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Search me, O God, and know my heart!

Try me and know my thoughts!

And see if there be any grievous way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting!

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Psalm 139:23-24



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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 139:1-6, 23-24

*His Call to Us to Worship Him

Psalm 24

Elder: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: Who is this King of glory?

Elder: The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

People: Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

Elder: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

Elder: Let us receive Him and worship Him!

*Hymn of Our Procession Into the Presence of God

Ps.139a: O Lord, You See and Search My Life

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*Prayer of Invocation

The Father Reaffirms His Covenant with Us

Scripture Reading

Responsive Reading of Isaiah 40

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Call to Confession

In spite of God's love for us and gift of love to us, we often act in destructive and hateful ways. We close our hearts to God and disobey God's law. Together let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession

Elder led prayer and silent prayer

Assurance of His Pardon

Psalm 32:3-5

***Hymns of Thanksgiving**

Heaven's Gift

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Intercessory Prayer and The Lord's Prayer

Christ is Made Known to Us

Hymn of Prayer

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

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His Word is Opened to Us

Mr. Jacob Neiderhiser

Scripture: Psalm 73

"The grass withers, the flower fades ...

But the Word of our God will stand forever."

Message: "I Had Almost Stumbled"

Prayer for Response and Obedience

We Depart with His Blessing And Sending of His Spirit

Presenting His Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

*Gloria Patri

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

It Is Well with My Soul

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***Charge and Benediction**

(Trinity Hymn Book #642, vs. 2)

To you, O Lord, I fly and on your help depend;

You are my Lord and King Most High; great God, my soul defend.

A heritage for me Jehovah will remain.

My portion rich and full is he, my right he will maintain.

Postlude

*Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Psalm 73

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Psalm 139A

1. 'O LORD, you see and search my life; you know me through and through.
 2. ⁵You hem me in be - hind, be - fore; on me you lay your hand.
 3. ⁹If I should take the wings of dawn and dwell be - yond the sea,
 4. ¹²Yet ev - en dark - ness is not dark to you in an - y way;

²Be - fore a word is on my tongue, be - hold, it's known to you.
⁶Such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful, too high to un - der - stand.
¹⁰e'en there your hand my guide would be, your right hand hold - ing me.
 for dark - ness is as light to you, the night as bright as day.

³My go - ing out and ly - ing down are plain be - fore your view.
⁷Where can I from your Spir - it flee or from your pres - ence go?
¹¹If I should say, "The dark will sure - ly hide me from your sight,
¹³For you, O LORD, cre - a - ted me; you wove me on your loom.

⁴Be - fore I speak a word, O LORD, it is well known to you.
⁸In heav'n a - bove, LORD, you are there, or deep in death be - low.
 and all the light sur - round - ing me be - come as dark as night."
 My in - most be - ing you have formed with - in my moth - er's womb.

Psalm 139A

5. ¹⁴You made me, LORD, in awe - some ways; your won - drous praise I tell;
 6. ¹⁶And all the days that I should live, which you or - dained for me,
 7. ¹⁸Were I to count them, they would num - ber more than grains of sand.
 8. ²¹Do I not hate all those, O LORD, who hate you and op - pose?

how great and won - drous are your works, my soul knows this full well.
 were writ - ten in your book, O LORD, be - fore they came to be.
 I'm still with you when I a - wake, I'm safe with - in your hand.
²²With per - fect ha - tred I ab - hor and count them as my foes.

¹⁵When I was made in se - cret, LORD, and wo - ven with great skill,
¹⁷Your per - fect thoughts, O God, are ver - y pre - cious un - to me—
¹⁹May God de - stroy all wick - ed men! You men of blood, a - way!
²³O search me, God, and know my heart; my anx - ious thoughts sur - vey,

you saw my sub - stance, yet un - formed, in depths of earth con - cealed.
 so wide and vast the sum of them in their in - fin - i - ty.
²⁰They speak of you with hate - ful hearts, your foes a - buse your name.
²⁴and lead me, if in sin I stray, in your e - ter - nal way.

Responsive Reading

Isaiah 40 (ESV)

Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, **that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.**

A voice cries: “In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together,

for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.”

A voice says, “Cry!” And I said, “What shall I cry?”

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field.

The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the word of our God will stand forever.

Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good news; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good news; lift it up, fear not; say to the cities of Judah,

“Behold your God!”

Behold, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those that are with young.

Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand and marked off the heavens with a span, enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure and weighed the mountains in scales and the hills in a balance?

Who has measured the Spirit of the LORD, or what man shows him his counsel?

Whom did he consult, and who made him understand? Who taught him the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed him the way of understanding?

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the dust on the scales; behold, he takes up the coastlands like fine dust.

Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

All the nations are as nothing before him, they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

To whom then will you liken God, or what likeness compare with him? An idol!

A craftsman casts it, and a goldsmith overlays it with gold and casts for it silver chains.

He who is too impoverished for an offering chooses wood that will not rot;

he seeks out a skillful craftsman to set up an idol that will not move.

Do you not know? Do you not hear? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to dwell in;

who brings princes to nothing, and makes the rulers of the earth as emptiness.

Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows on them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

To whom then will you compare me, that I should be like him? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?

He who brings out their host by number, calling them all by name, by the greatness of his might, and because he is strong in power not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God”?

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

He gives power to the faint, and to him who has no might he increases strength.

Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;

but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.

Heaven's Gift

Based on Romans 3:21-28
James Montgomery Boice, 1999

SOLA FIDE
Paul S. Jones, 1999

1. When far from God and lost in sin
2. That gift Christ won at dread-ful cost:
3. Now in Christ's right - eous - ness a - lone
4. Christ paid the price to set me free:
5. All mer - it, boast - ing set a - side,

I took God's book and looked with - in,
pro - pi - ti - a - tion for the lost.
I stand be - fore God's awe - some throne,
His blood poured out on Cal - v'ry's tree.
by faith a - lone I'm jus - ti - fied.

I found a gift from heav - ens throne,
My sub - sti - tute, con - demned He died,
and grasp what on - ly God could do:
Now no - thing as my own I'll call,
Be - fore the throne I take my place

a right - eous - ness from God made known.
and turned God's wrath from me a - side.
be just and jus - ti - fi - er too.
for all is Christ's and Christ my all.
and rest in God's a - maz - ing grace.

Sometimes a Light Surprises

For you who revere my name, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. Mal. 4:2

1. Some - times a light sur - pris - es the Chris - tian while he sings;
 2. In ho - ly con - tem - pla - tion we sweet - ly then pur - sue
 3. It can bring with it noth - ing but he will bear us through;
 4. Though vine nor fig tree nei - ther their wont - ed fruit shall bear,

it is the Lord, who ris - es with heal - ing in his wings;
 the theme of God's sal - va - tion, and find it ev - er new;
 who gives the lil - ies cloth - ing will clothe his peo - ple too;
 though all the field should with - er, nor flocks nor herds be there;

when com - forts are de - clin - ing, he grants the soul a - gain
 set free from pres - ent sor - row, we cheer - ful - ly can say,
 be - neath the spread - ing heav - ens no crea - ture but is fed;
 yet God the same a - bid - eth, his praise shall tune my voice,

a sea - son of clear shin - ing, to cheer it af - ter rain.
 "Let the un - known to - mor - row bring with it what it may."
 and he who feeds the ra - vens will give his chil - dren bread.
 for, while in him con - fid - ing, I can - not but re - joice.

How Deep the Father's Love for Us



A musical staff in G major, 2/4 time. The melody consists of eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line is a simple harmonic progression of chords.

1.How deep the Fa - ther's love for us,
2.Be - hold the Man up - on a cross,
3.I will not boast in an - y - thing;



A musical staff in G major, 2/4 time. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line consists of eighth notes.

how vast be - yond all mea - sure
my sin up - on His shoul - - ders.
No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - - dom.



A musical staff in G major, 2/4 time. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line consists of eighth notes.

that He should give His on - ly Son
A - shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice
But I will boast in Je - sus Christ:



A musical staff in G major, 2/4 time. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line consists of eighth notes.

to make a wretch His trea - - sure.
call out a - mong the scoff - - fers.
His death and re - sur - - rec - - tion.



A musical staff in G major, 2/4 time. The melody continues with eighth and sixteenth notes. The bass line consists of eighth notes.

How great the pain of sea - ring loss.
It was my sin that held Him there
Why should I gain from His re - ward?

The Fa - ther turns His face a - way
un - til it was ac - com - plished;
I can - not give an an - swer.

as wounds which mar the Cho - sen One
His dy - ing breath has brought me life.
But this I know with all my heart:

bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
I know that it is fin - ished.
His wounds have paid my ran - som.

It Is Well with My Soul

The peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Phil. 4:7

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when sor - rows like
 2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let this blest as -
 3. My sin—O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought!—my sin, not in
 4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled

sea bil - lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
 sur - ance con - trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es - tate,
 part, but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more;
 back as a scroll, the trump shall re - sound and the Lord shall de - scend,

REFRAIN

"It is well, it is well with my soul."
 and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
 praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
 "E - ven so"— it is well with my soul.

with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
 with my soul;

New Covenant Presbyterian Church

Lord's Day Evening Service

February 15, 2026

Welcome, Announcements

Call to Re-Gather at the close of the Lord's Day Psalm 61:1-2

Prayer of Adoration

Hymns to the glory and praise of our Covenant God

Scriptural Warning

of the Human Condition and the Way of Salvation

Psalm 61:3

Psalm 61:4-7

Unison Prayer

O God, thy main plan is to make Christ glorious and beloved in heaven where he is now ascended, where one day all the elect will behold his glory and glorify him forever. Though here I love him but little, may this be my portion at last. In this world, thou hast given me a beginning, one day it will be perfected in the realm above. Thou hast helped me to see and know Christ, though obscurely, to receive him and to bless him in my heart, mouth, and life.

Let me study and stand for discipline, and all the ways of worship, out of love for Christ; and to show my thankfulness; to seek and know his will, and daily to care for and keep this state of heart. thou hast led me to place all my happiness in oneness with Christ, in having heart and mind centered only on him, in being like him in communicating good to others; This is my heaven on earth, but I need the impulses of thy Spirit to carry me on the way to my Jerusalem.

Here, it is my duty to be as Christ in this world, to do what he would do, to live as he would live, to walk in love, and meekness; then would he be known, then would I have peace in death. In the name of Christ, Amen

Assurance of Pardon and Encouragement

to Hope and Obedience

Psalm 61:8

Psalm 61

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Prayers of Supplication and Thanksgiving

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:10-14:6

Message: Sabbath Healings

Closing Hymn: Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts Bulletin, page 18

Prayer of Benediction

Jesus – From Christmas to Easter
Sabbath Healings
Luke 13:10-14:6

Be not offended by Jesus, instead rejoice.

How is Jesus offensive?

He has _____ we don't understand. v. 12

He is merciful to people we've _____ vv. 11,13,29

He reveals our _____ v. 15

He ignores our _____ v. 14,16

He's _____ and _____ vv. 18-21

He's _____ and _____ vv. 25-27, 32, 33

He asks _____ questions 14:4

How not to be offended by Him...

Be glad His _____ is beyond comprehension.

Have compassion on _____ people as He would.

Resolve to live in _____.

Submit your _____ to Christ.

Let go of _____ and appreciate _____.

Respond in _____ to His _____ of others.

Care more about what is _____ than what is _____.

Psalm 61

1. ¹O God, hear my cry, give heed to my prayer.
2. ³For You've al - ways been a ref - ige for me,
3. ⁵For, God, You have heard the vows that I made;
4. ⁷Be - fore God he'll sit, en - throned he'll en - dure;

²From earth's far - thest end I call to You there,
A tow - er of strength from each en - e - my.
I'm heir now with all those fear - ing Your name.
Give Your love and truth to make him se - cure.

When my heart grows faint, it is then that I cry;
⁴O let me for - ev - er in Your tent a - bide,
⁶The king's life You'll length - en, pro - long - ing his days;
⁸So I will for - ev - er to Your name sing praise,

Lead me to the rock that is high - er than I.
And un - der Your shel - ter - ing wings let me hide.
His years will be ma - ny from age un - to age.
That I may my vows pay through - out all my days.

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Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.
John 15:11

Capo 1: Γ (D) (Bm) (Em) (A) (D^7) (Em) (A) (D) (G) (A)

1. Je - sus, thou joy of lov - ing hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of men.
 2. Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; thou sav - est those that on thee call;
 3. We taste thee, O thou liv - ing bread, and long to feast up - on thee still;
 4. Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, wher - e'er our change - ful lot is cast;
 5. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay, make all our mo - ments calm and bright;

(E⁷) (A) Γ (D) (D^7) ($G\text{maj}^7$) (D/A) (A) (D) Γ

from the best bliss that earth im - parts we turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
 to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee all in all.
 • we drink of thee, the foun - tain - head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 glad when thy gra - cious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast.
 chase the dark night of sin a - way, shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light.

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