



# Hope

Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day, August 15, 2021

And the vision of all this has become to you like the words of a book that is sealed. When men give it to one who can read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot, for it is sealed." And when they give the book to one who cannot read, saying, "Read this," he says, "I cannot read."

And the Lord said:

"Because this people draw near with their mouth  
and honor me with their lips,  
while their hearts are far from me,  
and their fear of me is a commandment taught by men,  
therefore, behold, I will again  
do wonderful things with this people,  
with wonder upon wonder;  
and the wisdom of their wise men shall perish,  
and the discernment of their discerning men shall be hidden."

Ah, you who hide deep from the Lord your counsel,  
whose deeds are in the dark,  
and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"  
You turn things upside down!  
Shall the potter be regarded as the clay,  
that the thing made should say of its maker,  
"He did not make me";  
or the thing formed say of him who formed it,  
"He has no understanding"?

Isaiah 29.11-16

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# Order for Engaging with God in Worship

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## Welcome and Announcements

### Introit

**\*Call to Worship: Psalm 73.1–3; 11–20; 23–28**

Truly God is good to Israel, to those who are pure in heart.  
But as for me, my feet had almost stumbled, my steps had  
nearly slipped.

For I was envious of the arrogant when I saw the prosperity of  
the wicked.

**And they say, “How can God know? Is there knowledge in  
the Most High?”**

**Behold, these are the wicked; always at ease, they increase  
in riches.**

**All in vain have I kept my heart clean and washed my hands  
in innocence.**

**For all the day long I have been stricken and rebuked every  
morning.**

**If I had said, “I will speak thus,” I would have betrayed the  
generation of your children.**

But when I thought how to understand this, it seemed to me a  
wearisome task, until I went into the sanctuary of God; then I  
discerned their end.

**Truly you set them in slippery places; you make them fall  
to ruin. How they are destroyed in a moment, swept away  
utterly by terrors! Like a dream when one awakes, O Lord,  
when you rouse yourself, you despise them as phantoms.**

Nevertheless, I am continually with you; you hold my right  
hand.

You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will receive  
me to glory. Whom have I in heaven but you?

And there is nothing on earth that I desire besides you.

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my  
heart and my portion forever.

**For behold, those who are far from you shall perish; you put  
an end to everyone who is unfaithful to you.**

**But for me it is good to be near God;**

**I have made the Lord God my refuge, that I may tell of all  
your works.**

### \*Prayer of Invocation

**\*Opening Hymn: #7 From All That Dwell Below the  
Skies**

**\*Hymn: #87 The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**

**\*Scripture Reading: Matthew 7.12–27**

**\*Confession of Faith: *The Westminster Confession  
of Faith*, Chapter XVIII, Of the Assurance of Grace and  
Salvation (I, IV)**

Pastor: O Christians, what do you believe concerning your  
assurance of faith?

Congregation: **Although hypocrites and other unregenerate  
men may vainly deceive themselves with false hopes and  
carnal presumptions of being in the favour of God, and  
estate of salvation; which hope of theirs shall perish; yet  
such as truly believe in the Lord Jesus, and love Him in  
sincerity, endeavouring to walk in all good conscience  
before Him, may, in this life, be certainly assured that they  
are in the state of grace, and may rejoice in the hope of the  
glory of God; which hope shall never make them ashamed.**

**True believers may have the assurance of their salvation  
divers ways shaken, diminished, and intermitted; as, by  
negligence in preserving of it; by falling into some special  
sin, which woundeth the conscience and grieveth the  
Spirit; by some sudden or vehement temptation; by God's  
withdrawing the light of His countenance, and suffering  
even such as fear Him to walk in darkness, and to have no  
light: yet are they never utterly destitute of that seed of  
God, and life of faith, that love of Christ and the brethren,  
that sincerity of heart and conscience of duty, out of which,  
by the operation of the Spirit, this assurance may, in due  
time, be revived; and by the which, in the mean time, they  
are supported from utter despair.**

### Prayer of Confession of Sin

**Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 25.11–14; 16–18**

For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great.  
Who is the man who fears the Lord?

Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose.

His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall  
inherit the land. The friendship of the Lord is for those who  
fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.  
The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my  
distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive  
all my sins.

\*Hymn of Response: #525 *A Child of the King*

Closing Prayer

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession to God

\*Closing Hymn: #693 *Blessed Assurance*

\**Gloria Patri*

(Live Stream Ends)

Anthem of Musical Worship

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sermon Title: *The Perilous Sin of Hypocrisy Among God's People*

\*Benediction

Isaiah 29

Rev. Martin Hawley

## From All That Dwell below the Skies

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*Praise the LORD, all you nations; extol him, all you peoples. Ps. 117:1*

1. From all that dwell be - low the skies let the Cre -  
2. In ev - ery land be - gin the song; to ev - ery  
3. E - ter - nal are your mer - cies, Lord; e - ter - nal

a - tor's praise a - rise; let the Re - deem - er's name be  
land the strains be - long. In cheer - ful sound all voic - es  
truth at - tends your word. Your praise shall sound from shore to

sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue.  
raise and fill the world with joy - ful praise.  
shore till suns shall rise and set no more.

# The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

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*The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. Ps. 23:1*

1. The Lord's my Shep - herd, I'll not want; he  
 2. My soul he doth re - store a - gain; and  
 3. Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet  
 4. My ta - ble thou hast fur - nish - ed in  
 5. Good - ness and mer - cy all my life shall

• makes me down to lie in pas - tures green; he  
 me to walk doth make with - in the paths of  
 • will I fear none ill, for thou art with me;  
 pres - ence of my foes; my head thou dost with  
 sure - ly fol - low me: and in God's house for -

lead - eth me the qui - et wa - ters by.  
 righ - teous - ness, e'en for his own name's sake.  
 • and thy rod and staff me com - fort still.  
 oil a - noint, and my cup o - ver - flows.  
 ev - er - more my dwell - ing place shall be.

## A Child of the King

*We are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and coheirs with Christ. Rom. 8:16, 17*

1. My Fa - ther is rich in hous - es and lands, he hold - eth the  
 2. My Fa - ther's own Son, the Sav - ior of men, once wan - dered o'er  
 3. I once was an out - cast strang - er on earth, a sin - ner by  
 4. A tent or a cot - tage, why should I care? They're build - ing a

wealth of the world in his hands! Of ru - bies and dia - monds, of  
 earth as the poor - est of them; but now he is reign - ing for -  
 choice, and an a - lien by birth! But I've been a - dopt - ed, my  
 pal - ace for me o - ver there! Though ex - iled from home, yet

sil - ver and gold, his cof - fers are full, he has  
 ev - er on high, and will give me a home in  
 name's writ - ten down, an heir to a man - sion, a  
 still I may sing: all glo - ry to God, I'm a

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rich - es un - told.  
 heav'n by and by. I'm a child of the King, a child of the King!  
 robe, and a crown.  
 child of the King!

With Je - sus, my Sav - ior, I'm a child of the King.

## Blessed Assurance

*I will sing praise to my God as long as I live. Ps. 146:2*

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a fore - taste of  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of rap - ture now  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest, I in my Sav - ior am

glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
 burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing, bring from a - bove  
 hap - py and blest; watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love. This is my sto - ry,  
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long; this is my

sto - ry, this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.