



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

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
November 21, 2021
10:30 a.m.**

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

† Call to Worship

Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are His also. The sea is His, for He made it, and His hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For He is our God, and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

† 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

#95A

"O Come before the LORD, Our King"

Confession of Sin

Isaiah 53:3-6

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces He was despised, and we esteemed Him not. Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities; upon Him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with His wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Jeremiah 31:33-34

“For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put My law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be My people. And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the LORD,’ for they shall all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”

† Hymn of Assurance

#350 (TH #251)

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

† Confession of Faith

Belgic Confession (1559), Article 20

We believe that God—who is perfectly merciful and also very just— sent His Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by His most bitter passion and death. So God made known His justice toward His Son, who was charged with our sin, and He poured out His goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us His Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising Him to life for our justification, in order that by Him we might have immortality and eternal life.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Hebrews 9:15 -10:18

¹⁵ Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. ²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer Himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then He would have had to suffer repeatedly since the

foundation of the world. But as it is, He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment,²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

10 ¹ For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, He said, “Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for Me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God, as it is written of Me in the scroll of the book.’” ⁸ When He said above, “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then He added, “Behold, I have come to do Your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷ then He adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

“Sins Forgiven and Forgotten”

Prayer

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† **Doxology**

“Doxology”

#567 (TH #731)

† **Prayer of Dedication**

† **Hymn of Preparation**

“Nothing but the Blood”

#278 (TH #307)

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

† **Closing Hymn**

“Now Thank We All Our God”

#181 (TH #98)

† **Benediction**

“Sins Forgiven and Forgotten”

Hebrews 9:15 – 10:18

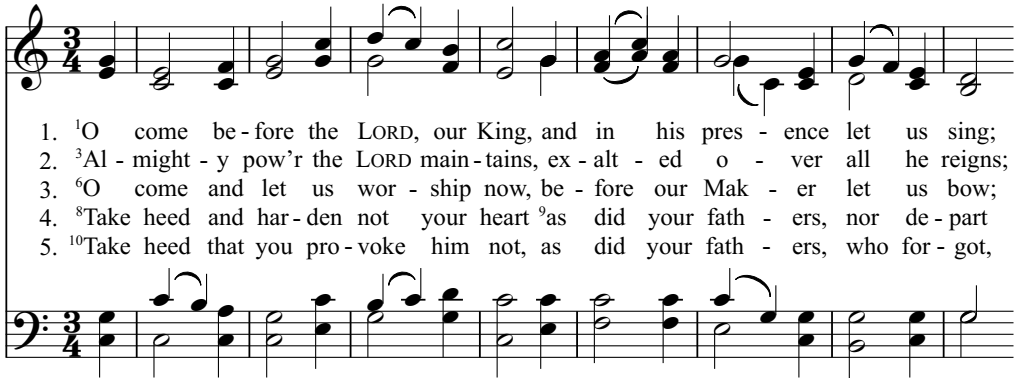
INTRODUCTION

- I. Your Sins have been Forgiven because of His Shed Blood (9:15–28)

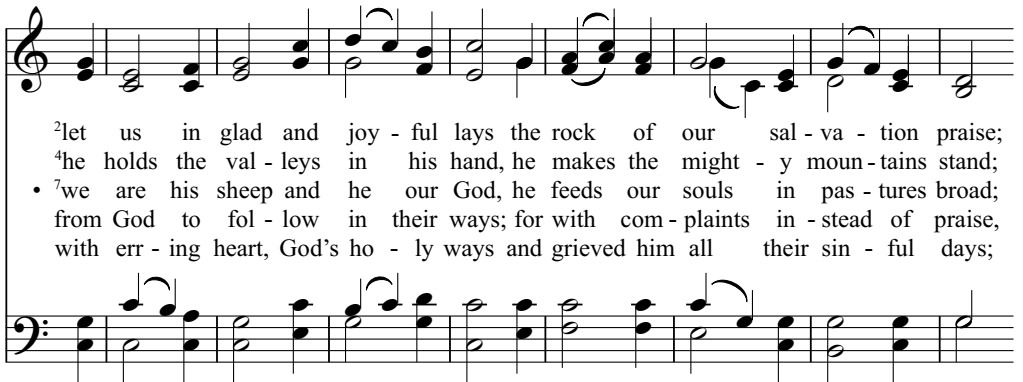
- II. Your Sins will not be Remembered because of His Steadfast Obedience (10:1–18)

CONCLUSION

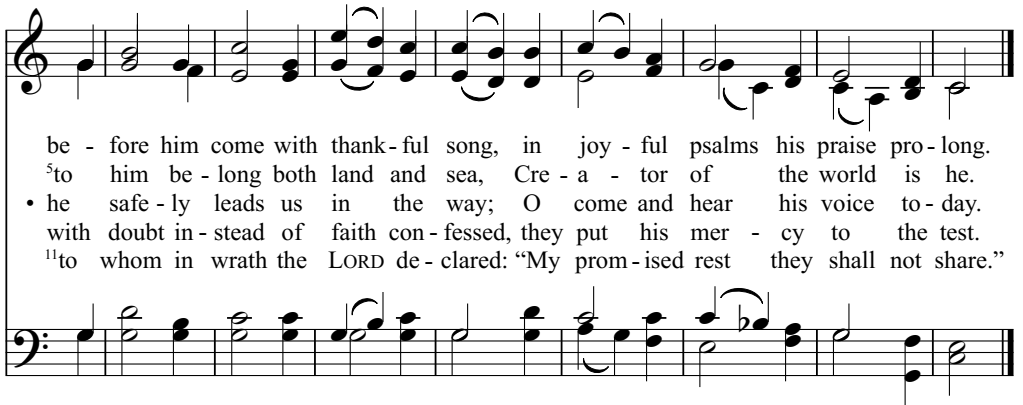
Psalm 95A



1. ¹O come be - fore the LORD, our King, and in his pres - ence let us sing;
2. ³Al - might - y pow'r the LORD main - tains, ex - alt - ed o - ver all he reigns;
3. ⁶O come and let us wor - ship now, be - fore our Mak - er let us bow;
4. ⁸Take heed and har - den not your heart ⁹as did your fath - ers, nor de - part
5. ¹⁰Take heed that you pro - voke him not, as did your fath - ers, who for - got,

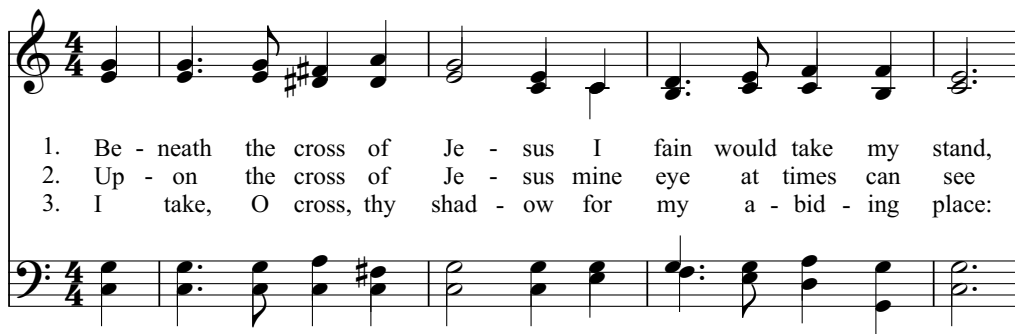


²let us in glad and joy - ful lays the rock of our sal - va - tion praise;
⁴he holds the val - leys in his hand, he makes the might - y moun - tains stand;
• ⁷we are his sheep and he our God, he feeds our souls in pas - tures broad;
from God to fol - low in their ways; for with com - plaints in - stead of praise,
with err - ing heart, God's ho - ly ways and grieved him all their sin - ful days;

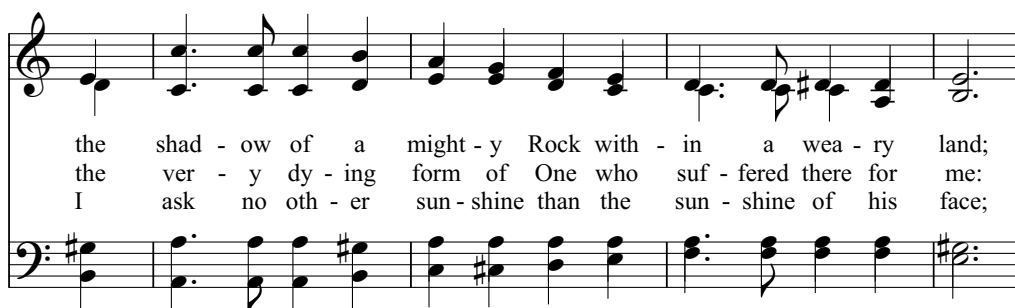


be - fore him come with thank - ful song, in joy - ful psalms his praise pro - long.
⁵to him be - long both land and sea, Cre - a - tor of the world is he.
• he safe - ly leads us in the way; O come and hear his voice to - day.
with doubt in - stead of faith con - fessed, they put his mer - cy to the test.
¹¹to whom in wrath the LORD de - clared: "My prom - ised rest they shall not share."

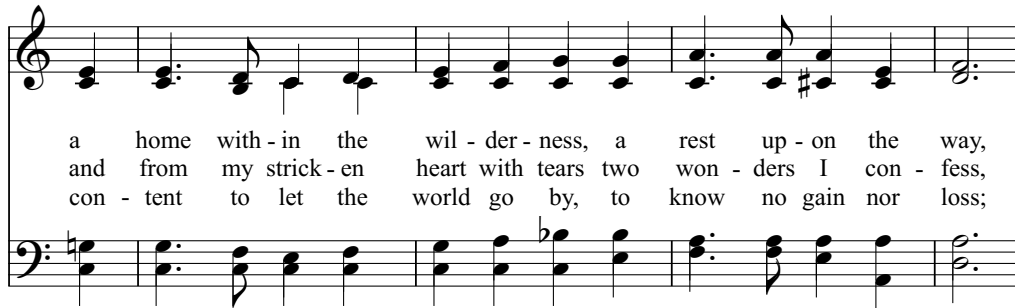
Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I fain would take my stand,
2. Up - on the cross of Je - sus mine eye at times can see
3. I take, O cross, thy shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place:



the shad - ow of a might - y Rock with - in a wea - ry land;
the ver - y dy - ing form of One who suf - fered there for me:
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in the wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
and from my strick - en heart with tears two won - ders I con - fess,
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and the bur - den of the day.
the won - ders of re - deem - ing love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all the cross.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

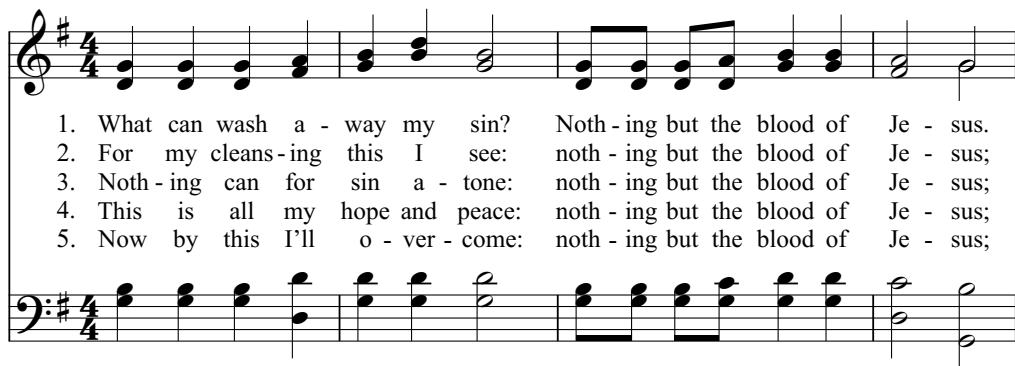
crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

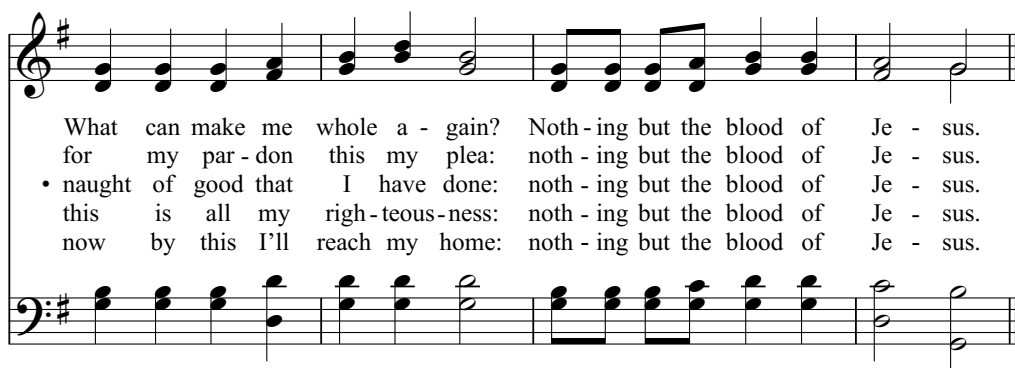
Thomas Ken, 1709

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Louis Bourgeois, 1551

Nothing but the Blood



1. What can wash a - way my sin? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
2. For my cleans - ing this I see: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
3. Noth - ing can for sin a - tone: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
4. This is all my hope and peace: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;
5. Now by this I'll o - ver - come: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus;

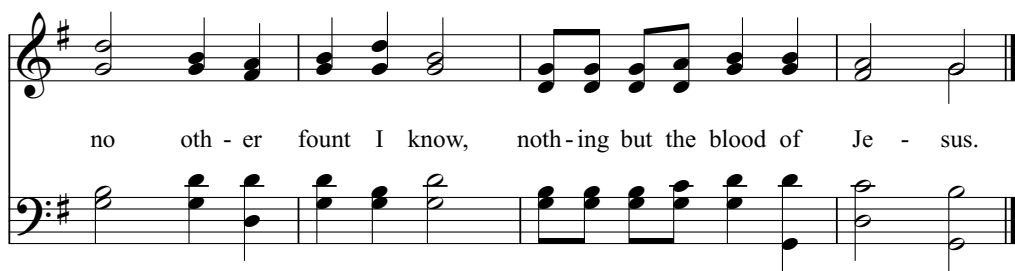


What can make me whole a - gain? Noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
for my par - don this my plea: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
• naught of good that I have done: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
this is all my righ - teous - ness: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.
now by this I'll reach my home: noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Refrain



O pre - cious is the flow that makes me white as snow;



no oth - er fount I know, noth - ing but the blood of Je - sus.

Now Thank We All Our God

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
2. O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won - drous things has done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en—

who from our moth - ers' arms has blessed us on our way
and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

Devotional Readings
November 22-27, 2021
Hebrews 9:15 – 10:18

Monday: Read Psalm 40. Relate this whole psalm, and not just Psalm 40:6–8, to the argument of Hebrews 10:1–18.

Tuesday: Read Jeremiah 31:31–34. How does the author of Hebrews use these verses in his argument against continued sacrificial offerings?

Wednesday: Read John 1:29–34 and 19:28–37. Why is Jesus called the Lamb of God?

Thursday: Read Psalm 103. For what should we offer thanks and praise to God?

Friday: Read Romans 3. Relate this chapter to Hebrews 9:27–28 and 10:10.

Saturday: Read Galatians 3. How do the righteous live by faith?