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But Peter and the  
apostles answered,  
“We must obey God  
rather than men.”

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Acts 5:29



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**“Preaching God’s Sovereign Grace to a World of Need”**

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# The Lord's Day

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## God's Call to Us to Worship Him

**"Be still and know that I Am God"**

Psalm 27:1-4

### **\*His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 36:5-9

Elder: Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.

**People: Your righteousness is like the mountains of God; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save. O LORD.**

Elder: How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

**People: For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.**

Elder: The Lord is dwelling among His Congregation.

**People: We have come at his bidding.**

Elder: Let us worship our God.

### **\*Hymn of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

Ps.146: Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

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### **\*Prayer of Invocation**

## The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

### **Scripture Reading**

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Responsive Reading of Isaiah 55

### **Call to Confession**

Hebrews 4:14, 16

### **Prayer of Confession**

Elder led prayer and silent prayer

### **Assurance of His Pardon**

Isaiah 49:15, 66:13

**\*Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Ps.116: What Shall I Render to My God

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**He Adds to Our Number:** Langston & Alia Maxwell

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**Intercessory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer**

**Christ is Made Known to Us**

**Hymn of Prayer**

Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

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**His Word is Opened to Us**

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**Scripture: Exodus 1:8-22**

*"The grass withers, the flower fades ...*

*But the Word of our God will stand forever."*

**Message: A Moral Dilemma**

**Prayer for Response and Obedience**

**We Depart with His Blessing**

**And Sending of His Spirit**

**Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings**

Offertory: Kayla Fales – Psalm 16

\*Gloria Patri

**\*Hymn of Our Procession Into the World**

Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah

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**\*Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #610, vs. 1)

"Take up your cross," the Savior said, "if you would  
my disciple be; take up your cross with  
willing heart, and humbly follow after me.

**Postlude**

\*Congregation Standing

# *The Life and Times of Moses, the Servant of YHWH*

## *A Moral Dilemma*

*Exodus 1:8-22*

*(see also: Gen. 1:27; 9:6; Ex. 20:15; Rom. 1:18-23)*

Pharaoh wanted to enslave the Israelites because:

- a) he was afraid they might leave.
- b) they were having too much fun in Egypt.
- c) they wouldn't pay their rent.

### **I. Slavery – treating other people as things.**

Slaves were used usually for:

What changed this institution?

What was Pharaoh's goal?

### **II. Shiprah and Puah**

Only two?

Hebrew?

Why use midwives?

### **III. Shiprah and Puah chose \_\_\_\_\_ to be enslaved.**

Was this courageous or stupid?

Did they sin in defying the Pharaoh?

Did they sin in lying to Pharaoh?

What is my first duty in life?

# *My Own Thoughts*

# New Covenant Presbyterian Church

## Lord's Day Evening Service

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Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close of the Lord's Day

Psalm 65:1-2

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition

Psalm 65:3-4

and the Way of Salvation

Psalm 65:5-8

Unison Prayer

*Almighty and everlasting God, glorious Creator of all things, and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ; we have sinned against your holy name, by failing to glorify you in our lives as your redeemed children. Our unthankfulness extends to every thought and deed, as well as to our failure to thank you with our lips. We have not lived to the praise of the glory of your grace. We have not esteemed the reproach of Jesus Christ our Savior to be greater than the riches of this world. We have failed to estimate the infinite cost of the salvation won for us at the cross through the shed blood of Jesus. We have not been faithful to you as you have been faithful to us in all things. Father, forgive us for our ingratitude through the reconciling sacrifice of Jesus Christ our all-sufficient Mediator, we pray. Amen.*

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement

to Hope and Obedience

Psalm 65:9-13

Psalm 65

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Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 3:8-13

Message: Pastor Kurt Scharping

The Deacon – His Qualifications and Reward

The Warrant and Nature of the Office of Deacon

Questions of Installation

to the Deacon Elect

Mr. Nate Evans

to the Congregation

Declaration of Installation & Welcome

Prayer of Dedication

Closing Hymn: Jesus Calls Us

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Prayer of Benediction

**The Deacon: His Qualifications and Reward**  
***1 Timothy 3:8-13***  
*the Rev. Kurt Scharping*

Let the Deacons be pious and charitable,  
because they receive good standing and great confidence.

I. The Piety of a Deacon (vs. 8-9)

II. The Charity of a Deacon (vs. 10-12)

III. The Reward of a Deacon (vs. 13)

## Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul

*Praise the LORD. Praise the LORD, O my soul. I will praise the LORD all my life; I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:1, 2*

D G D Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D

1. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;  
 2. Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid;  
 3. Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free,  
 4. Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise;

G D Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D

I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.  
 he is blessed whose hope of bless - ing on the Lord his God is stayed.  
 rais - es those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see.  
 I will sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days.

G D G D

Put no con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend;  
 Heav'n and earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain;  
 Well Je - ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends,  
 O - ver all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King;

F G D Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> D 7

he shall die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.  
 he de - liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.  
 helps the fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.  
 un - to him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

# Responsive Reading

*Isaiah 55 (ESV)*

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

**Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?**

Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me;

**hear, that your soul may live; and I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.**

Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

**Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know, and a nation that did not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.**

“Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;

**let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.**

For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,**

so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,

**but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.**

“For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;

**the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.**

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall make a name for the LORD,

**an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”**

# What Shall I Render to My God

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*How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me? Ps. 116:12*

1. What shall I ren - der to my God for all his kind - ness shown?  
2. How much is mer - cy thy de - light, thou ev - er - bless - ed God!  
3. How hap - py all thy ser - vants are! How great thy grace to me!  
4. Now I am thine, for - ev - er thine, nor shall my pur - pose move;  
5. Here in thy courts I leave my vow, and thy rich grace re - cord;

My feet shall vis - it thine a - bode, my songs ad - dress thy throne.  
How dear thy ser - vants in thy sight! How pre - cious is their blood!  
• My life, which thou hast made thy care, Lord, I de - vote to thee.  
thy hand hath loosed my bonds of pain, and bound me with thy love.  
wit - ness, ye saints who hear me now, if I for - sake the Lord.

From Psalm 116:12-19  
Isaac Watts, 1719

DOWNES C.M.  
Lowell Mason, 1832

## Understanding Why We Baptize Covenant Children

By Dr. David G. Barker

Water Baptism is a sign and seal of the claim of God upon the person. It is not something a person merely 'elects' to have done, nor should it be repeated for merely emotional reasons. It is a command of God the Son (cf. Mt. 28:19-20) and is done in obedience to his will. When water baptism is given to the converted adult, it signifies spiritual transformation – Christ has cleansed that believer from his sins. Making a profession of faith he takes on the sign of the covenant and enters into

the Church. In the Old Testament, the sign of entering the Church was circumcision; today it is baptism.

This has been the case from the beginning, the sign was not only given to adults; it was also given to the children of those believing adults. Abraham, a man of faith, was instructed by the Lord to receive the sign in Gen. 17. He was also instructed to give the sign to the children of his house – from the newborn child only 8 days old as well as his thirteen year old son, Ishmael. The reason for this was the principal of headship that continues in the church community today. God gave his promise to Abraham saying: *“I will establish my covenant between me and you and your seed after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant to be a God unto you and to your seed after you.”*

That pattern of headship has remained the same and has never been negated or changed. On the day of Pentecost, Peter taught this principle specifically, repeating God’s words to Abraham in his very first sermon saying *[The] promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself.”*(Acts 2:38-39, ESV) Paul also stressed this unity when he tells the Christian Church today in Gal. 3:29: *“[I]f you are Christ’s, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.”* And Jesus said of the Jewish children brought to him: *“Of such is the kingdom of God.”* (Mk. 10:14, ESV) Therefore, the spiritual children of Abraham today are to continue to receive the mark of God’s claim upon them just as their parents are to continue to call upon Yahweh to be faithful to the next generation.

Now, obviously, these young children cannot yet understand these things – let alone make their own profession of faith so soon. Isaac, as a newborn, did not comprehend this; neither do our young ones. But it is not yet the child’s faith we are focusing on; rather it is the faith of the parents who God has entrusted with the raising of the child the Lord has providentially given them.

Finally, because water baptism itself is meant to depict the Holy Spirit being poured out from above upon his people, the sign of water baptism is best depicted by sprinkling or pouring. Baptism is not a matter of applying the person to water but applying water to the person.

# Jesus Draw Me Ever Nearer

## VERSE

Bb7sus

Eb

Ab/Eb Eb

Ab/Eb

$\text{♩} = 66$

1. Je sus, draw me ev - er near - er as I la - bour through the  
 (2. Je sus,) guide me through the tem - pest, keep my spir - it staid and  
 (3. Let the) treas - ures of the tri - al form with - in me as I

Eb

Ab/Eb

Eb

Ab/Eb Eb

Ab/Eb

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storm. You have called me to this pas - sage, and I'll fol - low though I'm  
 sure. When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, let me love You e - ven  
 go. And at the end of this long pas - sage, let me leave them at Your

## CHORUS

Eb

Eb/G

Eb

Eb/Eb

Bb

Eb/G

Ab

Db

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worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, may I rise on wings of faith; And at the  
 more.  
 throne.

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E<sub>7</sub> A<sub>7</sub>/E<sub>7</sub> E<sub>7</sub> A<sub>7</sub>/E<sub>7</sub> E<sub>7</sub> B<sub>7</sub>/sus E<sub>7</sub>

end of my heart's test - ing, with Your like-ness let me wake. 2. Je sus, wake.  
3. Let the

## 613 Give Thanks unto the Lord, Jehovah

*Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Ps. 118: 1*

*f*

1. Give thanks un - to the Lord, Je - ho - vah, for he is good, O  
2. In a large place the Lord has set me; in my dis - tress he  
3. I shall not die, but live, de - clar - ing the works of God, who  
4. The stone—O Lord, it is your do - ing—the stone the build - ers

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praise his name! Let Is - rael say, "The Lord be prais - ed;  
 heard my cry. I will not fear; the Lord is with me—  
 tried me sore, and chas - tened me, but in his mer - cy  
 did de - spise, is made the head - stone of the cor - ner,

his mer - cy ev - er is the same." Let Aa - ron's house now praise Je -  
 what can man do, when God is nigh? The Lord is chief a - mong my  
 not un - to death has giv'n me o'er. The gates of righ - teous - ness set  
 and it is mar - v'ulous in our eyes. This is the day, of days most

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ho - vah; the Lord is good, O praise his name. Let all that  
 help - ers; and I shall see my foes o'er - thrown: far bet - ter  
 o - pen, the gate of God! I'll en - ter in to praise you,  
 glo - rious, the Lord has made; we'll joy and sing. Send now pros -

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fear the Lord ex - tol him; his mer - cy ev - er is the same.  
 than in man or princ - es, my trust I place in God a - lone.  
 Lord, who pray'r have an - swered, and have saved me from all my sin.  
 per - i - ty, we pray, Lord; and, O our God, sal - va - tion bring!

## Praise Waits for Thee in Zion

*Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion; to you our vows will be fulfilled.* Ps. 65:1

1. Praise waits for thee in Zi - on; all men shall wor - ship there  
 2. How blest the man thou call - est and bring - est near to thee,  
 3. O God of our sal - va - tion, since thou dost love the right,  
 4. Thy might sets fast the moun - tains; strength girds thee ev - er - more

and pay their vows be - fore thee, O God who hear - est prayer.  
 that in thy courts for - ev - er his dwell - ing place may be;  
 thou wilt an an - swer send us in won - drous deeds of might.  
 to calm the rag - ing peo - ples and still the o - cean's roar.

Our sins rise up a - gainst us, pre - vail - ing day by day,  
 he shall with - in thy tem - ple be sat - is - fied with grace.  
 In all earth's hab - i - ta - tions, on all the bound - less sea,  
 Thy maj - es - ty and great - ness are through all lands con - fess'd,

but thou wilt show us mer - cy and take their guilt a - way.  
 and filled with all the good - ness of thy most ho - ly place.  
 man finds no sure re - li - ance, no peace, a - part from thee.  
 and joy on earth thou send - est a - far from east to west.

5. To bless the earth thou sendest from thine abundant store  
the waters of the springtime, enriching it once more.  
The seed by thee provided is sown o'er hill and plain,  
and thou with gentle showers dost bless the springtime grain.
  
6. The year with good thou crownest, the earth thy mercy fills,  
the wilderness is fruitful, and joyful are the hills;  
with corn the vales are covered, the flocks in pastures graze;  
all nature joins in singing a joyful song of praise.

From Psalm 65  
*The Psalter*, 1912

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Traditional Finnish melody  
Arr. by David Evans, 1927

# Jesus Calls Us

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"Come, follow me," Jesus said... At once they left their nets and followed him.

Matt. 4:19, 20

Capo 1: ♯ (G) (D<sup>7</sup>) (G) 7

1. Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2. As, of old, a - pos - tles heard it by the  
 3. Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 4. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 5. Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

(C) (B) (E<sup>7</sup>) (A) (D<sup>7</sup>)

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his sweet voice  
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
 • vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thine o -

(G) ♯ (G<sup>7</sup>) (C) (D<sup>7</sup>) (G) 7

sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me":  
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.  
 • keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.