

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Evening Communion Service
May 9, 2021

Call to Worship • Psalm 34:1-3

Rev. Chris Smith

PASTOR: *I will bless the LORD at all times;*

ALL: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

PASTOR: *My soul makes its boast in the LORD;*

ALL: Let the humble hear and be glad.

PASTOR: *Oh, magnify the LORD with me,*

ALL: And let us exalt his name together!

Opening Hymn • Psalm 48

O great is the LORD; most worthy of praise
on His holy mount, in His city praised.
Its beauty in loftiness, joy of the earth—
Mount Zion, the city whose King gives it worth.

For God is in her, He shows Himself strong.
When kings joined their ranks, advancing along,
they saw her, astounded—in terror they fled,
for trembling had seized them like labor pain dread.

You smote them like ships of Tarshish destroyed,
which, shattered by wind, could not be deployed.
As we've heard, so we've seen, the city of God,
she is made secure by the Almighty Lord.

When we come into Your temple, O God,
we meditate o Your unfailing love.
Like Your name, O God, Your praise through earth resounds;
Your right hand with righteousness greatly abounds.

Mount Zion is glad, her villages, too—
rejoicing because Your judgments are true.
Go walk around Zion, her citadels count;
Go 'round her and wonder at God's holy mount.

Consider most well her ramparts and towers,
so that you may tell your children her pow'r.
For this God's our God, and forever will be,
our guide to the end, ever faithful is He!

Opening Prayer

- 1 Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God!
His holy mountain, 2 beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.*
- 3 Within her citadels God
has made himself known as a fortress.*
- 4 For behold, the kings assembled;
they came on together.*
- 5 As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;
they were in panic; they took to flight.*
- 6 Trembling took hold of them there,
anguish as of a woman in labor.*
- 7 By the east wind you shattered
the ships of Tarshish.*
- 8 As we have heard, so have we seen
in the city of the LORD of hosts,
in the city of our God,
which God will establish forever.*
- 9 We have thought on your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.*
- 10 As your name, O God,
so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.
Your right hand is filled with righteousness.*
- 11 Let Mount Zion be glad!
Let the daughters of Judah rejoice
because of your judgments!*
- 12 Walk about Zion, go around her,
number her towers,*
- 13 consider well her ramparts,
go through her citadels,
that you may tell the next generation
14 that this is God,
our God forever and ever.
He will guide us forever.*

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn • *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold me with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore;
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing waters flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer,
be Thou still my strength and Shield.
Strong Deliverer,
be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee;
songs of praises, I will ever give to Thee.

Land me safe on Canaan's side
bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears
land me safe on Canaan's side
bid my anxious fears, bid my anxious fears, goodbye

Benediction

Musician – Coleman Greene

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