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

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The Lord's Day

August 10, 2025

God's Call to Us to Worship Him

"Be still and know that I Am God"

1 John 2:18-25

***His Call to Us to Worship Him**

Psalm 136:1; Revelation 7:12

Elder: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: **Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.**

Elder: The Lord is dwelling among His Congregation.

People: **Let us worship Him!**

***Hymns of Our Procession Into the Presence of God**

Ps.98C: Sing a New Song to Jehovah (Trinity Psalter)

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***Prayer of Invocation**

The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Scripture Reading

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Responsive Reading of Romans 7:7-24

Call to Confession

based on Romans 5:8; Hebrews 4:16

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Trusting in God's faithfulness and compassion, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Adoration & Confession

Elder led prayer

Assurance of His Pardon

Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

***Hymn of Thanksgiving**

Ps.32: How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

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He Adds to Our Number: Claire Isadora Dermatis

Intercessory Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

Hymn of Prayer

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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His Word is Opened to Us

Dr. David G. Barker

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: "Finally,"

Prayer for Response and Obedience

**We Depart with His Blessing
And Sending of His Spirit**

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Doxology

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

All For Jesus

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #576, vs. 5)

Blest Savior, introduced by you, have I my race begun;

And, crowned with vict'ry, at your feet,

I'll lay my honors down, I'll lay my honors down.

Postlude

***Congregation Standing**

Studies in Paul's Letter to the Church at Ephesus

"Finally, ..."

Ephesians 6:10

(see also: Lk. 9:23; 1 Cor. 16:13; 2 Cor. 12:9-10; Rom. 16:19-20; 2 Thess. 3:3; 1 Jn. 2:15-17)

The armor of God is:

- a) to hide behind.
- b) to intimidate the devil into not messing with us.
- c) to give us hope.

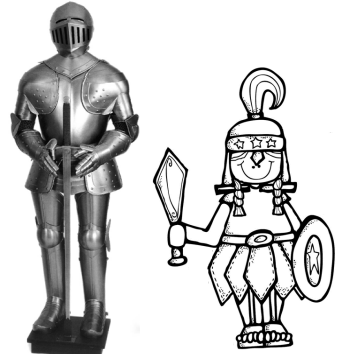
I. *Be strong ...*

Is this physical strength?

If not, what?

#1

#2



II. *Be strong in the Lord ...*

Learning to deny yourself
takes time;

becoming _____
takes even longer.

III. *Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.*

Do I want this kind of strength in my life?

My Own Thoughts

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

Lord's Day Evening Service

August 10, 2025

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close of the Lord's Day Ps. 46:1-5

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition Ps. 46:6-9

and the Way of Salvation Ps. 46:10

Unison Prayer

Merciful and just God, we come before You, confessing our sins and acknowledging our need for Your grace, as revealed in the cities of refuge You provided for Your people (Joshua 20:1-9). Like the manslayer who flees for safety, we seek refuge in Christ, our High Priest, who bore Your righteous judgment on our behalf (Romans 5:8-9). Forgive us for our failures, both intentional and unknowing, as we have fallen short of Your perfect justice (Deuteronomy 32:4).

We praise You for Your steadfast love and faithfulness, where righteousness and peace embrace (Psalm 85:10), and we humbly ask for Your mercy to cleanse us and guide us to cooperate with Your justice, trusting in Christ alone as our refuge. In Christ, who is our hiding place, Amen.

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement

to Hope and Obedience Ps. 46:11

Ps.46: God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength Bulletin, page 13

Prayers of Supplication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Joshua 20:1-9

Message: The Cities of Refuge: Justice and Mercy

Closing Hymn: Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder Bulletin, page 15

Prayer of Benediction

Studies in the book of Joshua
The Cities of Refuge: Justice and Mercy
Joshua 20:1-9
the Rev. Kurt Scharping

Cooperate with God's justice by seeking Christ, our refuge.

I. God Establishes Justice in the Land. 1-5

Deuteronomy 32:4

II. God Establishes Mercy in the Land. 6

Psalms 85:10

Romans 5:8-9

Psalm 98C

1. ¹Sing a new song to Je - ho - vah for the won - ders he has wrought;
 2. ²Truth and mer - cy toward his peo - ple he has ev - er kept in mind,
 3. ³Seas with all your full - ness thun - der, all earth's peo - ples now re - joice;

his right hand and arm most ho - ly tri - umph to his cause have brought.
 and his full and free sal - va - tion he has shown to all man - kind.
³floods and hills in praise u - nit - ing, to the Lord lift up your voice.

²In his love and ten - der mer - cy he has made sal - va - tion known,
⁴Sing, O earth, sing, to Je - ho - vah, prais - es to Je - ho - vah sing;
³For, be - hold, the Lord is com - ing, robed in jus - tice and in might;

in the sight of ev - 'ry na - tion he his righ - teous - ness has shown.
⁵⁶with the swell - ing notes of mu - sic shout be - fore the Lord, the King.
 he a - lone will judge the na - tions, and his judg - ment shall be right.

Responsive Reading

Romans 7:7-24 (ESV)

What then shall we say? That the law is sin?

By no means! Yet if it had not been for the law, I would not have known sin.

I would not have known what it is to covet if the law had not said, "You shall not covet."

But sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, produced in me all kinds of covetousness.

Apart from the law, sin lies dead. I was once alive apart from the law, but when the commandment came, sin came alive and I died.

The very commandment that promised life proved to be death to me.

For sin, seizing an opportunity through the commandment, deceived me and through it killed me.

So the law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.

Did that which is good, then, bring death to me?

By no means! It was sin, producing death in me through what is good, in order that sin might be shown to be sin, and through the commandment might become sinful beyond measure.

For we know that the law is spiritual, but I am of the flesh, sold under sin.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

Now if I do what I do not want, I agree with the law, that it is good.

So now it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

For I know that nothing good dwells in me, that is, in my flesh. For I have the desire to do what is right, but not the ability to carry it out.

For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I keep on doing.

Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I who do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do right, evil lies close at hand.

For I delight in the law of God, in my inner being.

But I see in my members another law waging war against the law of my mind and making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members.

(Unison):

Wretched man that I am! Who will deliver me from this body of death?

Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak

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The things you have heard me say ... entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others. 2 Tim. 2:2

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak in liv - ing ech - oes of your tone;
 2. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach the pre - cious things you do im - part;
 3. O fill me with your full - ness, Lord, un - til my ver - y heart o'er - flow
 4. O use me, Lord, use e - ven me, just as you will and when and where;

as you have sought, so let me seek your err - ing chil - dren lost and lone.
 and wing my words, that they may reach the hid - den depths of man - y a heart.
 in kin - dling thought and glow - ing word your love to tell, your praise to show.
 un - til your bless - ed face I see, your rest, your joy, your glo - ry share.

Frances R. Havergal, 1872
Mod.

CANONBURY L.M.
Robert Schumann, 1839; arr.

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How Blest Is He Whose Trespass

*Blessed is he whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered.
Ps. 32:1*

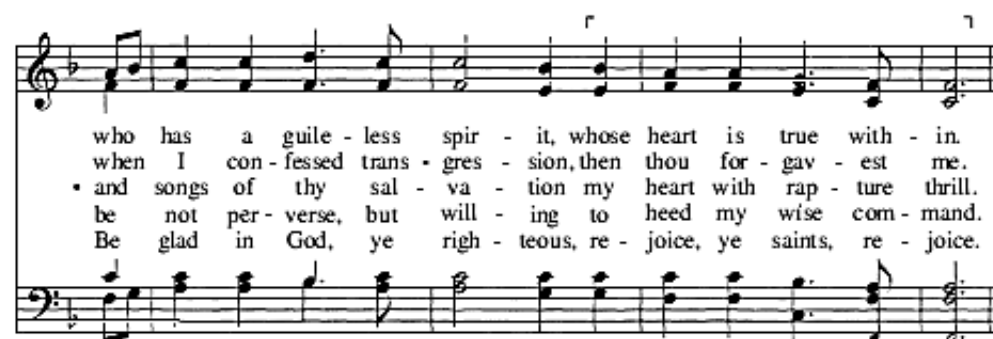
1. How blest is he whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n,
 2. While I kept guil - ty si - lence my strength was spent with grief,
 3. So let the god - ly seek thee in times when thou art near;
 4. I gra - cious - ly will teach thee the way that thou shalt go,
 5. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in num - ber shall a - bound,



whose sin is whol - ly cov - ered be - fore the sight of heav'n.
 thy hand was heav - y on me, my soul found no re - lief;
 • no whelm - ing floods shall reach them, nor cause their hearts to fear.
 and with mine eye up - on thee my coun - sel make thee know.
 but those that trust Je - ho - vah, his mer - cy shall sur - round.



Blest he to whom Je - ho - vah will not im - pute his sin,
 but when I owned my tres - pass, my sin hid not from thee,
 • In thee, O Lord, I hide me, thou sav - est me from ill,
 But be ye not un - rul - y, or slow to un - der - stand;
 Then in the Lord be joy - ful, in song lift up your voice.



who has a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
 when I con - fessed trans - gres - sion, then thou for - gav - est me.
 • and songs of thy sal - va - tion my heart with rap - ture thrill.
 be not per - verse, but will - ing to heed my wise com - mand.
 Be glad in God, ye righ - teous, re - joice, ye saints, re - joice.

From Psalm 32
 The Psalter, 1912, alt.

RUTHERFORD 7.67.6.D.
 Christian Urban, 1834
 Arr. by Edward F. Rimbault, 1867

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Ps. 46:1

Capo 1: (E) (A) (D) (A) (D) (Bm) (A) (E) (A)

1. God is our ref - uge and our strength, our ev - er - pres - ent aid,
 2. A riv - er flows whose streams make glad the cit - y of our God,
 3. The na - tions raged, the king - doms moved, but when his voice was heard,
 4. O come, be - hold what won - drous works Je - ho - vah's hand has wrought;
 5. "Be still and know that I am God, o'er all ex - alt - ed high;

(E) (A) (D) (A) (E) (F#m) (E) (B⁷) (E)

and there - fore though the earth re - move, we will not be a - fraid;
 the ho - ly place where - in the Lord Most High has his a - bode.
 • the trou - bled earth was stilled to peace be - fore his might - y word.
 come, see what des - o - la - tion great he on the earth has brought
 the sub - ject na - tions of the earth my name shall mag - ni - fy."

(E⁷) (A) (E⁷) (A⁷) (D) (A) (Bm) (B⁷) (E)

though hills a - midst the sea be cast, though foam - ing wa - ters roar,
 Since God is in the midst of her, un - moved her walls shall stand,
 • The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure;
 To a - most ends of all the earth he caus - es war to cease;
 The Lord of Hosts is on our side, our safe - ty to se - cure;

yea, though the might - y bil - lows shake the moun - tains on the shore.
 for God will be her ear - ly help, when trou - ble is at hand.
 • the God of Ja - cob is for us a ref - uge strong and sure.
 the weap - ons of the strong de - stroyed, he makes a - bid - ing peace.
 the God of Ja - cob is for us a ref - uge strong and sure.

Psalm 46
 The Psalter, 1912

BETHLEHEM (FINK) C.M.D.
 Gottfried W. Fink, 1842

All for Jesus!

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Offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God. Rom. 12:1

1. All for Je - sus! All for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - somed pow'rs,
 2. Let my hands per - form his bid - ding, let my feet run in his ways;
 3. World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, cling to gild - ed toys of dust;
 4. Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
 5. O what won - der! how a - maz - ing! Je - sus, glo - rious King of kings,

all my thoughts and words and do - ings, all my days and all my hours.
 let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, let my lips speak forth his praise.
 • boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; on - ly Je - sus will I trust.
 so en - chained my spir - it's vi - sion, look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
 deigns to call me his be - lov - ed, lets me rest be - neath his wings.

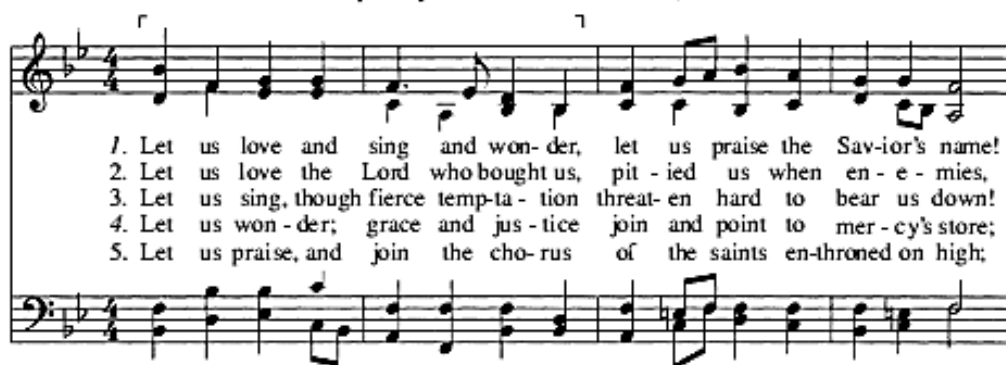
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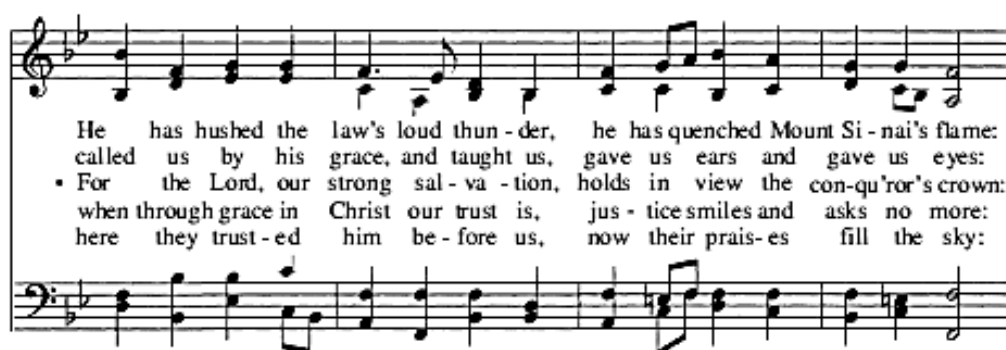
Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

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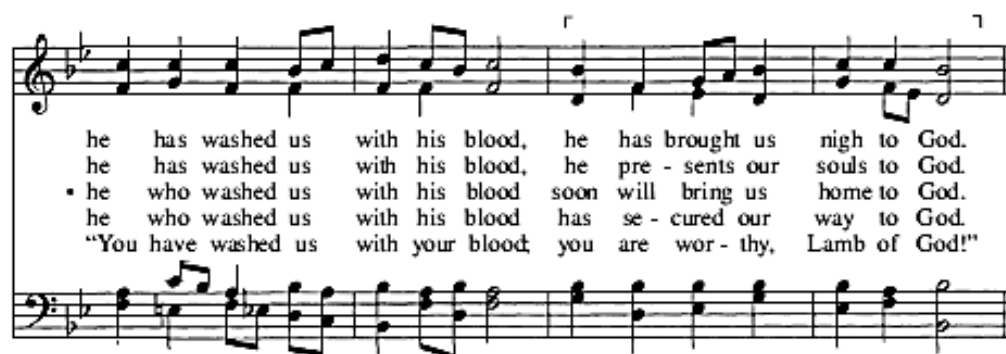
*To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood ... to him be glory
and power for ever and ever! Rev. 15, 6*



1. Let us love and sing and won-der, let us praise the Sav-ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit-ied us when en-e-mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp-ta-tion threat-en hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won-der; grace and jus-tice join and point to mer-cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho-rus of the saints en-throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun-der, he has quenched Mount Si-nai's flame:
called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
• For the Lord, our strong sal-va-tion, holds in view the con-qu'ror's crown:
when through grace in Christ our trust is, jus-tice smiles and asks no more:
here they trust-ed him be-fore us, now their prais-es fill the sky:



he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
he has washed us with his blood, he pre-sents our souls to God.
• he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
he who washed us with his blood has se-cured our way to God.
"You have washed us with your blood; you are wor-thy, Lamb of God!"