



**Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY**

July 18, 2021

10:30 a.m.

Welcome & Announcements

† Call to Worship

Psalm 103:1-5

Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

† Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Unison

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on 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.

† Hymn of Praise

#216 (TH #53)

"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Confession of Sin

#467

"Cast Down, O God, the Idols"

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always chide, nor will He keep His anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to His children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear Him.

† **Hymn of Assurance**

#514 (TH #708)

“O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go”

† **Confession of Faith**

Westminster Shorter Catechism (1647)

Q. 45. Which is the first commandment?

A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

Q. 46. What is required in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment requireth us to know and acknowledge God to be the only true God, and our God; and to worship and glorify him accordingly.

Q. 47. What is forbidden in the first commandment?

A. The first commandment forbiddeth the denying, or not worshiping and glorifying the true God as God, and our God; and the giving of that worship and glory to any other, which is due to him alone.

Q. 48. What are we specially taught by these words before me in the first commandment?

A. These words before me in the first commandment teach us that God, who seeth all things, taketh notice of, and is much displeased with, the sin of having any other god.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Nahum 1

¹ An oracle concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum of Elkosh. ² The Lord is a jealous and avenging God; the Lord is avenging and wrathful; the Lord takes vengeance on His adversaries and keeps wrath for His enemies. ³ The Lord is slow to anger and great in power, and the Lord will by no means clear the guilty. His way is in whirlwind and storm, and the clouds are the dust of His feet. ⁴ He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; He dries up all the rivers; Bashan and Carmel wither; the bloom of Lebanon withers. ⁵ The mountains quake before Him; the hills melt; the earth heaves before Him, the world and all who dwell in it. ⁶ Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the heat of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken into pieces by Him. ⁷ The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; He knows those who take refuge in Him. ⁸ But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete end of the adversaries, and will pursue His enemies into darkness. ⁹ What do you plot against the Lord? He will make a complete end; trouble will not rise up a second time. ¹⁰ For they are like entangled thorns, like drunkards as they drink; they are consumed like stubble fully dried. ¹¹ From you came one who plotted evil against the Lord, a worthless counselor. ¹² Thus says the Lord, “Though they are at full strength and many, they will be cut down and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more. ¹³ And now I will break his yoke from off you and will burst your bonds apart.” ¹⁴ The Lord has given commandment about you: “No more shall your name be

perpetuated; from the house of your gods I will cut off the carved image and the metal image. I will make your grave, for you are vile.” ¹⁵ Behold, upon the mountains, the feet of Him who brings good news, who publishes peace! Keep your feasts, O Judah; fulfill your vows, for never again shall the worthless pass through you; he is utterly cut off.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

“The Good News in the Bad News”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Gloria Patri”

#571 (TH #734)

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Hymn of Preparation**

“We Rest on Thee”

#422 (TH #449)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† **Closing Hymn**

“How Firm a Foundation”

#243 (TH #94)

† **Benediction**

“The Good News in the Bad News”

Nahum 1

INTRODUCTION

- I. The God of Jealousy, Vengeance, and Wrath (vv. 1-5)**
- II. The Good News in the Bad News (vv. 6-14)**
- III. The Gospel Proclaimed (v. 15)**

CONCLUSION

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won - drous - ly
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy work and de -
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath

The first system of music consists of a treble and bass staff in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The treble staff contains the vocal melody, and the bass staff contains the bass line. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
fend thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here
made thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand

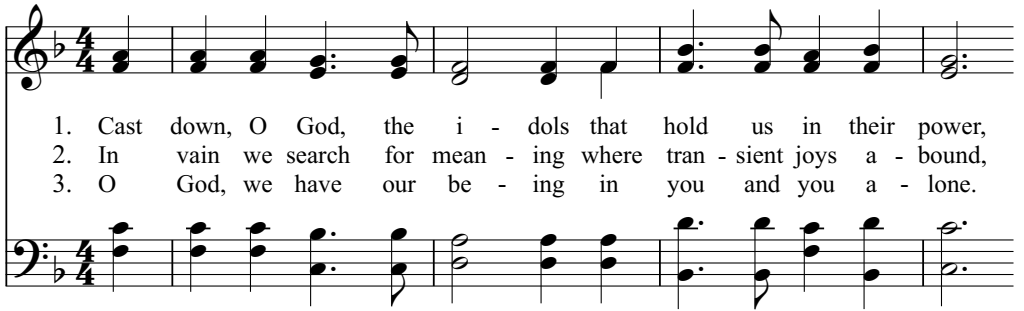
The second system of music continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear; now to his
gent - ly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
dai - ly at - tend thee. Pon - der a - new what the Al -
guid - ed and stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he

The third system of music concludes the piece. The lyrics are printed below the treble staff.

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad a - do - ra - tion.
sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
might - y will do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
brought thee re - lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!

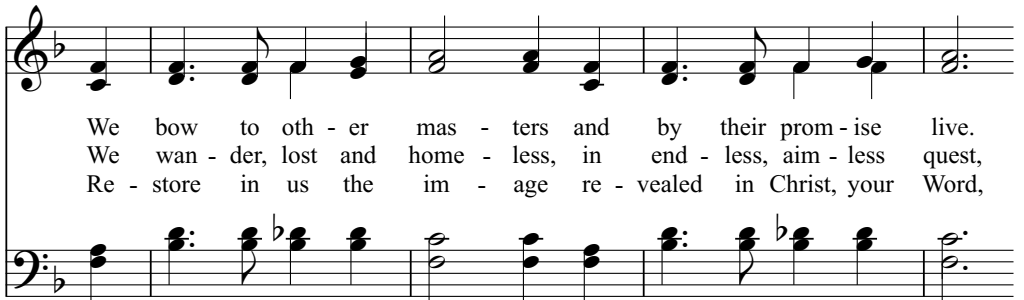
Cast Down, O God, the Idols



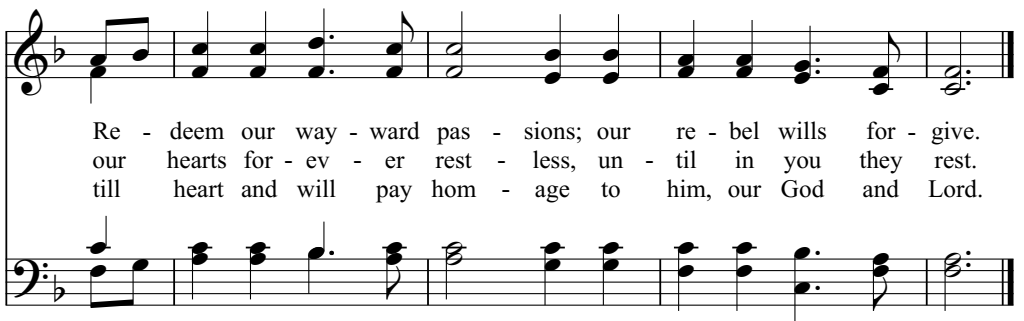
1. Cast down, O God, the i - dols that hold us in their power,
2. In vain we search for mean - ing where tran - sient joys a - bound,
3. O God, we have our be - ing in you and you a - lone.



the emp - ty gods we wor - ship when dark - ness has its hour.
and seek the soul's con - tent - ment where peace can - not be found.
Re - call us from our wan - d'rings; re - claim us as your own.



We bow to oth - er mas - ters and by their prom - ise live.
We wan - der, lost and home - less, in end - less, aim - less quest,
Re - store in us the im - age re - vealed in Christ, your Word,



Re - deem our way - ward pas - sions; our re - bel wills for - give.
our hearts for - ev - er rest - less, un - til in you they rest.
till heart and will pay hom - age to him, our God and Lord.

O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

1. O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
2. O Light that fol-low'st all my way, I yield my
3. O Joy that seek-est me through pain, I can-not
4. O Cross that lift-est up my head, I dare not

wea-ry soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe,
flick-'ring torch to thee; my heart re-stores its bor-rowed ray,
close my heart to thee; I trace the rain-bow thro' the rain,
ask to fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glo-ry dead,

that in thine o - cean depths its flow may rich - er, full - er be.
that in thy sun - shine's blaze its day may bright - er, fair - er be.
and feel the prom - ise is not vain that morn shall tear - less be.
and from the ground there blos - soms red, life that shall end - less be.

George Matheson, 1882

ST. MARGARET 8.8.8.8.6.
Albert L. Peace, 1885

Gloria Patri

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the

The first system of musical notation for 'Gloria Patri' consists of a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one sharp (F#). The treble staff contains a vocal line with lyrics: 'Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the'. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is

The second system of musical notation continues the vocal line with lyrics: 'Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be - gin - ning, is'. The treble staff shows a melodic line with some chromaticism, and the bass staff continues the accompaniment.

now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

The third system of musical notation concludes the piece with lyrics: 'now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.' The treble staff features a final melodic phrase, and the bass staff provides a solid harmonic base.

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GLORIA PATRI (MEINEKE) Irreg.
Charles Meineke, 1844

We Rest on Thee

1. We rest on thee, our Shield and our De - fend - er!
2. Yea, in thy name, O Cap - tain of sal - va - tion!
3. We go in faith, our own great weak - ness feel - ing,
4. We rest on thee, our Shield and our De - fend - er!

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat. The melody is primarily composed of quarter and eighth notes, with a final measure containing a half note and a whole note. The lyrics are aligned with the notes, with some words spanning across bar lines.

We go not forth a - lone a - gainst the foe;
In thy dear name, all oth - er names a - bove:
and need - ing more each day thy grace to know:
Thine is the bat - tle, thine shall be the praise;

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The lyrics are: "We go not forth a - lone a - gainst the foe; In thy dear name, all oth - er names a - bove: and need - ing more each day thy grace to know: Thine is the bat - tle, thine shall be the praise;". The musical notation includes a treble and bass staff with lyrics positioned between them.

strong in thy strength, safe in thy keep - ing ten - der,
Je - sus our righ - teous - ness, our sure foun - da - tion,
yet from our hearts a song of tri - umph peal - ing,
when pass - ing through the gates of pearl - y splen - dor,

The third system concludes the piece. The lyrics are: "strong in thy strength, safe in thy keep - ing ten - der, Je - sus our righ - teous - ness, our sure foun - da - tion, yet from our hearts a song of tri - umph peal - ing, when pass - ing through the gates of pearl - y splen - dor,". The musical notation includes a treble and bass staff with lyrics positioned between them.

we rest on thee, and in thy name we go;
 our Prince of glo - ry and our King of love,
 "We rest on thee, and in thy name we go";
 vic - tors, we rest with thee, through end - less days;

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Edith G. Cherry, ca. 1895

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 Jean Sibelius, 1899; arr.
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How Firm a Foundation



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed; for I am your
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go, the riv - ers of
4. "When through fi - ery tri - als your path - way shall lie, my grace, all - suf -



faith in his ex - cel - lent Word! What more can he say than to
God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength - en you, help you, and
sor - row shall not o - ver - flow; for I will be with you, your
fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I



you he has said, to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
cause you to stand, up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
trou - bles to bless, and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
on - ly de - sign your dross to con - sume and your gold to re - fine.



5. "E'en down to old age all my people shall prove
my sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;
and when hoary hairs shall their temples adorn,
like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.
6. "The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake."

Devotional Readings
July 19-24, 2021
“The Good News in the Bad News”
Nahum 1

Monday: Read Psalm 94. Compare this psalm to Nahum 1.

Tuesday: Read Numbers 16:5 and 2 Timothy 2:19. What do these verses, along with Nahum 1:7, teach us about personal holiness?

Wednesday: Read 2 Chronicles 32:1–19. What do the Assyrians think of the one true God of Israel?

Thursday: Read 2 Chronicles 32:20–23. How did things work out for Sennacherib king of Assyria?

Friday: Read Revelation 7:13–17. What is the ultimate fulfillment of Nahum 1:12–13?

Saturday: Read Romans 10:14–17 and 1 Corinthians 5:6–8. How do these verses resonate with Nahum 1:15?