



SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

Evening Worship | 6:00 p.m.

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

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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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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.

SILENT PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

\*HYMN

“To God Be the Glory”

Nathan Fellingham

1. To God be the glo - ry! Great things he has done; so loved he the world that he  
2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - 'ry be - liev - er the  
3. Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re - joic - ing through  
gave us his Son who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin, and o - pened the  
pro - mise of God: the vil - est of - fend - er who tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from  
Je - sus the Son: but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be our won - der, our  
life - gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his  
Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.  
wor - ship when Je - sus we see!  
voice; praise the Lord, praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice. Come to the Fa - ther through  
Je - sus the Son. Give him the glo - ry; great things he has done.

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\*HYMN

“I Will Glory In My Redeemer”

Steve and Vikki Cook

I will glory in my Redeemer  
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me.  
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails,  
And hung him on that judgment tree.  
I will glory in my Redeemer  
Who crushed the power of sin and death;  
My only Savior before the holy Judge;  
The Lamb who is my righteousness,  
The Lamb who is my righteousness.  
I will glory in my Redeemer:  
My life he bought, my love he owns.  
I have no longings for another;  
I'm satisfied in him alone.  
I will glory in my Redeemer:  
His faithfulness my standing place,  
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me,  
My feet are firm, held by his grace,  
My feet are firm, held by his grace.

I will glory in my Redeemer  
 Who carries me on eagles' wings.  
 He crowns my life with loving kindness;  
 His triumph song I'll ever sing.  
 I will glory in my Redeemer  
 Who waits for me at gates of gold,  
 And when he calls me, it will be paradise,  
 His face forever to behold,  
 His face forever to behold.

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OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ruth 3:1-18

page 223, pew Bible

SERMON

“The Redeemer Nearer Than I”  
*5th in a series on the Book of Ruth*

Dr. Scott Redd

\*HYMN

“I Am Not My Own”



1. The One who made the hea - vens made my heart and soul, be - fore I drew a breath, I was loved and known.
2. My bo - dy is a tem - ple of the liv - ing God, I'll wor - ship in this house that his blood has bought.
3. And if he has re - deemed me, I am not my own; the mea - sure of my worth is his love a - lone.
4. I am not my own, and now my heart is free; oh, Ma - ker, come and make what you will of me.



I am his cre - a - tion, the Ma - ker's mas - ter - piece and all that he de - signs will be done in me.  
 As I bear his im - age, oh may I not pro - fane the ho - li - ness I hold in this earth - ly frame.  
 He de - clares my stand - ing and he de - clares my state. So I will know my - self by the name he gave.  
 There is noth - ing bro - ken that you can - not re - pair, so Lord, I leave my life in your lov - ing care.



I be - long to the Lord, oh, I am not my own, I be - long to the Lord, I am



not my own. I will hon - or him, for this I know: I be - long to the Lord, I am not my own.

*Skye Peterson, Ben Shive, Bryan Fowler, Tom Anderson*

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CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH—APOSTLES' CREED

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, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING OF THE SUPPER

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

\*HYMN

“There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood”

Fountain

E'er since by faith I saw the stream  
Your flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme,  
And shall be till I die.

LEBANON TRIP COMMISSIONING

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

*\*Congregation standing as able*

#### DEACON SUPPORT

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#### GIVING

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#### NEXT SUNDAY, MAY 21

##### MORNING SERVICE

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

“Counted Righteous”  
Galatians 3:6–14  
Dr. Todd M. Smedley

##### EVENING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. | Sanctuary

“Peace I Leave With You; My Peace I Give to You”  
John 14  
Mr. Rob Henneberg

#### STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

2023 Annual Budget	\$ 5,684,990
2023 Year-to-Date Received	\$ 1,331,111

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