

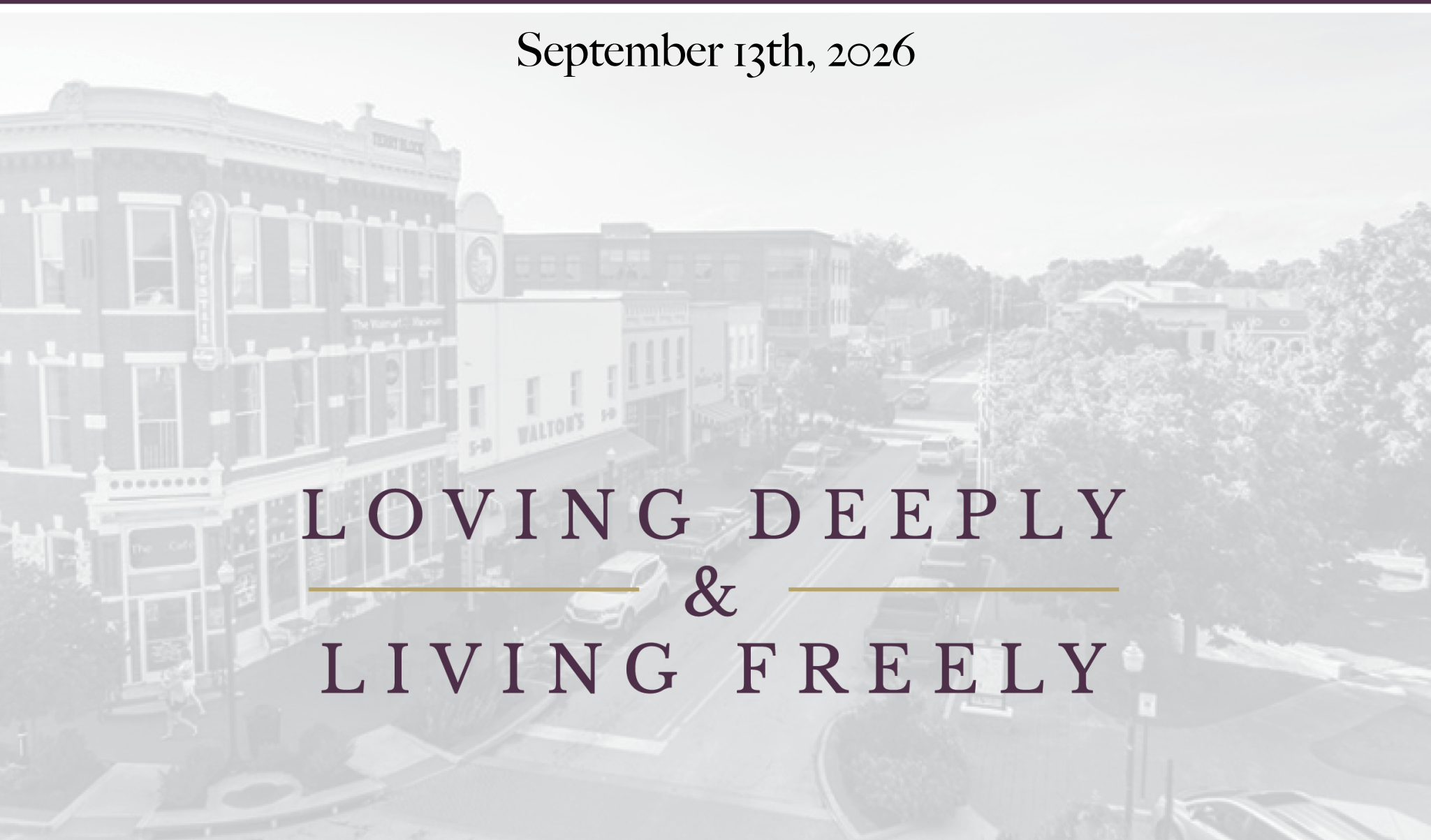


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September 13th, 2026

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LOVING DEEPLY
&
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.

When I saw him, I fell at his feet as though dead. But he laid his right hand on me, saying, "Fear not, I am the first and the last, and the living one. I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of Death and Hades."

- Revelation 1:17-18

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.

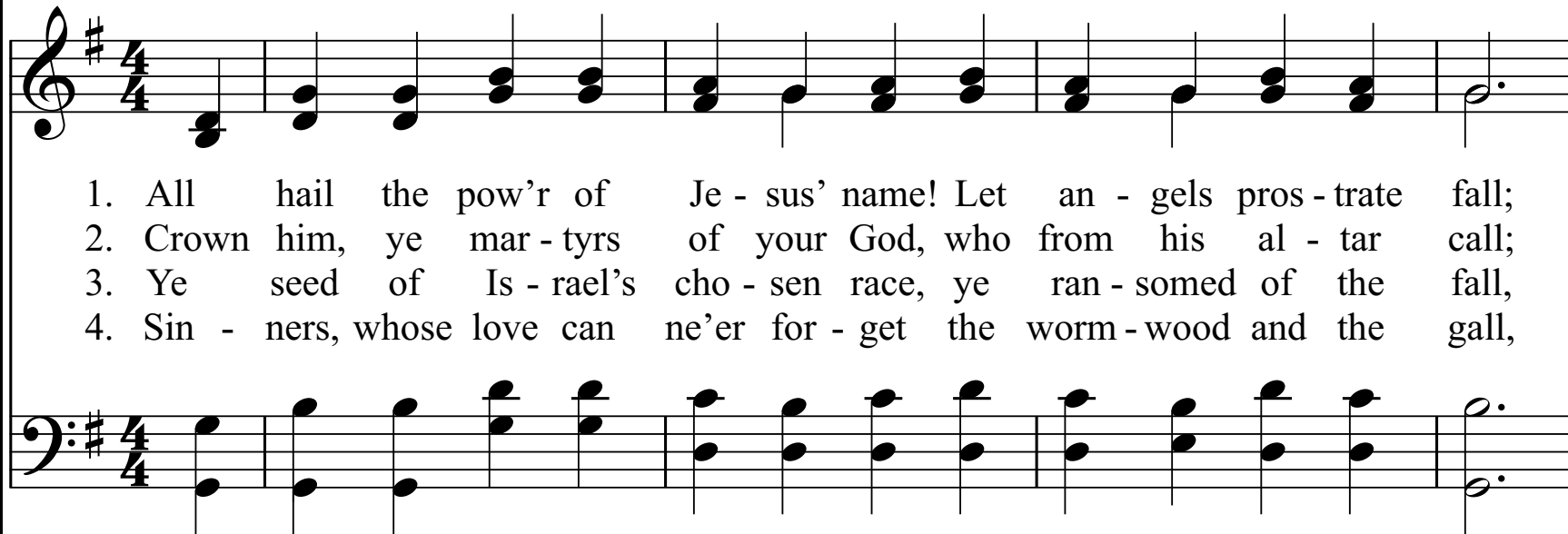
Pastor: *Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the godly! Let Israel be glad in his Maker; let the children of Zion rejoice in their King! Let them praise his name with dancing, making melody to him with tambourine and lyre! For the Lord takes pleasure in his people; he adorns the humble with salvation. Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their throats and two-edged swords in their hands, to execute vengeance on the nations and punishments on the peoples, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, to execute on them the judgment written! This is honor for all his godly ones. Praise the Lord!*

- Psalm 149

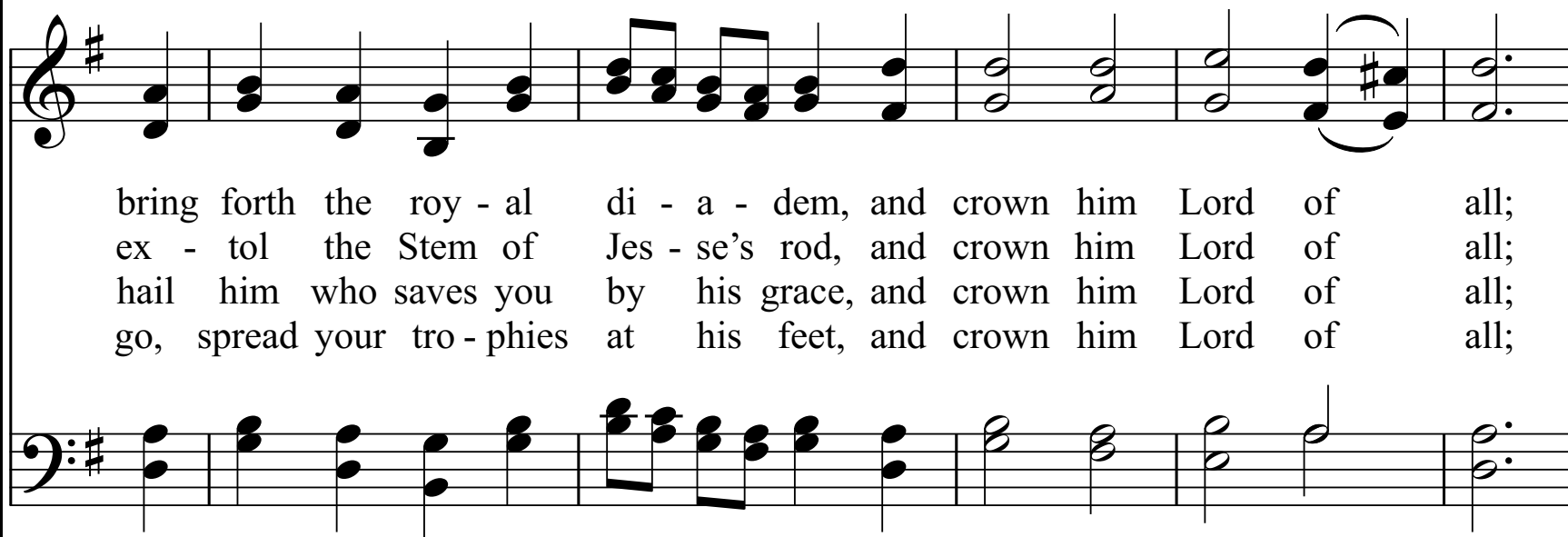
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Hymn of Praise

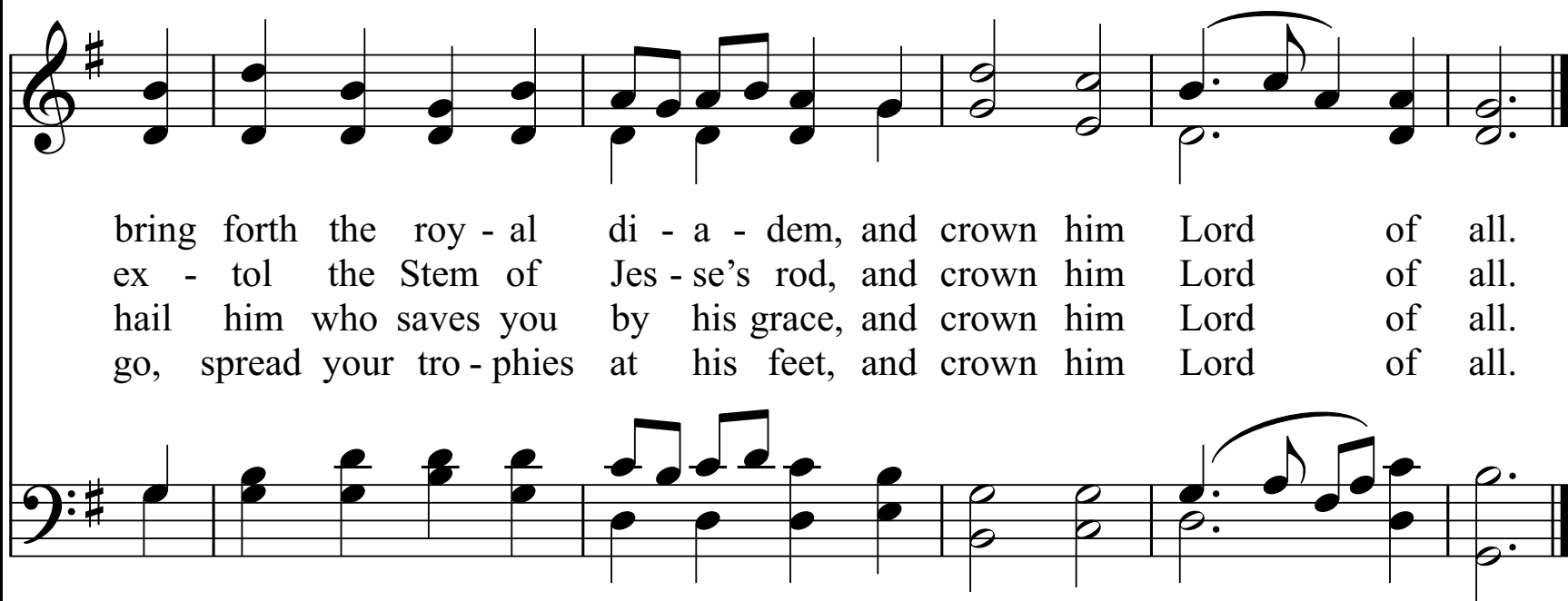
This hymn draws our hearts and minds to God acknowledging the reality and awe and wonder of who He is.



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
2. Crown him, ye mar - tyrs of your God, who from his al - tar call;
3. Ye seed of Is - rael's cho - sen race, ye ran - somed of the fall,
4. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get the worm - wood and the gall,



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
ex - tol the Stem of Jes - se's rod, and crown him Lord of all;
hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
go, spread your tro - phies at his feet, and crown him Lord of all;



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5. Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe,
on this terrestrial ball,
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all;
to him all majesty ascribe,
and crown him Lord of all.

6. O that with yonder sacred throng
we at his feet may fall;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all;
we'll join the everlasting song,
and crown him Lord of all.

Elder: *Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!
And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way
everlasting!*

- Psalm 139:23-24

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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.

All: Most merciful God, whose Son Jesus Christ was tempted in every way, yet without sin, we confess before You our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted Your power to protect us. Forgive us for our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore us in such trust and love that we may walk in Your ways and delight in doing Your will. We ask in Jesus's name. 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.

PSALM 130 (FROM DEPTHS OF WOE)

Words by Martin Luther
Music by Christopher Miner

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Bm

G

1. From depths of woe I raise to Thee, The voice of lam - en - ta - tion; Lord,

2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, Grace, grace a - lone a - vail - eth; Our

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D

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Bm

G

turn a gra - cious ear to me And hear my sup - pli - ca - tion; If

works, a - las! Are all in vain; In much the best life fail - eth; No

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G

A

Bm

G

thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, Our se - cret sins and mis - deeds dark, **Men:** O

man can glo - ry in thy sight, All must a - like con - fess thy might, And

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who shall stand be - fore thee? **Women:** O who shall stand be - fore

live a - lone by mer - cy And live a - lone by And mer -

18

D

A

G

A

D

who shall stand be - fore thee? Who shall stand be - fore thee?

thee? live a - lone by mer - cy Live a - lone by mer - cy

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (echo)
I wait for it with patience (echo)

4. What though I wait the live-long night,
And till the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in his might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait till God appeareth. (echo)
And wait till God appeareth (echo)

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)
From all their sin and sorrow (echo)

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.

Elder: *But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.* - 1 Peter 2:9-10

Yet Not I, But Through Christ in Me Robinson, Thompson, Farren

♩ = 75

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff with a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo is marked as quarter note = 75. The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (4, 8, 12) at the beginning of the first staff. The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words hyphenated across lines. The final system ends with a double bar line and a repeat sign.

What gift of grace is Je - sus my re - deem - er. There is no more for heav - en now to
The night is dark but I am not for - sak - en. For by my side, the Sav - iour He will
No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en. The fu - ture sure, the price it has been
With ev - ery breath I long to fol - low Je - sus For He has said that He will bring me

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give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness, and free - dom. My stead - fast love, my deep and bound - less
stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re - joic - ing For in my need, His pow - er is dis -
paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my par - don, And He was raised to o - ver - throw the
home And day by day I know He will re - new me Un - til I stand with joy be - fore the

8
peace. To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus, For my life is whol - ly bound to
played, To this I hold, my Shep - herd will de - fend - me Through the deep - est val - ley He will
grave. To this I hold, my sin has been de - feat - ed. Je - sus now and e - ver is my
throne To this I hold, my hope is on - ly Je - sus All the glo - ry ev - er - more to

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His. Oh how strange and di - vine, I can sing: all is mine! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
lead. Oh the night has been won, and I shall o - ver - come! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
plea. Oh the chains are re - leased, I can sing: I am free! Yet not I, but through Christ in me.
Him When the race is com - plete, still my lips shall re - peat Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

**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.

**Hymn of
Preparation**

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

New Testament - Mark 10:13-16

Old Testament - Isaiah 41

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God!

My One Comfort

Dustin Kensrue

My one com-fort both in life and death is that I am not my own

I've been bought with blood and I con-fess I be-long to You al-one By the

Fa-ther's good de-cree Je-sus You've de-li-vered me By Your Spi-rit

set me free to fol-low You Je-sus You have ta-ken hold of me

and in Your grip of grace I'm fi-n'ly free By the Fa-ther's

good de-cree Je-sus You've de-li-vered me By Your Spi-rit set me free

to fol-low You

Sermon

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

FEAR NOT

Isaiah 41

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

For the Children - fear, idol(s), idolatry, comfort, Lord, God, 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.

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!

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.

Psalm 1 - How Blessed is the Man

Jody Killingsworth

EmCDEm



1.How bles- sed is the man who doesnot walk in the coun - sel of the wic-ked,
2.He's plan-ted like a tree that's roo-ted by the__ streams of li - ving wa-ter,
3.The wic-ked are not so, they're like the chaff the__ au - tumn winds will scat-ter.

5EmCDEm



and where the boast-ful sin - ners talk will he re - fuse to stand.
that bears in sea-son its good fruit for o - ther souls to share.
When judg-ment starts to blow they'll feel the fu - ry of the Day.

9EmCDEm



He does - n't join with men who scoff, he dare not e - ven sit a - mong them.
Its leaves won't die a - way or wi - ther; all he tries to do will pros - per,
The righ - teous God will know, He'll see them on to ev - er - last - ing har - bor.

13EmCDEm



But his de - light is in God's law, it is his hope and pray'r.
for his de - light is in God's law, it is his hope and pray'r.
The wic - ked, though, not so, God's wrath will drive them far a - way.

17CGB7EmCBGB7EmD



Chorus:
In the law__ he me - di - tates. In the law__ he me - di - tates.___

25CGB7EmCBGB7Em



__ In the law__ he me - di - tates. In the night___ and in the day.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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: Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen...Grace be with all of you.

- Hebrews 13:20-21,25

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 5

Q: Are there more Gods than one?

A: There is but One only, the living and true God.

Wednesday

Sing “Yet not I...”

Read Isaiah 41:14-20, Psalm 107:31-43, and WSC 5.

Why does God call His people a “worm”? What does it mean that He is our Redeemer? How should this part of Isaiah teach us to pray? How would His deliverance lead to rejoicing?

Prayer prompt: *Thank the Lord for knowing and providing for your needs. Rejoice for how He has done so, and pray for Him to do so again.*

Monday

Sing “All Hail the Power...”

Read Isaiah 41:1-7, Revelation 1:12-18, and WSC 5.

What does it mean that the Lord is “the first and the last”? What is Jesus claiming when He says that about Himself in Revelation 1? How does Isaiah 41:6-7 show how idols are different from the Lord? How should this increase our trust in the Lord?

Prayer prompt: *Ask the Lord to strengthen your faith in His sovereignty.*

Tuesday

Sing Psalm 130.

Read Isaiah 41:8-13, 1 Peter 2:9-10, and WSC 5.

Why does God say Israel should not be afraid? What does it mean to be His servant? To be chosen by Him? How has God strengthened, helped, and upheld you? How do you need Him to do so right now?

Prayer prompt: *Thank the Lord for His past care for you and pray for Him to keep His promises in your current circumstances.*

Thursday

Sing “My One Comfort”.

Read Isaiah 41:21-24, 1 Corinthians 8:4-5, and WSC 5.

How does God challenge false gods in verses 21-24? What explanations do people seek today for why things have happened or what will happen in the future? Why do those things fail?

Prayer prompt: *Confess how you have looked to other things for direction, and ask the Lord to help you seek wisdom from Him only.*

Friday

Sing Psalm 1.

Read Isaiah 41:25-29, Ezra 1:1-4, and WSC 5.

What is the Lord predicting in verses 25-29? How does this prove that He is the only true God? How does knowing the fulfillment of this prophecy strengthen our faith? What worthless things do people trust today? Which are you tempted to trust?

Prayer prompt: *Praise God for keeping His word.*

SMALL GROUPS

Chambers/Fried - Rogers

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

FEAR NOT Isaiah 41

INTRODUCTION

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II. THE CHALLENGE (vv. 21-29)

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