risen King!”**

† Benediction

**SERMON OUTLINE**  
**October 8, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**Ecclesiastes 5:1-7**  
**“Keeping Our Vows”**

Introduction

- I. Watch your Step (v. 1)
- II. Watch your Words (v. 2-3)
- III. Keep your Vows (v. 4-7)

Conclusion

# 22B All You That Fear Jehovah's Name

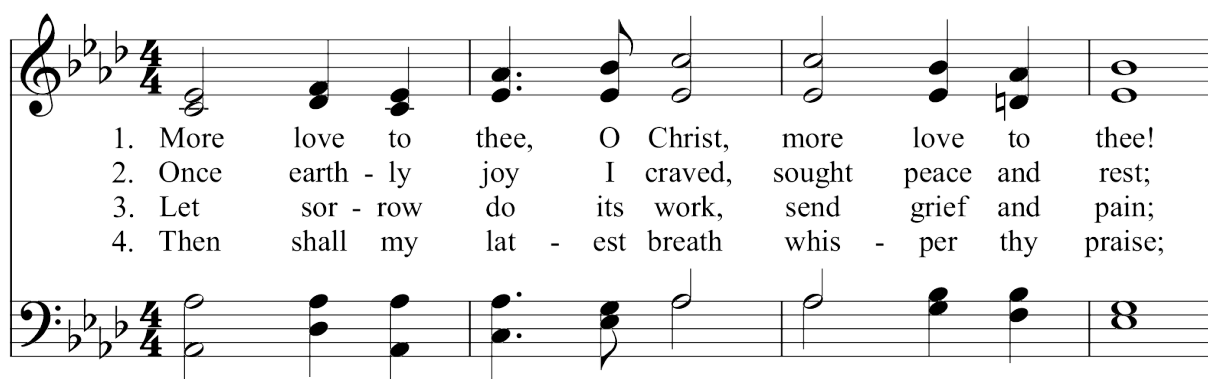
1. All you that fear Je - ho - vah's name, his glo - ry tell, his  
 2. The suf - f'ring One he has not spurned, who un - to him for  
 3. O Lord, your good - ness makes me raise a - mid your peo - ple  
 4. For all the meek you will pro - vide, they shall be fed and  
 5. The Lord's un - fail - ing righ - teous - ness all gen - er - a - tions

praise pro - claim; you chil - dren of his cho - sen race, stand now in  
 help has turned; from him he has not hid his face, but an - swered  
 • songs of praise; be - fore all them that fear you, now I wor - ship  
 sat - is - fied; all they that seek the Lord shall live and nev - er -  
 shall con - fess; from age to age shall men be taught what won - drous

awe be - fore his face, stand now in awe be - fore his face.  
 his re - quest in grace, but an - swered his re - quest in grace.  
 • you and pay my vow, I wor - ship you and pay my vow.  
 end - ing prais - es give, and nev - er - end - ing prais - es give.  
 works the Lord has wrought, what won - drous works the Lord has wrought.

## More Love to Thee, O Christ

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1. More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
 2. Once earth - ly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
 3. Let sor - row do its work, send grief and pain;  
 4. Then shall my lat - est breath whis - per thy praise;



Hear thou the prayer I make on bend - ed knee;  
 now thee a - lone I seek, give what is best;  
 sweet are thy mes - sen - gers, sweet their re - frain,  
 this be the part - ing cry my heart shall raise;



this is my earn - est plea: more love, O Christ, to thee,  
 this all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee,  
 when they can sing with me: more love, O Christ, to thee,  
 this still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee,



more love to thee, more love to thee!  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!  
 more love to thee, more love to thee!

## 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

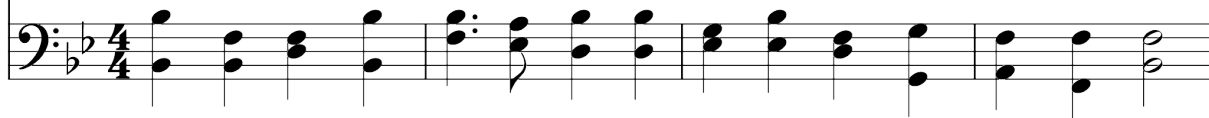



# Worship Christ, the Risen King!


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1. Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.  
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:  
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;  
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;  
 5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Sing as all the earth rejoice; resurrection anthems swell.  
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."  
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.  
 but the truth proclaims a wonderful thought: hearts receive with cheer.  
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!  
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!  
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!  
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!



Jack Hayford, 1986

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Henry Smart, 1867