

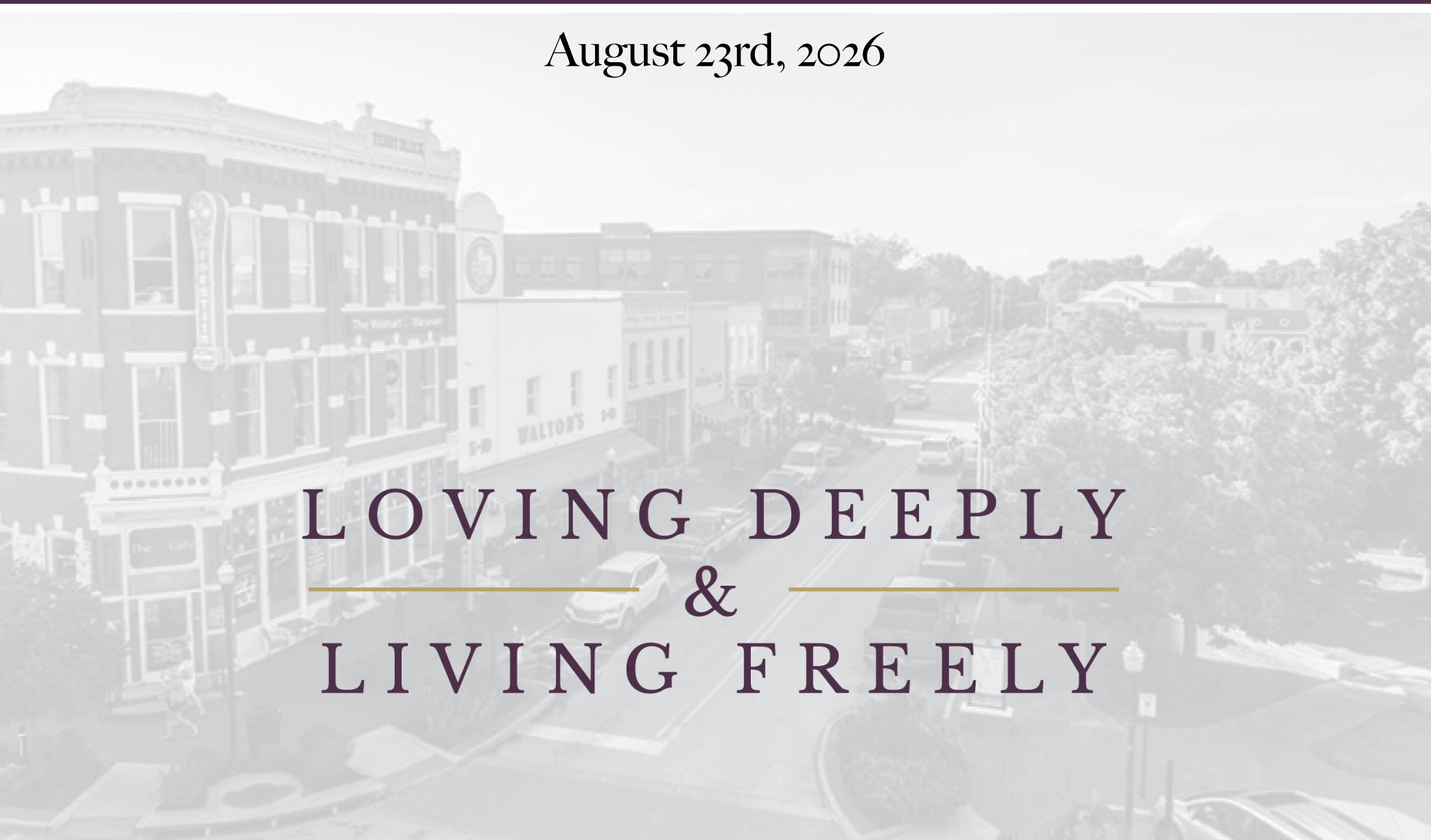


CHRIST CHURCH

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August 23rd, 2026

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LIVING FREELY

WELCOME TO CHRIST CHURCH BENTONVILLE

To all who are spiritually weak and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior;
to all who are strangers and want fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come, this church opens wide her doors
and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus.

TO OUR GUESTS: **First**, we are glad you could join us for worship! We would love to connect with you and answer any questions you may have about Christ Church. Please take a minute and scan the QR code with your phone camera and leave us your contact information. We will be in touch early in the week. **Second**, because what we are about to do may be a little different than what you are probably used to, we ask that you give us 6 weeks. Take 6 weeks to visit, become familiar with the form, ask questions, and get to know us. We believe you'll be glad you did. **Finally**, for an explanation of the content and order of worship, read the rubric along the left hand side of the bulletin as well as the section entitled "***The Liturgical Elements of Worship***" on page 8 of the bulletin.



Preparation for Worship

*This is a time to
prepare for the
worship of our
holy God. Pray
that God would
meet His people
as we gather.*

Call to Worship

*It is the Lord who
calls His people
to worship Him in
Spirit and in
Truth. We do not
call ourselves.
Worship is a
reflexive and
deliberate
response to His
gracious call.*

Invocation

*This prayer exalts
the name of the
Lord and invokes
His presence and
communion as
we come to
worship Him.*

Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.

- Proverbs 16:18

Pastor: Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed!

Pastor: Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Pastor: *Praise the Lord, all nations! Extol him, all peoples! For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever. Praise the Lord!*

- Psalm 117

Hymn of Praise
*This hymn draws
our hearts and
minds to God
acknowledging the
reality and awe and
wonder of who He
is.*

Men: Do you feel the world is broken?
Women: We do
Men: Do you feel the shadows deepen?
Women: We do
Men: Do you know that all the dark won't stop the light from getting through?
Women: We do
Men: Do you wish that you could see it all made new?
All: We do
Women: Is all creation groaning?
Men: It is
Women: Is a new creation coming?
Men: It is
Women: Is the glory of the Lord to be the light within our midst?
Men: It is
Women: Is it good that we remind ourselves of this?
All: It is

Chorus Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this?
He is

Men: Does the Father truly love us?
Women: He does
Men: Does the Spirit move among us?
Women: He does
Men: And does Jesus, our Messiah, hold forever those He loves?
Women: He does
Men: Does our God intend to dwell again with us?
All: He does

Chorus Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?
Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll?
The lion of Judah, who conquered the grave
He is David's root and the Lamb who died to ransom the slave
From every people and tribe, very nation and tongue
He has made us kingdom of priests to God to reign with the Son
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy? Is He worthy?
Is He worthy of this?
He is!

**Corporate
Confession of
Sin**
*Having come into
His presence, we
are reminded that
we are sinners in
need of the
deliverance from sin
and its power. We
both confess and
lament sin as an act
of worship and faith
in the God Who
promises to deliver
His people from all
their sin and sorrow.
We encourage a
posture of prayer
(sitting or kneeling)
that is most
comfortable for you.*

Elder: *"O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift my face to you, my God, for our iniquities have risen higher than our heads, and our guilt has mounted up to the heavens. From the days of our fathers to this day we have been in great guilt. And for our iniquities we, our kings, and our priests have been given into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, to plundering, and to utter shame, as it is today."*

- Ezra 9:6-7

All: Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned Him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before Him, or acknowledged His rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give Him glory. Forgive and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, His body. In His name we pray, amen.

Silently confess your sins to the Lord

**Hymn of
Confession/
Lament**

*This hymn focuses
on the
acknowledgment
of our sin, our
need of
forgiveness, and
the only One in
whom our
forgiveness and
restoration are
found.*

**Lord, How Secure My Conscience Was
(to O Little Town of Bethlehem)**

Isaac Watts

Lewis H. Redner

1. Lord, how se - cure my con - science was, and felt no in - ward dread. I
2. My guilt ap - peared but small be - fore, 'til ter - ri - bly I saw how
3. I'm like a help - less cap - tive sold un - der the pow'r of sin. I

was a - live with - out the law, and thought my sins were dead. My
per - fect, ho - ly, just, and pure was Your e - ter - nal law. Then
can - not do the good I would, nor keep my con - science clean. My

hopes of heav'n were firm and bright, but since the pre - cept came, with
felt my soul the hea - vy load, my sins re - vived a - gain. I
God, I cry with e - v'ry breath for some kind pow'r to save, to

a con - vin - cing pow'r and light, I find how vile I am.
had pro - voked a dread - ful God, and all my hopes were slain.
break the yoke of sin and death, and thus re - deem the slave.

Assurance of Salvation
Having confessed our sins, and raised our prayer for deliverance, we now hear of our salvation through the declaration of the Gospel.

Hymn of Faith
This hymn focuses either on God's faithfulness to us through the ages, on our responsibility to respond in faith, or the many reasons for our faith.

Scripture Reading
We read from both Old and New Testaments because they are not two different books but both are a part of God's unfolding plan of redemption.

Elder: *I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.*
- Jeremiah 33:8

How Blessed is He Whose Trespass (Psalm 32) -
to the tune of "Come Thou Fount"

Psalter 1912

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How blest is he whose tres - pass ha - s free - ly been for -
While I kept my guil - ty si - lence, my strength was spent with
So let the god - ly seek You, in times when You are
"I gra - cious - ly will teach you, the way that you should
The sor - rows of the wic - ked in num - ber shall a -

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giv'n who - se sin is who - lly co - vered be - fore the sight of
grief Thy hand was hea - vy on me, my soul found no re -
near; no whel - ming floods will reach them, nor cause their hearts to
go; and with My eye up - on you, my coun - sel make you
bound, but those that trust Je - ho - vah His mer - cy shall sur -

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Heav'n; blest he to whom Je - ho - vah im - pu - teth not his
lief; but when I owned my tres - pass, and hid my sin no
fear; in You O Lord I hide me, you save my soul from
know; but do not be un - ru - ly, or slow to un - der -
round; then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your

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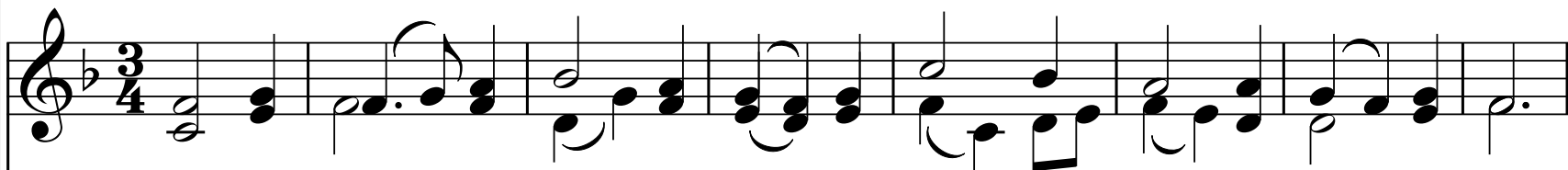
sin who has a guile-less spi - rit who-se heart is true with - in
more, when I con - fessed trans - gre - ssion, then You for - gave me, Lord
ill; and songs of Your sal - va - tion my heart with rap - ture thrill
stand; be not per - verse but will - ing to heed My wise com - mand"
voice; be glad in God, you righ - teous, re - joice, His saints re - joice

New Testament - Mark 9:30-41
Old Testament - Isaiah 39
Elder: This is the Word of the Lord
People: Thanks be to God!

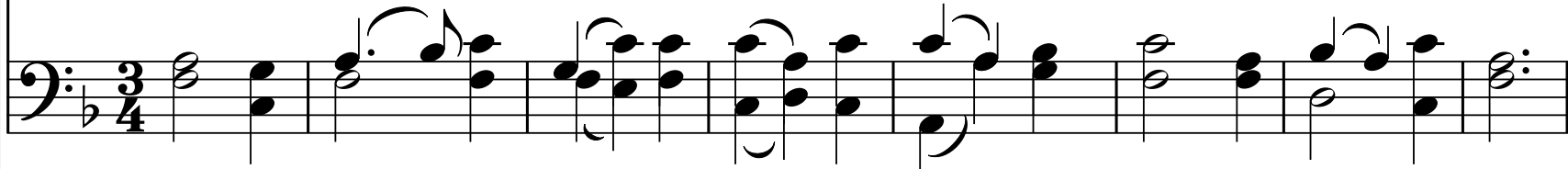
Hymn of Preparation

This hymn is gospel-focused and sermon-oriented and planned with the children in mind.

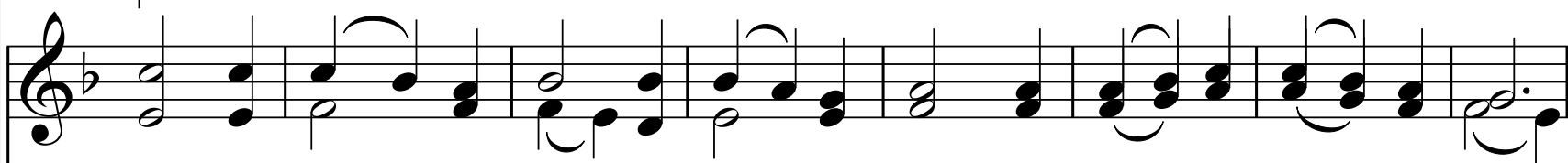
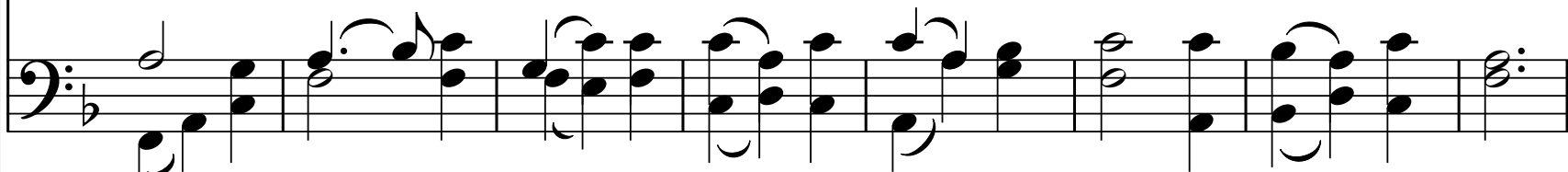
Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



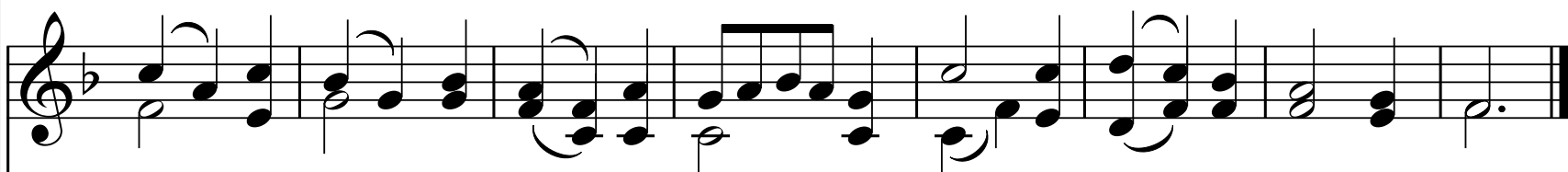
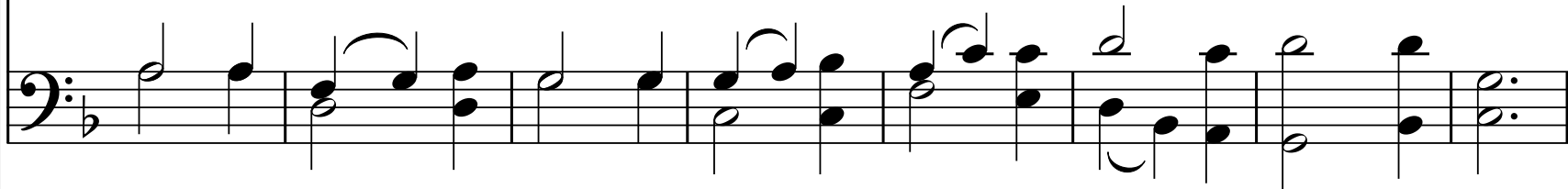
1. Come, thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2. Joy to those who long to see thee, Day - spring from on high, ap - pear;
3. Come to earth to taste our sad - ness, he whose glo - ries knew no end;
4. Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,



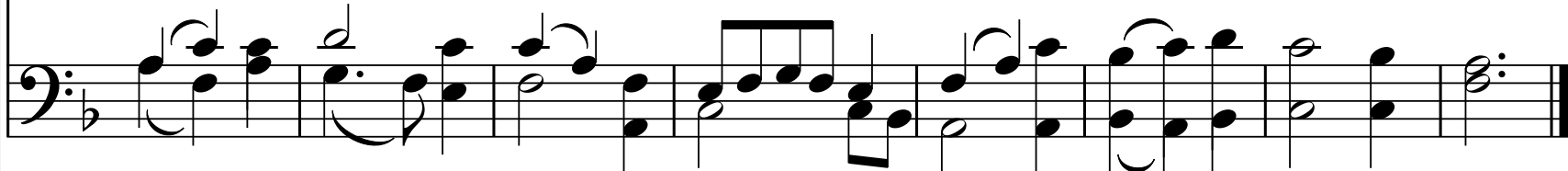
from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
come, thou prom - ised Rod of Jes - se, of thy birth we long to hear!
by his life he brings us glad - ness, our Re - deem - er, Shep - herd, Friend.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
O'er the hills the an - gels sing - ing news, glad tid - ings of a birth:
Leav - ing rich - es with - out num - ber, born with - in a cat - tle stall;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear De - sire of ev - 'ry na - tion, joy of ev - 'ry long - ing heart.
"Go to him, your prais - es bring - ing; Christ the Lord has come to earth."
this the ev - er - last - ing won - der, Christ was born the Lord of all.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it, raise us to thy glo - rious throne.



St. 1, 4, Charles Wesley, 1744

St. 2-3, Mark E. Hunt, 1978

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Rowland H. Pritchard, 1830

Sermon

*The preaching of
God's Word is a
means by which
God bestows grace
on His people.*

HOW QUICKLY WE FORGET

Isaiah 39

(A note-taking guide is provided on the final page)

For the Children - Hezekiah, Babylon(ians), Isaiah, question(s), Word, sin, pride,
king, Lord, Christ

Confession of Faith

*Being a part of the
communion of
saints, we take this
time to confess the
truth that has been
embraced by the
church throughout
history.*

Elder: Christian, what do you believe?

People: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

***catholic meaning universal**

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

*The Word having
been preached, the
death of Christ is
now showed forth
through the
sacrament of the
Lord's Supper. The
worthy receivers
are, not after a
corporal and carnal
manner, but by
faith, made
partakers of His
body and blood,
with all his benefits,
to their spiritual
nourishment and
grace.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the LORD.

The bread is gluten-free. Purple cups contain wine; clear cups contain grape juice. Come forward, pause to hear the words of institution, take a piece of bread and a cup, then return to your seats. Once everyone has been served, we will eat and drink together. After the service, please dispose of your used communion cup in the trash cans provided.

Pastoral Prayer
We are a needy people, and this prayer not only reflects that neediness but our dependence upon the Lord.

Offertory/Hymn of Response
Giving is an act of worship. We give of our tithes and offerings because all we are and all we have are gifts of God's grace. We sing in grateful response to God's grace granted to us in both Word and Sacrament.

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!

Psalm 75
Our Thanks We Offer, O God

David P. Regier

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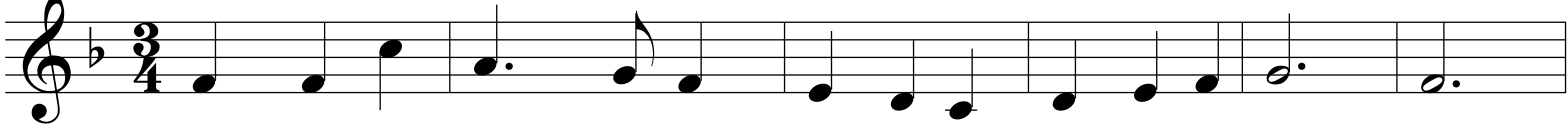
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Our thanks we of - fer, O God, for Your name is up - on us;
"Earth and all those whodwell in it shall shake now be - fore Me.
Not from the east, nor west, nor from the wild, ex - al - ta - tion.
But as for me, I will tell of His won - ders for - ev - er;

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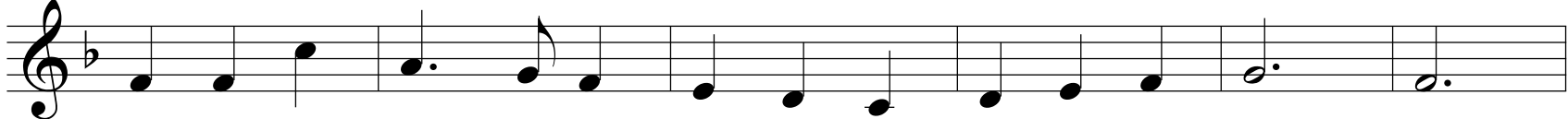
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Tell - ing Your won - der - ful works, how your mer - cies dwell on us.
I have es - tab - lished its pil - lars, and stead - y its moor - ing.
God is the Judge who must hum - ble or give ac - cla - ma - tion.
Prais - ing the Lord God with sing - ing shall be my en - dea - vor.

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"At My set time, I, in My na - ture sub - lime,
Who then shall boast Lord, A - gainst the heav - en - ly host?
Thus from shall the cast down Wine of ev - 'ry wrath shall be his poured;
He shall cast down Lord, Wine of ev - 'ry wrath shall be his crown,

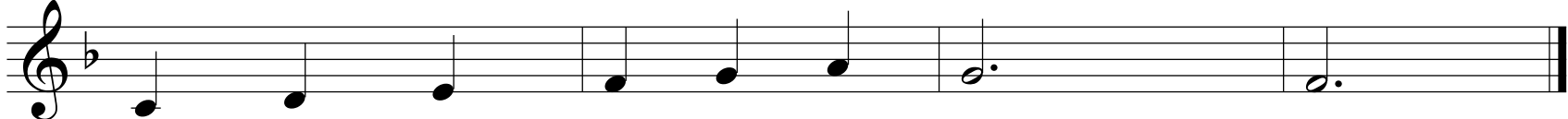
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Judge all the earth by my prom - ise."
Qui - et your pride now be - fore Me!"
Giv - ing the the wick - ed ba - tion.
And raise the right - eous for - ev - er!

Doxology

We encourage a posture lifting holy hands to the Lord in thanksgiving.

Benediction

We leave with the assurance that God intends to bless His people as we serve him and our neighbors through our various vocations throughout the week.

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

Pastor: The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all.

- Revelation 22:21

People: And also with you!

Information

CHILDCARE

It has been our desire to offer childcare as we have volunteers. We have intentionally refrained from constant pressure and from relying upon only a few to shoulder the responsibility. At the same time, as the number of little ones increases, we do want to keep the opportunity before you. If you are able and willing to help, please scan the QR code to the right and sign up today. The more the merrier.



THE LITURGICAL ELEMENTS OF OUR WORSHIP

Why do we do what we do during our corporate worship service on Sunday? To a visitor it could seem strange. We do more than just sing, which is usually what people associate with the word "worship". There are times of silence. Prayers are spoken. The Bible is read. A sermon on a particular passage of Scripture is heard. We eat a bite of bread and drink a small amount of wine or juice in celebration of Christ's death. Money is collected. Hands are raised in devotion. Why are these elements a part of what we do together? Why don't we just hang out in small groups and sip coffee? Why don't we just sit back and watch an hour long video on being better people? All of these elements are a part of our worship because we believe they show honor to God in the way he wants to be honored. These aren't just made up elements. They are pieces in a story that is told each Sunday, with each piece either commanded or exemplified in scripture.

WHY OUR PASTORS WEAR ROBES

Wearing a robe **hides the man** - No matter what the pastor wears, whether it be an expensive suit, an inexpensive suit, business casual or holey jeans with his shirt untucked, people are always prone to put too much stock in whatever style he prefers. The black Geneva robe is designed to remove this distraction and allow us to focus on the One whom he represents. That leads to the second point. It also **emphasizes his office**. Just as a judge wears a robe when in the courtroom, a fireman wears a uniform when on duty, or a military officer wears his dress greens or blues to a formal event to announce that they are acting in an official capacity, our pastors wear robes during the worship service to signify that they are acting in their official capacity as men who have been called by God to proclaim His word to His people. The robe reminds the congregation (and the minister!) that he is in the pulpit as an ambassador of Christ, and thus is not to speak his own thoughts, give mere advice, or share worldly wisdom, but only the Word of God.

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP

We believe children are a blessing from the Lord, and that they should be included in the worship of God with the people of God. That means at times there will be noise in the worship service. **God put the wiggle in children and that wiggle is welcome in His house!** If you are not used to it, it may take a little time. We understand. Bearing with one another in love is our calling.

Our aim is to help parents in the training of their children in the “pew”. We do this in two ways:

1. Sunday evening worship.

Every Sunday, we plan our worship services taking both children and parents into consideration. First, the Hymn of Preparation is chosen with our children in mind. We want it to be a song that they know or at least can learn quickly. Second, we offer childcare for those 0-3 during the sermon. But please know, we enjoy having children in worship! They are not distractions! Keeping them with us in worship is one of the best gifts we can give them as they will learn the blessing of worship and grow in ways we cannot imagine. Feel free to sit up front where it is easier for children to see and hear what is happening.

2. Weekly family worship.

To facilitate learning throughout the week, the following ideas are provided for families to use during their own times of worship. We incorporate the hymns, confession of faith and sermon passage for familiarity and repetition purposes.

Weekly Catechism: WSC 82

Q: Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A: No mere man, since the fall, is able, in this life, perfectly to keep the commandments of God; but does daily break them, in thought, word, and deed.

Wednesday

Sing Psalm 32.

Read 2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 2 Chronicles 31, and WSC 82.

Was Hezekiah a good king or a bad king overall? How could this be true despite his shortcomings?

What does this teach us about how we should view our imperfect parents, pastors, and leaders? How does it point us to Christ?

Monday

Sing “Is He Worthy”.

Read Isaiah 39, 2 Kings 20:12-21, and WSC 82.

Why did Hezekiah show the Babylonian messengers all his treasures? What sin did this reveal? Why did Hezekiah react this way to Isaiah’s prophecy of judgment? Hezekiah was a great king, but he still failed. How does WSC 82 explain Hezekiah's actions in this chapter?

Tuesday

Sing “Lord, how Secure my Conscience Was”.

Read Isaiah 39, 2 Chronicles 32:24-33, and WSC 82.

What does it mean that God tested Hezekiah, and how did he respond? How did his pride show itself, and how did he humble himself? Why can we be especially vulnerable to temptation after experiencing God's blessing?

Thursday

Sing “Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus”.

Read Isaiah 39, 2 Chronicles 36:1-21, and WSC 82.

How do the events of 2 Chronicles 36 fulfill Isaiah’s prophecy in Isaiah 39?

Was the fall of Jerusalem simply Hezekiah’s fault? How did his sin play into a larger pattern of unfaithfulness?

How can this teach us about God’s providence and the consequences of sin across generations?

Friday

Sing Psalm 75.

Read Isaiah 39, Isaiah 7, and WSC 82.

How does Isaiah 39 show that Hezekiah was not the promised one of Isaiah 7? Who was? How would you summarize the message of Isaiah so far? What is a big lesson you’ve learned? What has that lesson helped you change? Since “no mere man” can keep God's commandments (WSC 82), take time as a family to pray and thank God for sending Jesus to keep them perfectly for us.

SMALL GROUPS

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1st and 3rd Thursdays; 6 PM

The Fried House

Contact: Latham (479) 903-4169

Walker - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Walker House

Contact: Wes (479) 409-8831

Taylor/Solms - Bentonville

1st and 3rd Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Solms House

Contact: Caleb (479) 295-5011

Youth Small Group - Bella Vista

2nd and 4th Wednesdays; 6 PM

The Wieda or Raines House

Contact: Kenny (479) 616-7493

SERMON NOTES

HOW QUICKLY WE FORGET Isaiah 39

INTRODUCTION

I. THE WELCOMED VISIT (vv. 1-2)

II. THE WORRISOME INQUIRY (vv. 3-4)

III. THE WORD OF THE LORD (vv. 5-7)

IV. THE WONDER OF CHRIST (vs. 8)

CONCLUSION



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