

Covenant Presbyterian Church
Evening Communion Service
April 25, 2021

Call to Worship • Psalm 89:1, 5, 15-16

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PASTOR: *I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever;*

ALL: With my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

PASTOR: *Let the heavens praise your wonders, O LORD,*

ALL: Your faithfulness in the assembly of the holy ones!

PASTOR: *Blessed are the people who know the festal shout,*

ALL: Who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,

PASTOR: *Who exult in your name all the day*

ALL: And in your righteousness are exalted.

Opening Hymn • *Now Thank We All Our God*

#98

1. Now thank we all our God
with heart and hands and voices,
who wondrous things hath done,
in whom his world rejoices;
who from our mothers' arms,
hath blessed us on our way
with countless gifts of love,
and still is ours today.

2. O may this bounteous God
through all our life be near us,
with ever-joyful hearts
and blessed peace to cheer us;
and keep us in his grace,
and guide us when perplexed,
and free us from all ills
in this world and the next.

3. All praise and thanks to God
the Father now be given,
the Son, and him who reigns
with them in highest heaven —
the one eternal God,
whom earth and heav'n adore;
for thus it was, is now,
and shall be evermore.

Opening Prayer

- 1 God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.*
- 2 Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah*
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.*
- 5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;
God will help her when morning dawns.*
- 6 The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;
he utters his voice, the earth melts.*

- 7 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah*
- 8 Come, behold the works of the LORD,
how he has brought desolations on the earth.*
- 9 He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;
he burns the chariots with fire.*
- 10 "Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!"*
- 11 The LORD of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah*

The Lord's Supper

Closing Hymn • A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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1. A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood
of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and pow'r are great;
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name,
from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.
3. And though this world, with devils filled,
should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
his truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo! his doom is sure;
one little word shall fell him.
4. That Word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also;
the body they may kill:
God's truth abideth still;
his kingdom is forever.

Benediction

Musician – Coleman Greene

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