

The Lord's Day, September 18, 2022
10:30 AM Morning Service

"The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of his heart to all generations." Psalm 33:11

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

***Call to Worship: Isaiah 46:3-5, 9-11**

Minister: "Listen to me, O house of Jacob, all the remnant of the house of Israel, who have been borne by me from before your birth, carried from the womb;

People: even to your old age I am he, and to gray hairs I will carry you. I have made, and I will bear; I will carry and will save.

Minister: To whom will you liken me and make me equal, and compare me, that we may be alike?

People: I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning and from ancient times things not yet done, saying,

Minister: 'My counsel shall stand, and I will accomplish all my purpose...I have spoken, and I will bring it to pass; I have purposed, and I will do it.'"

Unison: Come, let us sing and praise our God!

***Hymn of Adoration: "The God of Abraham Praise" (No. 34)**

1 The God of Abraham praise, who reigns
enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting days and God of love.
Jehovah! Great I AM! by earth and heav'n confessed;
I bow and bless the sacred name, forever blest.

2 The God of Abraham praise, at whose supreme
command
from earth I rise, and seek the joys at his right hand.
I all on earth forsake, its wisdom, fame, and pow'r,
and him my only portion make, my shield and
tow'r.

3 He by himself hath sworn, I on his oath depend;
I shall, on eagles' wings upborne, to heav'n ascend,
I shall behold his face, I shall his pow'r adore,
and sing the wonders of his grace forevermore.

4 The goodly land I see, with peace and plenty blest,
a land of sacred liberty and endless rest.
There milk and honey flow, and oil and wine
abound,
and trees of life forever grow, with mercy crowned.

5 There dwells the Lord our King, the Lord our
Righteousness,
triumphant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of
Peace.
On Zion's sacred height his kingdom he maintains,
and glorious with his saints in light forever reigns.

6 The whole triumphant host gives thanks to God
on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!" they ever cry.
Hail Abraham's God and mine! I join the heav'nly
lays;
all might and majesty are thine, and endless praise.

***Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Prayer**

O God All-Sufficient, you have made and you uphold all thing by the word of your power. Darkness is your pavilion; you walk on the wings of the wind. All nations are as nothing before you; one generation succeeds another, and we hasten back to the dust. But you, unchangeable and incorruptible, are for ever and ever, God over all, blessed eternally. You are infinitely great and glorious. We are your offspring and your care. You have made us. You have watched over us with more than fatherly love, more than maternal tenderness. Your divine power has given us all things necessary for life and godliness. Let us bless you at all times and never forget how you have forgiven our iniquities, healed our diseases, redeemed our lives from destruction, crowned us with lovingkindness and tender mercies, satisfied our mouths with good things, and renewed our youth like the eagle's. In the name of Jesus we come to you. Amen.

Adapted from "Second Day Morning, God Over All" in The Valley of Vision

***Confession of Faith: Westminster Larger Catechism, 7**

Minister: What is God?

People: God is a Spirit, in and of Himself infinite in being, glory, blessedness, and perfection; all-sufficient, eternal, unchangeable, incomprehensible, everywhere present, almighty, knowing all things, most wise, most holy, most just, most merciful and gracious, long-suffering, and abundant in goodness and truth.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria (Tune: Duke Street)**

**Glory to God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
To you, O blessed Trinity, be praise throughout eternity!**

New Testament Reading: I Peter 1:1-25

***Hymn of Preparation: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" (No. 598)**

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more,
feed me till I want no more.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side;
songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to thee,
I will ever give to thee

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through;
strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer,
be thou still my strength and shield,
be thou still my strength and shield.

The Prayers of the People

Minister: Father, we thank you for your works in Creation, for the beauty, splendor and majesty of the world in which we live.

People: We praise you for your works of Providence by which we are sustained, preserved, provided for and blessed:

Minister: We praise you specifically for the gifts of food, friendship, family and health.

People: We praise and thank you for your marvelous works in Redemption—that in the Lord, Jesus Christ, you have sought us, found us, saved us and brought us safely home to yourself.

Minister: For all your surpassing goodness to us, especially for the hope of your certain return, of eternal life and of the new heaven and the new earth, we worship and adore you.

Unison: Lord, hear our prayers of thanksgiving.

Silent Prayer and Meditation

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Encouragement

Minister: So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. Therefore let us go to him outside the camp and bear the reproach he endured. For here we have no lasting city, but we seek the city that is to come. Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. (Hebrews 13:12-15)

Unison: Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

***Hymn of Consecration: "Christ, of All My Hopes the Ground" (No. 518)**

1 Christ, of all my hopes the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
still in you may I be found,
still for you my pow'rs employ,
still for you my pow'rs employ.

2 Let your love my heart inflame;
keep your fear before my sight;
be your praise my highest aim;
be your smile my chief delight,
be your smile my chief delight.

3 Fountain of o'erflowing grace,
freely from your fullness give;
till I close my earthly race,
may I prove it "Christ to live,"
may I prove it "Christ to live."

4 Firmly trusting in your blood,
nothing shall my heart confound;
safely I shall pass the flood,
safely reach Immanuel's ground,
safely reach Immanuel's ground.

5 Thus, O thus, an entrance give
to the land of cloudless sky;
having known it "Christ to live,"
let me know it "gain to die,"
let me know it "gain to die."

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

***Doxology (Tune: Old Hundredth)**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost; Amen**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

***Reading of The Holy Scriptures: Jeremiah 29:1-32**

***The Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon: "Exile Letters" (Rev. Seth Wallace)

***Hymn of Response: "My Hope Is in the Lord" (No. 523)**

1 My Hope is in the Lord,
who gave Himself for me
And paid the price of all my sin at Calvary

Refrain

For me He died; For me He lives,
And everlasting life and light He freely
gives.

2 No merit of my own
His anger to suppress,
My only hope is found in Jesus' righteousness

3 And now for me He stands
before the Father's throne;
He shows His wounded hands and names me
as His own.

4 His grace has planned it all,
'Tis mine but to believe
And recognize His work of love and Christ
receive.

***The Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregational standing, if able.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ Luncheon

You are invited to a fellowship meal following church service on **September 25**. The Fellowship Committee will provide the sandwiches and beverages. The congregation is asked to bring a salad or dessert, enough to serve eight. A signup sheet is located in the foyer, or you may go to www.ckv.org to sign up. We are hoping for a large turnout, so be sure to sign up so the Fellowship Committee will know how to plan. Thank you. White tie and tiaras are optional!

➤ Nursery Shower

To better serve our covenant children and families, our nursery is receiving some much needed updates. We will be painting, repairing, and replacing many of the items. To that end, we are asking those in our church family who would like to participate to help out by purchasing items for the nursery from our Amazon registry, which you can access by using this QR code. The list will update to show which items have already been purchased and which have not, like a typical baby registry. We ask that you purchase items only from this list, as it has been created with specific intent.



The items should, by default, be set to deliver to Pastor Seth's house. We are grateful for the direction and help of Larissa Miller in leading these changes and for the deacons and others who are working to implement the improvements.

We would like to collect all the items by the end of October. Thank you for your generosity!

➤ Men's Fellowship Time

Men's Fellowship Time is at 7:00 a.m. on Wednesdays at C.J. Cannon's.

➤ Women's Bible Study Resumes

All women of the church are invited to come to Bible Study beginning this **Thursday, September 22 at 10:00 a.m.** at the church. We will be studying *In View of God's Mercies: The Gift of the Gospel in Romans* by Courtney Doctor.

Study books may be found on the book table for \$15 each. You may deposit cash or check in the book box and sign your name to the signup sheet, also found on the book table. *Pease complete lessons 1 and 2 prior to September 22 and watch the video for both lessons.* Look in the back (next-to-last page) of your study book for instructions.

Leaders for this study are Carolyn Beckett, Bev Bell, Audrey Blanzole and Winnie Paauw. Bring a friend and together we will learn the Good News in this gospel of grace.