



SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2023
Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

Delighting in God's Glory | Demonstrating His Grace | Declaring His Gospel

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*PSALM 121

"I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills"

Dundee

I lift my eyes up to the hills, from where shall come my aid?
My help comes from the Lord above, who heav'n and earth has made.

He will not let your foot be moved; your keeper will not sleep.
Behold, he slumbers not, nor sleeps, for he will Isr'el keep.

At your right hand the Lord, your keeper, is your constant shade.
The moon shall strike you not by night, nor sun by light of day.

The Lord will keep you from all harm; he keeps your life secure.
Your going out and coming in, the Lord keeps evermore.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father; by whom all things were made.

Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary, and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried; the third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceeds from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord our God, you know us better than we know ourselves. As we come before you now, we all share a deep need, for we are lost without your grace. Search us, O God, and know our hearts, test us and know our troubled thoughts. Give us true repentance, and forgive all our wrongdoing. Transform us by your Spirit to live for you each day, loving and serving one another through the abundant grace poured out for us through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley
PASTORS Rev. David Frerichs | Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Thomas Myrick

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*HYMN NO. 64

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

*HYMN NO. 106

“Praise Him! Praise Him!”

Joyful Song

*HYMN

“The Gospel Song”

Holy God, in love, became
Perfect man to bear my blame.
On the cross he took my sin.
By his death I live again.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 2:17–23

pages 223, pew Bible

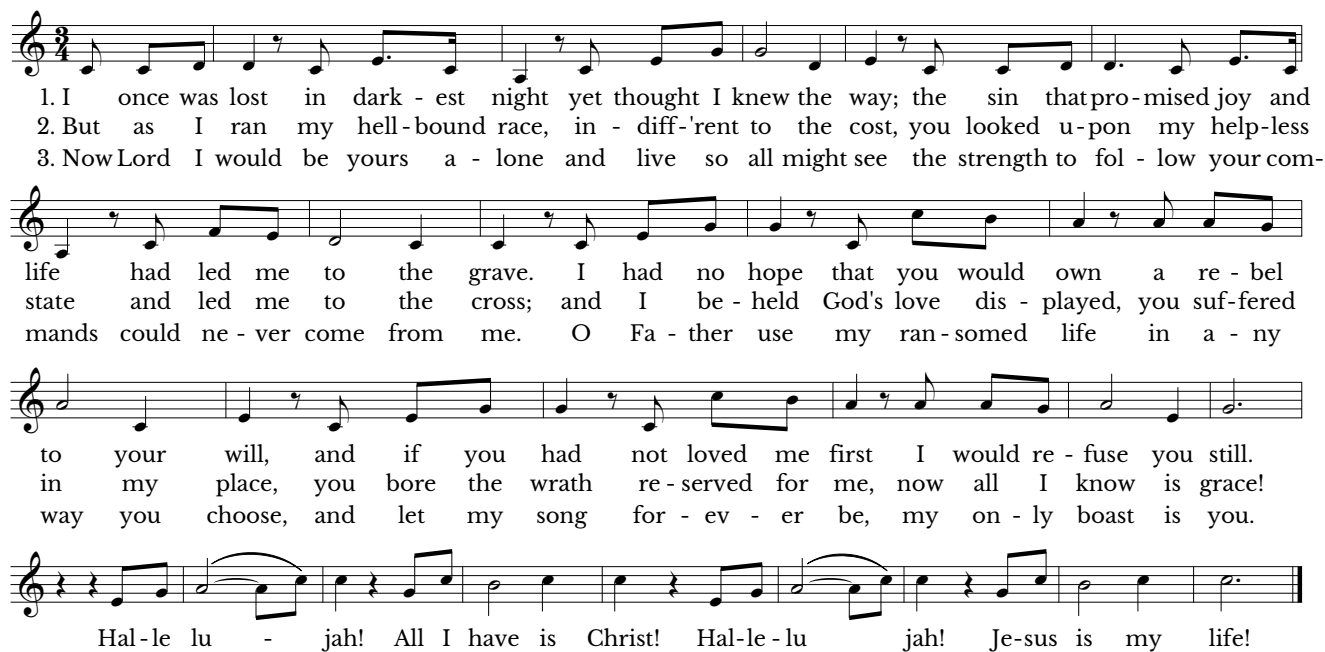
SERMON

“Covenant Faithfulness”
4th in a series on the Book of Ruth

Rev. Thomas Myrick

*HYMN

“All I Have Is Christ”



1. I once was lost in dark - est night yet thought I knew the way; the sin that pro-mised joy and
2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in - diff-'rent to the cost, you looked u-pon my help-less
3. Now Lord I would be yours a - lone and live so all might see the strength to fol - low your com-
life had led me to the grave. I had no hope that you would own a re - bel
state and led me to the cross; and I be - held God's love dis - played, you suf-fered
mands could ne - ver come from me. O Fa - ther use my ran-somed life in a - ny
to your will, and if you had not loved me first I would re - fuse you still.
in my place, you bore the wrath re - served for me, now all I know is grace!
way you choose, and let my song for - ev - er be, my on - ly boast is you.
Hal-le lu - jah! All I have is Christ! Hal-le-lu jah! Je-sus is my life!

Jordan Kauflin
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*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

**Congregation standing as able*

The flowers are from the memorial service of Jane Motto, given by her family.

NEW TO FOURTH?

Let us know you're here! Scan and tap to fill out a simple form (4thpres.org/connect), and we'll be in touch to welcome you and answer any questions you may have. We also invite you to visit the Information Center off of Halverson Hall to learn more about Fourth.



WORSHIPING WITH CHILDREN

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and a reminder of God's covenant faithfulness. Parents, God put the wiggle in your children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

- Quietly explain the parts of the service and actions of the pastors, ushers, choir, etc.
 - Sing the hymns, pray, and voice the responses.
- Children learn to worship by watching and following you.

DEACON SUPPORT

Deacons provide assistance and prayer support to those facing difficult circumstances. Contact an individual deacon directly, call the deacons' phone line at 301-320-3600, x223, or email deacons@4thpres.org.

GIVING

If you would like to leave an offering, please place it in the offering plates in the alcoves or in the back. You can give online at 4thpres.org/giving.

SATURDAY, MAY 13

SANCTUARY RENEWAL SERVICE OF DEDICATION

10:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

"To Him Be Glory in the Church Throughout All Generations"

Ephesians 3:14–21

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 14

MORNING SERVICE

8:00 and 11:00 a.m. | Sanctuary

"Bewitched Believers"

Galatians 3:1–5

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

"The Redeemer Nearer Than I"

Ruth 3:1–18

Dr. Scott Redd

*Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
will be celebrated.*

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2023 Annual Budget \$ 5,684,990

2023 Year-to-Date Received \$ 1,257,443

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