

Let Justice Roll

June 7, 2020

Covenant Presbyterian Church of Chicago

2nd Sunday of Pentecost



Prelude by Justin Bowse

Call to Worship

Psalm 148

Leader: Who will praise the Lord from the heavens?
All his angels and all his hosts!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

Leader: The sun and moon and shining stars!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

Leader: Who will praise the Lord from the earth?
The great sea creatures and all deeps!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

Leader: The fire and hail, snow and mist!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

Leader: The mountains and hills and beasts and birds!

All: Let them praise the name of the Lord!

Leader: We will Praise the name of the Lord!

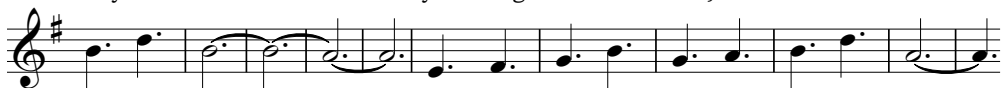
All: Let us praise the name of the Lord!



Praise the Lord from the hea-vens; praise him in_ the heights!_ Praise him,
Praise the Lord from the earth._ praise him all_ you deeps!_ Praise him,



all his an-gels; praise him all_ his hosts!_ Praise him, sun and moon and
all you rul-ers. Praise him all_ you kings!_ Praise him, fire and snow and



shin-ing sta - rs! Praise him high-est hea-vens far a - bove._
stor - my wi - nds! Praise him hills and trees, all liv - ing things..



Let them praise the name of the Lord. He est - ta - blished them by his



word. Let us praise the name of the Lord._____

Ending



Let us praise the name, let us praise the



name, let us praise the name of the Lord.

Psalm 148, Music by Paul van der Bijl, 2019; arr. by Liam and Adrian van der Bijl

Prayer of Lament *from Psalm 13*

Leader: We plead: Repair the brokenness we share and hear this lament and prayer -

All: How long, O LORD? Will you forget us forever? How long will you hide your face from our suffering brothers and sisters? How long must we wrestle with our thoughts and every day have sorrow in our heart?

Leader: Have mercy on us and those who suffer, O God.

All: See our tears and hear our cries. Lead us all through this valley of death's shadow and renew in us the hope, peace and joy of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

moment of silent prayer

The musical score is written on three staves in treble clef, with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: "Gra-nt mer - cy and peace, To all those bow'd in grief In our ho - ur of need. Grant mer - cy and pea - ce. Gra-nt mer - cy and peace." The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second staff has a long horizontal line under "need" indicating a pause. The third staff ends with a double bar line.

Grant Mercy and Peace, Paul van der Bijl, 2011

Confession of Sin *Psalm 51:1*

Leader: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love; according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Silent time to pray and confess

Assurance of Pardon *Psalm 13:5-6*

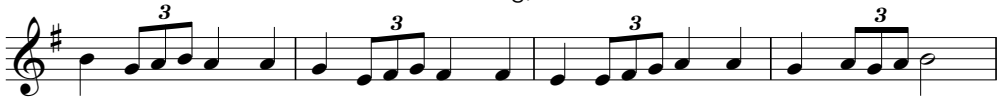
All: I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.



1 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, vast, un - mea - sured, boundless, free!
2 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, spread his praise from shore to shore!
3 O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, love of ev - ery love the best!



Rol - ling as a migh - ty o - cean in its full - ness o - ver me!
How he lov - eth, ev - er lov - eth Chang - eth ne - ver ne - ver - more!
'Tis an o - cean vast of bles - sing, 'tis a ha - ven sweet of rest!



Un - der - neath me, all a - round me, is the cur - rent of thy love
How he watch - es o'er his loved ones, died to call them all his own;
O the deep, deep love of Je - sus, 'tis a heaven of heavens to me;



lead - ing on - ward, lead - ing home - ward, to thy glo - rious rest a - bove!
how for them he int - er - ce - deth. Watch - eth o'er them from the throne!
and it lifts me up to glo - ry, for it lifts me up to thee!

O the Deep Deep Love of Jesus, Words: Samuel Francis (1834-1925). Music: Thomas Williams, 1890.

Lessons from the Word *read by Steve and Holly Lehmann*

New Testament Lesson - Romans 13.8-10
Gospel Lesson - Matthew 5.6

Reader: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

The Word

Pastor Aaron Baker
Let Justice Roll, Amos 5.6-7, 11-13, 18-24

Seek the LORD and live,
lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph,
and it devour, with none to quench it for Bethel,
O you who turn justice to wormwood
and cast down righteousness to the earth!

Therefore because you trample on the poor
and you exact taxes of grain from him,
you have built houses of hewn stone,
but you shall not dwell in them;
you have planted pleasant vineyards,
but you shall not drink their wine.
For I know how many are your transgressions
and how great are your sins—
you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe,
and turn aside the needy in the gate.
Therefore he who is prudent will keep silent in such a time,
for it is an evil time.

Woe to you who desire the day of the LORD!
Why would you have the day of the LORD?
It is darkness, and not light,
as if a man fled from a lion,
and a bear met him,
or went into the house and leaned his hand against the wall,
and a serpent bit him.
Is not the day of the LORD darkness, and not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?

"I hate, I despise your feasts,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them;
and the peace offerings of your fattened animals,
I will not look upon them.
Take away from me the noise of your songs;
to the melody of your harps I will not listen.
But let justice roll down like waters,
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

Prayers of the People

Song led by Paul van der Bijl and Justin Bowse



1. Peace, per - fect peace. In our dark world of sin,
2. Peace, per - fect peace. By thron - ing du - ties pressed,
3. Peace, per - fect peace. With sor - rows surg - ing round,
4. Peace, per - fect peace. Our fu - ture's all un - known,
5. Peace, per - fect peace. Death clings to us and ours,



your blood, Lord Je - sus, whis - pers peace with - in. _____
to do your will, oh Je - sus, this is rest. _____ to chorus
be - neath your sha - dow, on - ly calm is found. _____
but you we know, our Sav - ior on the throne. _____ to chorus
yet you have van - quished death and all its powers. _____ to chorus



Peace, per-fect peace, it is e - nough. Lord Je - sus, give us peace. _____

Peace, Perfect Peace: Words, Edward Bickersteth, 1875; Music and addl. words, Paul van der Bijl, 2020

Prayers for our community, our city, and our world led by Kara Shroyer

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: **Hear our Prayer**

**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, the power and the glory, for ever. Amen

Announcements in our community

News & Announcements

Announcements in our community

Sermon Devotional Email. You can sign up to receive an email three times a week in order to help you reflect on and pray through the prior week's sermon text and Scripture Lessons. To sign up, send an email to devotional@covenantchicago.org.

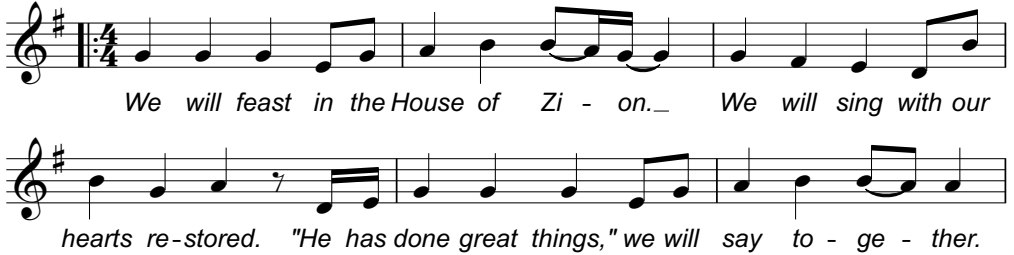
Let Us Pray for You. Covenant's staff meets remotely to pray for the congregation throughout the week. We would be honored to pray for you. Please send your prayer requests to Pastor Dan (dadamson@covenantchicago.org) who will share them with the staff.

Faithfulness in a World Forgotten: Learning from the Church in the Middle Ages. The Middle Ages are a forgotten millennium spanning from the late 5th century until the 15th century. After the fall of the Roman empire, the world looked sharply different as power decentralized, populations declined and the optimism of the Greek and Roman world disappeared. How did the church change, and how can we learn from the church of that time? Join us as we explore some of the major developments of the medieval church and learn how they've shaped the world today. Each Sunday, we'll share a recorded lecture and primary text reading. There will be an optional discussion the following Wednesday at 7:30 pm. Class will start on June 14.

Do you need help? If the ongoing repercussions of covid-19 present a financial or physical hardship for you, please contact our deacons (diaconate@covenantchicago.org). Your email will go directly to the deacons, and they'll treat it with confidence. If you're able, now is a great time to contribute to the [Deacons Fund](#) to meet the needs of others in our congregation.

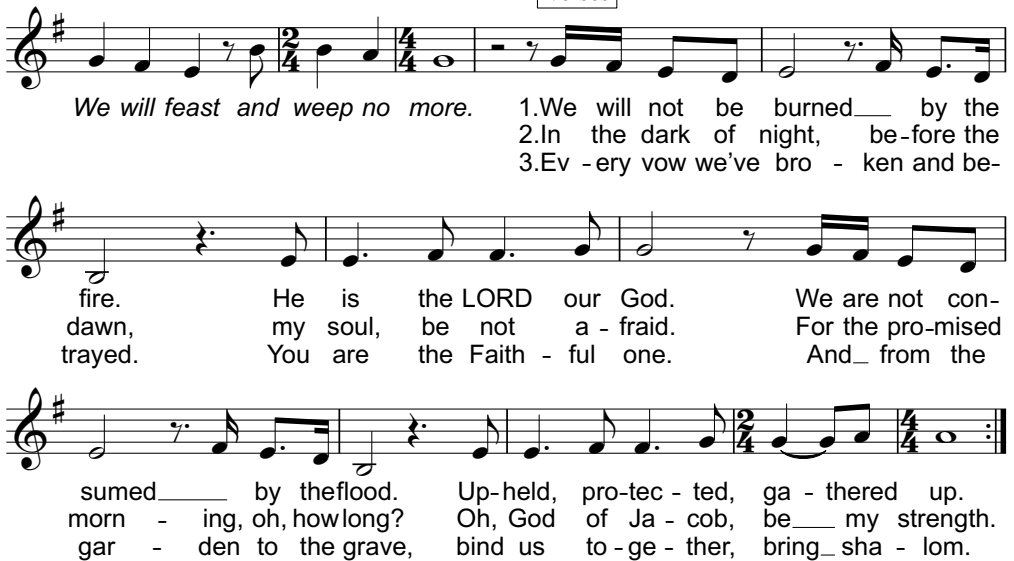
Song of Sending

Chorus



We will feast in the House of Zi - on. We will sing with our
hearts re-stored. "He has done great things," we will say to - ge - ther.

Verses



We will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be burned by the
2. In the dark of night, be-fore the
3. Ev - ery vow we've bro - ken and be-

fire. He is the LORD our God. We are not con-
dawn, my soul, be not a - fraid. For the pro-mised
trayed. You are the Faith - ful one. And from the

sumed by the flood. Up-held, pro-tec - ted, ga - thered up.
morn - ing, oh, how long? Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
gar - den to the grave, bind us to - ge - ther, bring sha - lom.

We Will Feast in The House of Zion, by Sandra McCracken, 2015, Westside Anglican Fellowship, Nashville, TN.

Leader: **Benediction**

Romans 15:5-7 May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.