



GOOD SHEPHERD

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

MAY 21, 2023

Welcome to Good Shepherd

Thank you for joining us for worship today. If this is your first time with us, we are especially glad you are here. Please don't hesitate to ask one of our greeters regarding the location of the nursery, restrooms, or just a cup of coffee!

We realize that the flow and order of our worship may be unfamiliar, so there are notes in the margins that will offer some explanations and hopefully help you participate. Our service is designed to be both biblical and Christ centered as we cycle through the wonderful truths of the Gospel each week. We gather not for a lecture, conference, or concert, but for an encounter and covenant renewal with God. Therefore, our service follows the pattern God gave his people thousands of years ago: God speaks and we respond.

We also hope that you will join us after the service. Downstairs in the fellowship hall you will find plenty of refreshments and snacks as well as a warm welcome from our church family. If you have any questions from the sermon you can return to the sanctuary about 15 minutes after the service for our *Ask the Pastor* time. This is a great place to process the wonderful truths of the Gospel that we proclaim.

Lastly, we would love to know that you were here this morning. In the backs of the pews there is an info sheet that you can fill out and put in the offering basket during the service. Don't worry, we won't bombard you with endless emails. We just want an opportunity to say hello. If there is any way that we can pray for you, or if you have questions about the church, you can write those on the back as well.

Wherever you are this morning, our hope is that God would attend to the ministry of His Word, and that you would know the love of your blessed Savior.



A Word to Parents with Young Children

First, we want you to know that we are delighted to have your children in worship with us this morning. There is nothing better that we can give our children than the opportunity to know and worship their Heavenly Father. Any noises that they may make are not an embarrassing distraction, but a beautiful reminder that they are participating in God's means of grace.

We do understand, however, that it is sometimes helpful to have other means of serving our children and families. Through the back doors of the sanctuary you will find a **cry room** if you have little ones that are getting fussy or who need to nurse. We also have an **overflow room** with a live-stream of the service in the downstairs fellowship hall.

Lastly, we have a **nursery** downstairs for children ages 0-3. Staff in the nursery are background checked and trained.

Order of Worship

Preparation

We invite you to take a few moments this morning to prayerfully prepare to meet with and worship the living God.

Preparatory Thought.....

"The most powerful witness to the gospel is the church herself, simply going about the business of worship." - Carl Trueman

Prelude.....

Welcome and Announcements.....

Praise

God's people come because he first calls them. We open our services this way as a reminder that it is God himself who is calling us into his presence this morning.

Call to Worship*Psalm 67:1-5

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you! Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth. Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!

Prayer of Adoration*.....

Song*.....*Before the Throne of God Above*

*please stand if able

Before the Throne of God Above



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair, and tells me
3. Be - hold Him there! the ri - sen Lamb, my per - fect
4. I bow be - fore the cross of Christ and mar - vel



strong and per - fect plea, A great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less Right - eous - ness, the great un - chang - a - ble "I
at this love di - vine, God's per - fect Son was sac - ri -



"Love," Who e - ver lives and pleads for me. My name is
there Who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
AM," the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with Him -
ficed to make me right - eous in God's eyes. This riv - er's



gra - ven on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His
sin - less Sa - vior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
self I can - not die, My soul is pur - chased by His
depths I can - not know, but I can glo - ry in its



heart; I know that while in heav'n He stands no tongue can
free; For God, the Just, is sa - tis - fied to look on
blood; My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my
flood. The Lord Most High has bowed down low and poured on



bid me thence de - part, No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
Him and par - don me, to look on Him and par - don me.
Sa - vior and my God, with Christ my Sa - vior and my God.
me His glor - ious love, and poured on me His glor - ious love.

The Word of God is always sufficient to do the work of God. Therefore, each week we continue the practice of God's people listening to the public reading of scripture.

While it is right for us to confess our sins in light of God's holiness, our forgiveness is not merited through this act or the absolution of a priest. Rather, it is Christ who saves and speaks through His Word to assure us that our sin has been pardoned.

If you are visiting with us there is no expectation for you to contribute to this morning's offering. For those who are giving we remember that we are called to joyful worship of the God who continues to give us all that we need in Christ.

Renewal

Corporate Reading of Scripture.....Ephesians 1:15-23 (p. 976)

Corporate Prayer of Confession.....


Assurance of Pardon.....Romans 8:33-34

Leader: Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

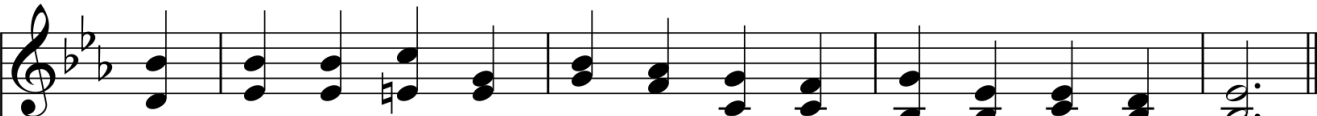
Offering/Psalm 1.....*That Man is Blest, Who Fearing God*

Congregational Prayer.....

That Man is Blest, Who Fearing God



1. ¹That man is blest who, fear - ing God, from sin re - strains his feet,
2. ²Yea, blest is he who makes God's law his por - tion and de - light,
3. ³That man is nour - ished like a tree set by the riv - er's side;
4. ⁴The wick - ed, like the driv - en chaff, are swept from off the land;
5. ⁶The Lord will guard the righ - teous well, their way to him is known;



who will not stand with wick - ed men, who shuns the scorn - ers' seat.
and med - i - tates up - on that law with glad - ness day and night.
• its leaf is green, its fruit is sure, and thus his works a - bide.
⁵they shall not gath - er with the just, nor in the judg - ment stand.
the way of sin - ners, far from God, shall sure - ly be o'er - thrown.



*Each week, we preach, verse
by verse through books of the
Bible so that we are
instructed by the full counsel
of God, rather than whatever
the preacher deems most
important.*

*We celebrate the Lord's
Supper every week trusting
that our Lord is truly,
spiritually present
nourishing His people. If you
are a member of a local
church, have been baptized,
and believe that you are
saved by grace through faith,
then we welcome you to
participate with us.*

Proclamation

Song* *In Christ Alone*

Prayer for Illumination.....

Sermon.....Rev. Neil Quinn

"The Strange Life of Faith"
Hebrews 11:8-22 (p. 1007)

Response

Celebration of the Lord's Supper**.....

Hymn #286*..... *Worship Christ, the Risen King*

Benediction*.....

Postlude.....

**To allow full participation for all members, the Lord's Supper is served with gluten free bread.

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a-lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
2. In Christ a-lone! who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help-less Babe!
3. There in the ground His bod-y lay, light of the world by dark-ness slain;
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;



This cor-ner-stone, this sol-id ground, firm through the fier-cest drought and storm
This gift of love and right-eous-ness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
then burst-ing forth in glo-rious day up from the grave He rose a-gain!
from life's first cry to fin-al breath, Je-sus com-mands my des-ti-ny.



What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv-ings cease!
Till on that cross, as Je-sus died, the wrath of God was sat-is-fied,
And as He stands in vic-to-ry sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev-er pluck me from His hand;



My com-fort-er, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
for ev-'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
for I am His and He is mine; bought with the pre-cious blood of Christ.
till He re-turms or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Sermon Outline

"The Strange Life of Faith"

Hebrews 11:8-22 (p. 1007)

Big Idea—*Christians ought to feel like strangers and look strange in the world.*

Introduction: Strange(rs) in the World

Faith in God is Forward-Looking and Living

The Odd Couple

1. Abraham and Sarah believed in obedience.

2. Abraham and Sarah did not believe in the primacy of material and physical security.

3. Abraham and Sarah believed knowing God mattered more than knowing anything else.

Conclusion: God is Not Ashamed of His Strange Children

Sermon Notes

Worship Christ, the Risen King

Chords: Γ B \flat F 7 B \flat Γ E \flat B \flat Gm F 7 B \flat

1. Rise, O church, and lift your voice, Christ has conquered death and hell.
 2. See the tomb where death had laid him, empty now, its mouth declares:
 3. Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with power;
 4. Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
 5. We acclaim your life, O Jesus, now we sing your victory;

Chords: B \flat F 7 Gm D Gm D Gm F C 7 F

Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
 "Death and I could not contain him, for the throne of life he shares."
 • all hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand his hour.
 but the truth proclaims a wonderful thought: hearts receive with cheer.
 sin or hell may seek to seize us, but your conquest keeps us free.

Chords: F B \flat^7 E \flat Γ Cm Dm Cm Gm B \flat F 7 B \flat Γ

Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
 • He has conquered, he has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
 He is risen, he is risen, now receive the risen King!
 Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!

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Announcements

- The **Kalamazoo Walk for Life** will be held on 6/17 at 8:30am. This is a fun way for you and your family to help **Alternatives** continue providing Christ-centered, life affirming services to those in our community. There will be fun games and activities, tasty treats to get you going, and LOTS of time together sharing God's encouragement and love.

Financials

- Total Giving through April 2023 (\$99,200)
- Total Expenses through April 2023 (\$101,371)
- Welcome Home Contributions (\$44,934)

Get Involved

- Join us after the service for our **Ask the Pastor** time where you can follow up on the sermon or ask other Bible and faith questions you may have.
- **Sunday School** classes run after the morning service from 11:45am until 12:30pm
- **Fellowship groups** meet every other week. Please contact Pastor Ryan if interested.
- **Young Adults** meet every Wednesday for fellowship and a sermon discussion.
- **Men's Bible Study** groups meet weekly in the morning and evening.
- **Women's Bible Study** meets on alternating Thursday evenings from 7-8:30 pm in the church Fellowship Hall.
- **The choir** practices every Tuesday at 7pm.