

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Evening Communion Service
May 23, 2021

Call to Worship • Psalm 107:1-3, 8-9

Rev. Greg Meyer

PASTOR: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,*

ALL: For his steadfast love endures forever!

PASTOR: *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so,
whom he has redeemed from trouble*

ALL: And gathered in from the lands,
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

PASTOR: *Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

ALL: For he satisfies the longing soul,
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

Opening Hymn • *Oh Give Thanks!* (Psalm 107)

1. We were wand'ring in the desert
with our souls so starved and weak
we were hungry for a homeland
we did not know how to seek
but we lifted up our voices
to the only one who hears
and the God of mercy
came and brought us near

(CHORUS) Oh give thanks, to the Lord,
for His love endures forever
we were wandering and lost
and our Father brought us home
to a safe dwelling place,
to a feast of joy and laughter
O give thanks, to the Lord,
for He is good

2. We were locked out of the garden
and our backs bent down with pain
in the shadow of this darkness
we were slaves to sin and blame
and we cried out in our labor
to the only One who hears
and the God of mercy
wiped away our tears (CHORUS)

3. We were fools in our rebellion
with our hunger strike of pride
we were sick and growing closer
to the death we should have died
then He heard of our condition
and He called us by our names
and the God of glory
took away our shame (CHORUS)

4. We were far out on the ocean
making wealth and chasing dreams
but the waves of great destruction
brought us trembling to our knees
and we cried like drunken sailors
to the only one who hears
and the God of comfort
took away our tears (CHORUS)

Invocation

Meditation • Keeping Covenant

Psalm 50
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1 *The Mighty One, God the LORD,
speaks and summons the earth
from the rising of the sun to its setting.*
2 *Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty,
God shines forth.*
3 *Our God comes; he does not keep silence;
before him is a devouring fire
around him a mighty tempest.*
4 *He calls to the heavens above
and to the earth, that he may judge his people:*
5 *“Gather to me my faithful ones,
who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!”*
6 *The heavens declare his righteousness,
for God himself is judge!*
7 *“Hear, O my people, and I will speak;
O Israel, I will testify against you.
I am God, your God.*
8 *Not for your sacrifices do I rebuke you;
your burnt offerings are continually before me.*
9 *I will not accept a bull from your house
or goats from your folds.*
10 *For every beast of the forest is mine,
the cattle on a thousand hills.*
11 *I know all the birds of the hills,
and all that moves in the field is mine.*
12 *“If I were hungry, I would not tell you,
for the world and its fullness are mine.*
13 *Do I eat the flesh of bulls
or drink the blood of goats?*
14 *Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving,
and perform your vows to the Most High,
15 and call upon me in the day of trouble;
I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me.”*

16 *But to the wicked God says:
“What right have you to recite my statutes
or take my covenant on your lips?*
17 *For you hate discipline,
and you cast my words behind you.*
18 *If you see a thief, you are pleased with him,
and you keep company with adulterers.*
19 *“You give your mouth free rein for evil,
and your tongue frames deceit.*
20 *You sit and speak against your brother;
you slander your own mother's son.*
21 *These things you have done, and I have been
silent;
you thought that I was one like yourself.
But now I rebuke you and lay the charge before
you.*
22 *“Mark this, then, you who forget God,
lest I tear you apart, and there be none to
deliver!*
23 *The one who offers thanksgiving as his sacrifice
glorifies me;
to one who orders his way rightly
I will show the salvation of God!”*

The Lord's Supper

When I survey the wondrous cross
on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss,
and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,
save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet,
sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small:
love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.

Benediction

Musician – Greg Meyer

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