



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
January 21, 2024
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

Our evening service tonight will consist of a summary report from the session to the congregation, and a report of our 2024 budget.

This year's mission conference is February 23rd to 25th. Rev George Sayour is our guest speaker, and will be bringing messages from the book of Mark. Plan on attending Friday night (pizza will be provided), Saturday morning (Ed Walker's famous breakfast and with soup and chili for lunch), and Sunday with a fellowship meal after worship.

† Call to Worship

Psalm 121:1-2

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.

† 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

#281 (TH #310)

"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"

Prayer of Confession of Sin

Holy and righteous God, we confess that like Isaiah, we are a people of unclean lips. But it is not only unclean lips we possess. We are people with unclean hands and unclean hearts. We have broken Your law times without number, and are guilty of pride, unbelief, self-centeredness, and idolatry. Affect our hearts with the severity of our sin and the glory of Your righteousness as we now acknowledge our sins in Your holy presence. We have had other gods before You.

We have taken Your name in vain. We have not kept Your Day holy. We have murdered in our hearts. We have committed adultery with our eyes. We have stolen what is not ours and coveted what belongs to others. We have lied to You and to others. God, we have sinned against Your mercy times without number. Our iniquities have gone over our heads. If You, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

How shall we answer You? We lay our hands on our mouths. We have no answer to your righteous wrath and just judgment, except for the one you have provided for us through the death of Christ. In His Name we pray, Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Isaiah 53:5-6

But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

† Hymn of Assurance

#466 (TH #528)

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

† Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith
Ch 8, sec. 5, 6

The Lord Jesus, by His perfect obedience and sacrifice of Himself, which He through the eternal Spirit once offered up unto God, has fully satisfied the justice of His Father; and purchased not only reconciliation, but an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven, for all those whom the Father has given unto Him.

Although the work of redemption was not actually wrought by Christ until after His incarnation, yet the virtue, efficacy, and benefits thereof were communicated into the elect, in all ages successively from the beginning of the world, in and by those promises, types, and sacrifices wherein He was revealed, and signified to be the seed of the woman, which should bruise the serpent's head, and the Lamb slain from the beginning of the world, being yesterday and today the same and forever.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:8-17
Pew Bible page number 939

First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world. ⁹ For God is my witness, whom I serve with my spirit in the gospel of His Son, that without ceasing I mention you ¹⁰ always in my prayers, asking that somehow by God's will I may now at last succeed in coming to you. ¹¹ For I long to see you, that I may impart to you some spiritual gift to strengthen you— ¹² that is, that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine. ¹³ I do not want you to be unaware, brothers, that I have often intended to come to you (but thus far have been prevented), in order that I may reap some harvest among you as well as among the rest of the Gentiles. ¹⁴ I am under obligation both to Greeks and to barbarians, both to the wise and to the foolish. ¹⁵ So I am eager to preach the gospel to you also who are in Rome. ¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

“The Righteousness of Faith”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Doxology”

#567 (TH #731)

† Prayer of Dedication

† **Hymn of Preparation**

“We Rest on Thee”

#422 (TH #449)

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

† **Closing Hymn**

“The One Who Dwells in God”
(verses 1, 4-5, & 9)

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† Benediction

SERMON OUTLINE
January 21, 2024
10:30 a.m.

Romans 1:8-17
“The Righteousness of Faith”

Introduction

I. The Proclamation of the Faith of the Romans (v. 8)

II. Prayers for the Success of a Mission (v. 9-10)

III. Providential Prevention (v. 11-13)

IV. Preaching is God’s Purpose (v. 15)

V. The Power of the Gospel to Produce Faith (v. 16-17)

Conclusion

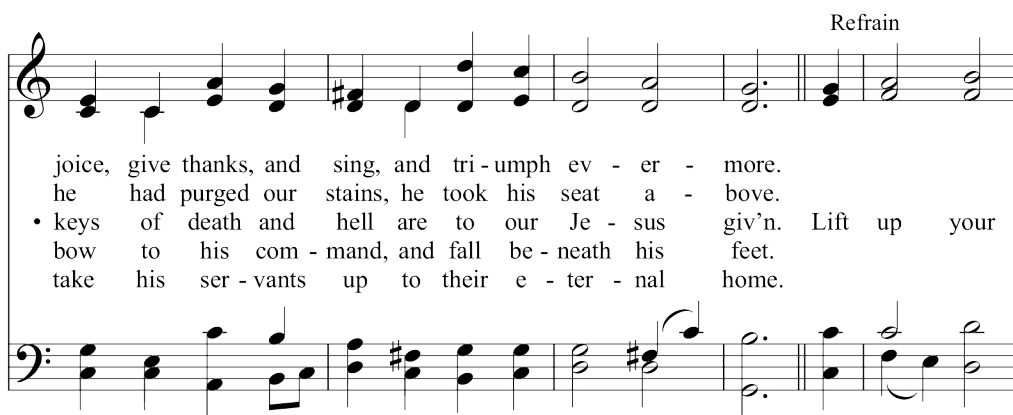
Rejoice, the Lord Is King

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1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
 2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
 3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
 4. He sits at God's right hand 'til all his foes sub - mit, and
 5. Re - joice in glo - rious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come, and

Refrain

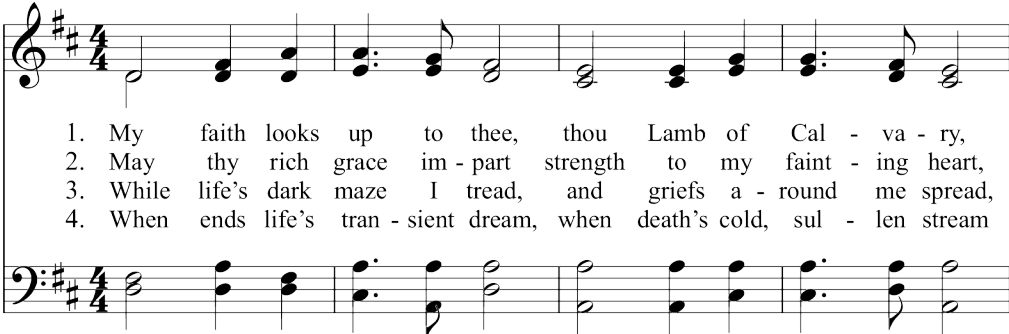


joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 • keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
 bow to his com - mand, and fall be - neath his feet.
 take his ser - vants up to their e - ter - nal home.

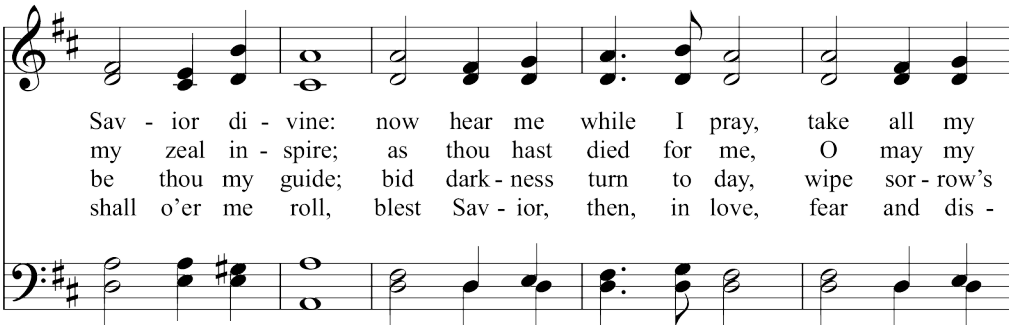


heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

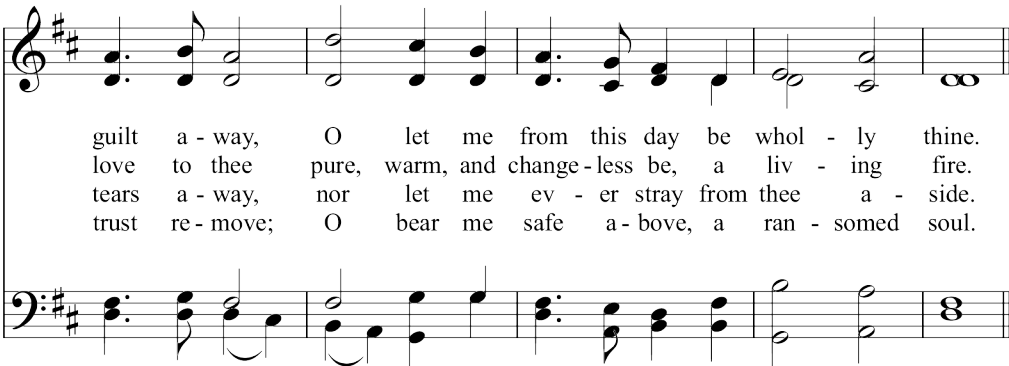
My Faith Looks Up to Thee



1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
 4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold, sul - len stream



Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day, wipe sor - row's
 shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -



guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
 trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

DOXOLOGIES

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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

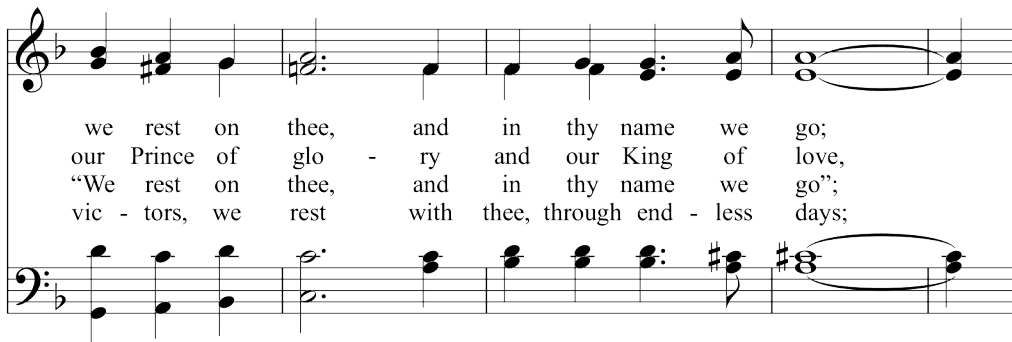
We Rest on Thee

1. We rest on thee, our Shield and our De - fend - er!
 2. Yea, in thy name, O Cap - tain of sal - va - tion!
 3. We go in faith, our own great weak - ness feel - ing,
 4. We rest on thee, our Shield and our De - fend - er!

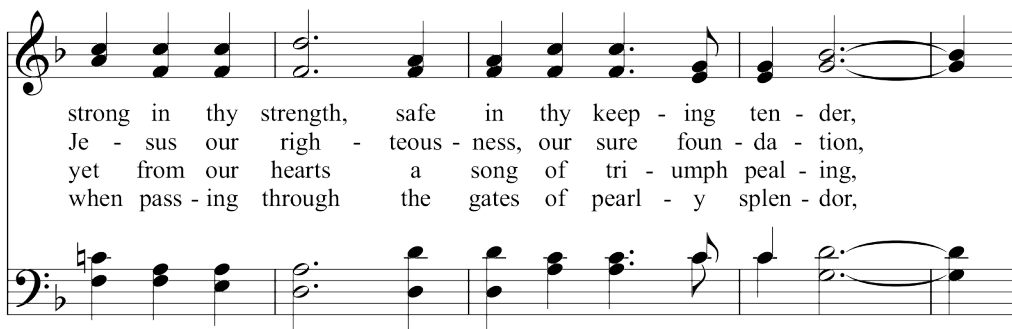
We go not forth a - lone a - gainst the foe;
 In thy dear name, all oth - er names a - bove;
 and need - ing more each day thy grace to know:
 Thine is the bat - tle, thine shall be the praise;

strong in thy strength, safe in thy keep - ing ten - der,
 Je - sus our righ - teous - ness, our sure foun - da - tion,
 yet from our hearts a song of tri - umph peal - ing,
 when pass - ing through the gates of pearl - y splen - dor,

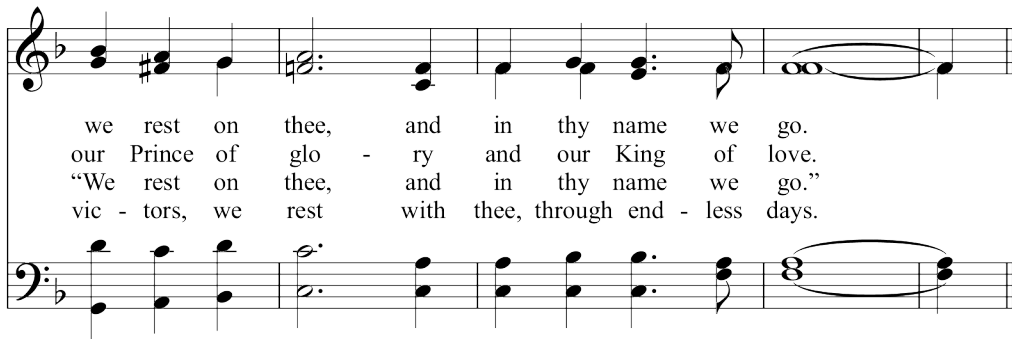
THE WORK OF MISSIONS



we rest on thee, and in thy name we go;
 our Prince of glo - ry and our King of love,
 "We rest on thee, and in thy name we go";
 vic - tors, we rest with thee, through end - less days;



strong in thy strength, safe in thy keep - ing ten - der,
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 yet from our hearts a song of tri - umph peal - ing,
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Edith G. Cherry, ca. 1895

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 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.
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The One Who Dwells in God

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Unison

1. ¹The one who dwells in God as his a - bode, with - in the
 2. ³He sure - ly saves you from the fowl - er's snare and res - cues
 3. ⁵You will not fear the ter - ror of the night, nor ar - rows
 4. ⁷Tho' thou - sands fall, ten thou - sand at your right, no harm will
 5. ⁹Be - cause you make the LORD your dwell - ing place— the Most High

shad - ow of th'Al - might - y rests. ²“He is my ref - uge,”
 you from dead - ly pes - ti - lence. ⁴Un - der his wings a
 • fly - ing in the light of day, ⁶nor the dis - ease which
 come to you or near you stand. ⁸Your eyes will then look
 God, who is my ref - uge sure— ¹⁰no e - vil then will

I say of the LORD, “My for - tress sure, my God; in him I trust.”
 ref - uge you will find; your strong de - fense will be his faith - ful - ness.
 • stalks you in the dark, nor plague of noon that will de - struc - tion lay.
 on, and you will see the wick - ed pun - ished as their ways de - mand.
 ev - er on you fall, nor dire ca - lam - i - ty come near your door.

6. ¹¹For he will charge his angels with your care,
 to guard your ways, your footsteps every one;
¹²they will uphold and bear you in their hands,
 lest you should strike your foot against a stone.

7. ¹³Upon the mighty lion you will tread;
 the cobra you will overcome and kill.
 Your feet will trample down the king of beasts;
 the serpent will be crushed beneath your heel.

8. ¹⁴“Because he loves me,” says the
 Sov'reign LORD,
 “I will deliver him and keep from harm.
 Since he acknowledges my holy name,
 I will protect him with my mighty arm.

9. ¹⁵“On me he calls, and I will answer him;
 in time of trouble I with him will be.
 I will deliver him and honor give.
¹⁶Long will he live, and my salvation see.”