

THE LORD'S DAY

Covenant Presbyterian Church

September 4, 2022

The Welcome and Announcements (10:55)

The Prelude "Vorspiel" Clark

The Choral Call "Lord, As the Day Begins" Sullivan/Smith
(Hymn 399)

The Call to Worship Romans 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out!

"Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?"

"Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?"

For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen.

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

"Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen"

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 1 What is your only comfort in life and death?

A. *That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit he also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for him.*

The Hymn

“This Is My Father’s World”

No. 111

**1. This is my Father’s world, and to my list’ning ears,
all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father’s world: I rest me in the thought of
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.**

**2. This is my Father’s world, the birds their carols raise,
the morning light, the lily white, declare their Maker’s praise.
This is my Father’s world; he shines in all that’s fair; in the
rustling grass I hear him pass, he speaks to me everywhere.**

**3. This is my Father’s world, O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: the battle is not done; Jesus
who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heav’n be one.**

The New Testament Reading

Matthew 6:25-34

The Morning Prayer

The Hymn

“Whate’er My God Ordains Is Right”

No. 108

**1. Whate’er my God ordains is right: his holy will abideth;
I will be still whate’er he doth, and follow where he
guideth. He is my God; though dark my road, he holds me
that I shall not fall: wherefore to him I leave it all.**

**2. Whate’er my God ordains is right: he never will deceive
me; he leads me by the proper path; I know he will not
leave me. I take, content, what he hath sent; his hand can
turn my griefs away, and patiently I wait his day.**

**3. Whate’er my God ordains is right: though now this cup, in
drinking, may bitter seem to my faint heart, I take it, all un-
shrinking. My God is true; each morn anew sweet comfort
yet shall fill my heart, and pain and sorrow shall depart.**

**4. Whate’er my God ordains is right: here shall my stand be
taken; though sorrow, need, or death be mine, yet am I not for-
saken. My Father’s care is round me there; he holds me
that I shall not fall: and so to him I leave it all.**

The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

“Sarabande”

Corelli

The Anthem

“Lord of All Good, We Bring Our Gifts to You”

Watson/Brady

**1. Lord of all good, we bring our gifts to you,
pledges of love and off’rings of our skill;
through them fulfill your purpose ever true
as our whole life is offered to your will.**

**2. We give our minds to understand your ways;
hands, voices, eyes to serve your great design;
your flame of love has set our hearts ablaze:
thus for your glory all our pow’rs combine.**

**3. Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose sacrifice our lives are new;
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:
we give ourselves in gratitude to you!**

The Scripture

Proverbs 16:1-9, 33

“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.”

The Sermon

“The Invisible Hand of God”

Rev. Tim Starnes

The Hymn

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way”

No. 128

**1. God moves in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;
he plants his footsteps in the sea, and rides upon the storm.**

**2. Deep in unfathomable minds of never failing skill
he treasures up his bright designs, and works his sovereign will.**

**3. Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take; the clouds ye so much dread
are big with mercy, and shall break in blessings on your head.**

**4. Judge not the Lord by feeble sense, but trust him for his grace;
behind a frowning providence he hides a smiling face.**

**5. His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev’ry hour;
the bud may have a bitter taste but sweet will be the flow’r.**

**6. Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain;
God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.**

The Benediction

The Postlude

Canon in D Major

Pachelbel

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ted Leininger will be preaching tonight from Zechariah 3:1-5.

Covenant Youth will not meet on Wednesday September 7th. We will resume in conjunction with Wednesday night meals on September 14th, 6:30-7:00.

The Women's Independent Bible Study will meet Thursday September 8th at 7:00 PM at the church.

The Ladies Weekly Bible Study and Fellowship begins Tuesday September 13th at 9:30 a.m. in the youth room. All ladies are invited to attend. The topic will be "Standing Alone: Scenes from Elijah and Elisha" taught by Paige Brown.

Upcoming Adult Sunday School Classes (September 11 - December 4)

Adult Class: Survey of the Minor Prophets (west classroom)

One minor prophet a week— taught by Ben Ratliff, Ted Leininger, David Arant, and David Robinson.

Adult Class: A Survey of Church History Part 1, AD 100–600 (fellowship hall)

A Ligonier video series taught by Robert Godfrey, with discussion led by Clint Wood and Geoff Waldbieser.

Ladies Class: Standing Alone: Scenes from Elijah and Elisha (library)

Taught by Paige Brown. Led by Meredith Fletcher.

Men's Class: The Gospel of Mark (conference room) Taught by Bill Arnold.

Sunday

9:45.....Sunday School*

10:55.....Morning Worship*

6:00.....Evening Worship*

Tuesday

7:30.....Men's Group

Wednesday

6:30.....Prayer Meeting

7:00.....Choir Practice

Thursday

7:00.....Women's Independent Bible Study

*Nursery provided

Reminders For Sunday September 11th

Infants.....Libbi Logan

Crawlers.....Celia Springer

Toddlers.....Laura Abraham

Preschool.....Lacey Miller

Floater.....Sarah Katherine Steadman

Gracious Greeters.....Joy Allen/Patricia Herbison

Holy Dusters.....Tennie Lester

Please no food or drinks in the sanctuary.

Westminster Confession of Faith 3:1

God from all eternity did, by the most wise and holy counsel of his own will, freely and unchangeably ordain whatsoever comes to pass; yet so as thereby neither is God the author of sin, nor is violence offered to the will of the creatures, nor is the liberty or contingency of second causes taken away, but rather established.

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 27 What do you understand by the providence of God?

A. God's providence is his almighty and ever present power, whereby, as with his hand, he still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures, and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, indeed, all things, come to us not by chance but by his fatherly hand.

“To man belong the plans of the heart, but from the Lord comes the reply of the tongue.” Proverbs 16:1

“In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.”
Proverbs 16:9

“The lot is cast into the lap, but its every decision is from the Lord.”
Proverbs 16:33

“Many are the plans in a man's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails.” Proverbs 19:21

“The Son of Man will go just as it is written about him. But woe to the man who betrays the Son of Man! It would be better for him if he had not been born.” Matthew 26:24

“This man was handed over to you by God's set purpose and foreknowledge; and you, with the help of wicked men, put him to death by nailing him to the cross.” Acts 2:23

The Heidelberg Catechism

Q. 28 What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by his providence?

A. We can be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from his love for all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot so much as move.



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