

PREACHING THE CHRIST OF SCRIPTURE

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Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Silent Prayer

Salutation and Call to Worship

Malachi 1:11

¹¹For from the rising of the sun to its setting my name will be great among the nations, and in every place incense will be offered to my name, and a pure offering. For my name will be great among the nations, says the LORD of hosts.

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder



1. Let us love and sing and won - der, let us praise the Sav - ior's name!
2. Let us love the Lord who bought us, pit - ied us when en - e - mies,
3. Let us sing, though fierce temp - ta - tion threat - en hard to bear us down!
4. Let us won - der; grace and jus - tice join and point to mer - cy's store;
5. Let us praise, and join the cho - rus of the saints en - throned on high;



He has hushed the law's loud thun - der, he has quenched Mount Si - nai's flame:
 called us by his grace and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
 • For the Lord, our strong sal - va - tion, holds in view the con - qu'ror's crown:
 when thro' grace in Christ our trust is, jus - tice smiles and asks no more:
 here they trust - ed him be - fore us, now their prais - es fill the sky:



he has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.
 he has washed us with his blood, he pre - sents our souls to God.
 • he who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.
 he who washed us with his blood has se - cured our way to God.
 "You have washed us with your blood; you are wor - thy, Lamb of God!"



Declaration of Pardon

Genesis 1:26-27

²⁶ Then God said, “Let us make man in our image, after our likeness. And let them have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over the livestock and over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.”

²⁷ So God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them.

Prayer of Confession

Declaration of Pardon

Ephesians 1:7-10

⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.

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All to Jesus I Surrender

We have left everything to follow you! Mark 10:28

C F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

1. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, all to him I free - ly give;
 2. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, hum - bly at his feet I bow;
 3. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, make me, Sav - ior, whol - ly thine;
 4. All to Je - sus I sur - ren - der, Lord, I give my - self to thee;

F C G⁷ Em G⁷ C F C G⁷ Em C

may I ev - er love and trust him, in his pres - ence dai - ly live.
 world - ly plea - sures all for - sak - en, take me, Je - sus, take me now.
 may thy Ho - ly Spir - it fill me, may I know thy pow'r di - vine.
 fill me with thy love and pow - er, let thy bless - ing fall on me.

REFRAIN
 F C G G G⁷ C

I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.
 I sur - ren - der all, I sur - ren - der all.

F C F C/G G⁷ C 7

All to thee, my bless - ed Sav - ior, I sur - ren - der all.

Confession of Faith

The Apostolic Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

** The word "catholic" in the Creed is an adjective meaning "worldwide" or "universal."*

Offering and Doxology

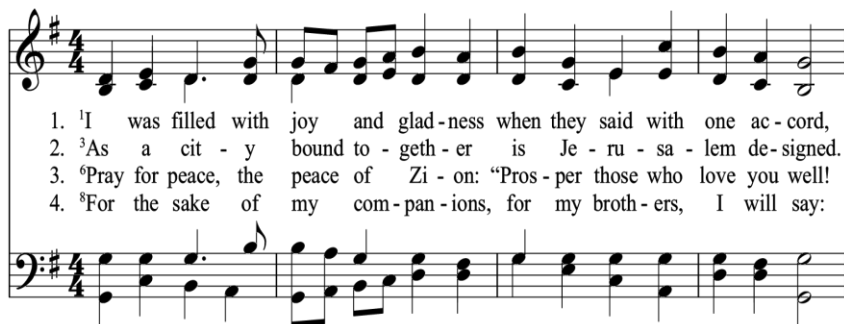
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heav'ly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

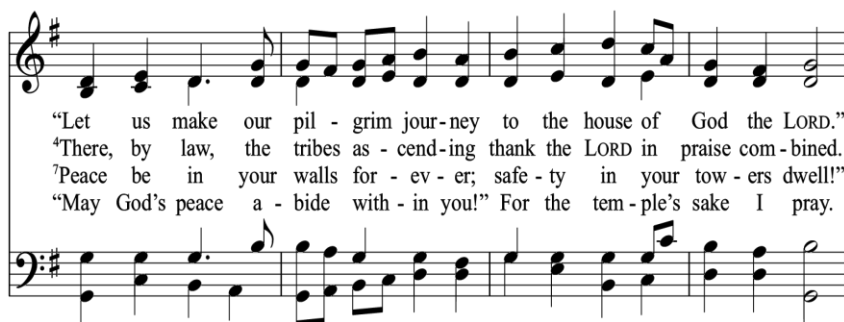
Lord's Prayer

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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

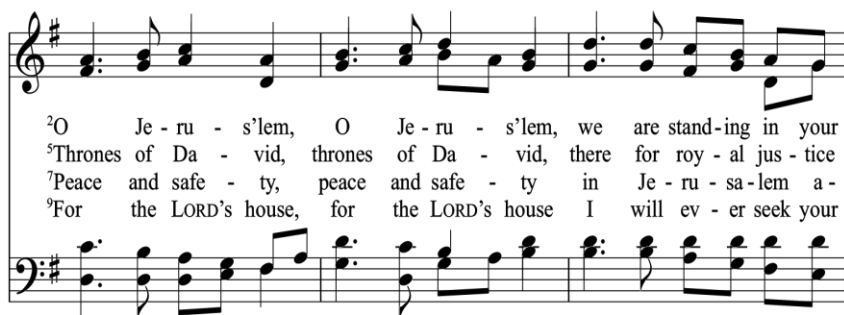
122A I Was Filled with Joy and Gladness



1. ¹I was filled with joy and glad-ness when they said with one ac-cord,
 2. ³As a cit-y bound to-geth-er is Je-ru-sa-lem de-signed.
 3. ⁶Pray for peace, the peace of Zi-on: "Pros-per those who love you well!
 4. ⁸For the sake of my com-pan-ions, for my broth-ers, I will say:



"Let us make our pil-grim jour-ney to the house of God the LORD."
⁴There, by law, the tribes as-cend-ing thank the LORD in praise com-bined.
⁷Peace be in your walls for-ev-er; safe-ty in your tow-ers dwell!"
 "May God's peace a-bide with-in you!" For the tem-ple's sake I pray.



²O Je-ru-s'lem, O Je-ru-s'lem, we are stand-ing in your
⁵Thrones of Da-vid, thrones of Da-vid, there for roy-al jus-tice
⁷Peace and safe-ty, peace and safe-ty in Je-ru-sa-lem a-
⁹For the LORD's house, for the LORD's house I will ev-er seek your



gates; (*in your gates*) we are stand-ing in your gates.
 stand; (*jus-tice stand*) there for roy-al jus-tice stand.
 bound; (*a-bound*) in Je-ru-sa-lem a-bound.
 good; (*seek your good*) I will ev-er seek your good.

Sermon Text

Genesis 24

24 Now Abraham was old, well advanced in years. And the LORD had blessed Abraham in all things. ² And Abraham said to his servant, the oldest of his household, who had charge of all that he had, “Put your hand under my thigh, ³ that I may make you swear by the LORD, the God of heaven and God of the earth, that you will not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell, ⁴ but will go to my country and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son Isaac.” ⁵ The servant said to him, “Perhaps the woman may not be willing to follow me to this land. Must I then take your son back to the land from which you came?” ⁶ Abraham said to him, “See to it that you do not take my son back there. ⁷ The LORD, the God of heaven, who took me from my father's house and from the land of my kindred, and who spoke to me and swore to me, ‘To your offspring I will give this land,’ he will send his angel before you, and you shall take a wife for my son from there. ⁸ But if the woman is not willing to follow you, then you will be free from this oath of mine; only you must not take my son back there.” ⁹ So the servant put his hand under the thigh of Abraham his master and swore to him concerning this matter.

¹⁰ Then the servant took ten of his master's camels and departed, taking all sorts of choice gifts from his master; and he arose and went to Mesopotamia to the city of Nahor. ¹¹ And he made the camels kneel down outside the city by the well of water at the time of evening, the time when women go out to draw water. ¹² And he said, “O LORD, God of my master Abraham, please grant me success today and show steadfast love to my master Abraham.

¹³ Behold, I am standing by the spring of water, and the daughters of the men of the city are coming out to draw water. ¹⁴ Let the young woman to whom I shall say, 'Please let down your jar that I may drink,' and who shall say, 'Drink, and I will water your camels'—let her be the one whom you have appointed for your servant Isaac. By this I shall know that you have shown steadfast love to my master."

¹⁵ Before he had finished speaking, behold, Rebekah, who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of Nahor, Abraham's brother, came out with her water jar on her shoulder. ¹⁶ The young woman was very attractive in appearance, a maiden whom no man had known. She went down to the spring and filled her jar and came up. ¹⁷ Then the servant ran to meet her and said, "Please give me a little water to drink from your jar." ¹⁸ She said, "Drink, my lord." And she quickly let down her jar upon her hand and gave him a drink. ¹⁹ When she had finished giving him a drink, she said, "I will draw water for your camels also, until they have finished drinking." ²⁰ So she quickly emptied her jar into the trough and ran again to the well to draw water, and she drew for all his camels. ²¹ The man gazed at her in silence to learn whether the LORD had prospered his journey or not.

²² When the camels had finished drinking, the man took a gold ring weighing a half shekel, and two bracelets for her arms weighing ten gold shekels, ²³ and said, "Please tell me whose daughter you are. Is there room in your father's house for us to spend the night?" ²⁴ She said to him, "I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah, whom she bore to Nahor." ²⁵ She added, "We have plenty of both straw and fodder, and room to spend the night." ²⁶ The man bowed his head and worshiped the LORD ²⁷ and said, "Blessed be the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who has not forsaken his steadfast love and his faithfulness toward my master. As for me, the LORD has led me in the way to the house of my master's kinsmen." ²⁸ Then the young woman ran and told her mother's household about these things.

²⁹ Rebekah had a brother whose name was Laban. Laban ran out toward the man, to the spring. ³⁰ As soon as he saw the ring and the bracelets on his sister's arms, and heard the words of Rebekah his sister, "Thus the man spoke to me," he went to the man. And behold, he was standing by the camels at the spring. ³¹ He said, "Come in, O blessed of the LORD. Why do you stand outside? For I have prepared the house and a place for the camels." ³² So the man came to the house and unharnessed the camels, and gave straw and fodder to the camels, and there was water to wash his feet and the feet of the men who were with him. ³³ Then food was set before him to eat. But he said, "I will not eat until I have said what I have to say." He said, "Speak on."

³⁴ So he said, "I am Abraham's servant. ³⁵ The LORD has greatly blessed my master, and he has become great. He has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male servants and female servants, camels and donkeys. ³⁶ And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old, and to him he has given all that he has. ³⁷ My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I dwell, ³⁸ but you shall go to my father's house and to my clan and take a wife for my son.' ³⁹ I said to my master, 'Perhaps the woman will not follow me.' ⁴⁰ But he said to me, 'The LORD, before whom I have walked, will send his angel with you and prosper your way. You shall take a wife for my son from my clan and from my father's house. ⁴¹ Then you will be free from my oath, when you come to my clan. And if they will not give her to you, you will be free from my oath.'

⁴² "I came today to the spring and said, 'O LORD, the God of my master Abraham, if now you are prospering the way that I go, ⁴³ behold, I am standing by the spring of water. Let the virgin who comes out to draw water, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," ⁴⁴ and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also," let her be the woman whom the LORD has appointed for my master's son.'

⁴⁵ “Before I had finished speaking in my heart, behold, Rebekah came out with her water jar on her shoulder, and she went down to the spring and drew water. I said to her, ‘Please let me drink.’ ⁴⁶ She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder and said, ‘Drink, and I will give your camels drink also.’ So I drank, and she gave the camels drink also. ⁴⁷ Then I asked her, ‘Whose daughter are you?’ She said, ‘The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor’s son, whom Milcah bore to him.’ So I put the ring on her nose and the bracelets on her arms. ⁴⁸ Then I bowed my head and worshiped the LORD and blessed the LORD, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to take the daughter of my master’s kinsman for his son. ⁴⁹ Now then, if you are going to show steadfast love and faithfulness to my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right hand or to the left.”

⁵⁰ Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, “The thing has come from the LORD; we cannot speak to you bad or good. ⁵¹ Behold, Rebekah is before you; take her and go, and let her be the wife of your master’s son, as the LORD has spoken.”

⁵² When Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself to the earth before the LORD. ⁵³ And the servant brought out jewelry of silver and of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah. He also gave to her brother and to her mother costly ornaments. ⁵⁴ And he and the men who were with him ate and drank, and they spent the night there. When they arose in the morning, he said, “Send me away to my master.” ⁵⁵ Her brother and her mother said, “Let the young woman remain with us a while, at least ten days; after that she may go.” ⁵⁶ But he said to them, “Do not delay me, since the LORD has prospered my way. Send me away that I may go to my master.” ⁵⁷ They said, “Let us call the young woman and ask her.” ⁵⁸ And they called Rebekah and said to her, “Will you go with this man?” She said, “I will go.”

⁵⁹ So they sent away Rebekah their sister and her nurse, and Abraham's servant and his men.

⁶⁰ And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, Our sister, may you become thousands of ten thousands, and may your offspring possess the gate of those who hate him!”

⁶¹ Then Rebekah and her young women arose and rode on the camels and followed the man. Thus the servant took Rebekah and went his way.

⁶² Now Isaac had returned from Beer-lahai-roi and was dwelling in the Negeb. ⁶³ And Isaac went out to meditate in the field toward evening. And he lifted up his eyes and saw, and behold, there were camels coming. ⁶⁴ And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she dismounted from the camel ⁶⁵ and said to the servant, “Who is that man, walking in the field to meet us?” The servant said, “It is my master.” So she took her veil and covered herself. ⁶⁶ And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. ⁶⁷ Then Isaac brought her into the tent of Sarah his mother and took Rebekah, and she became his wife, and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

“I Will Be Your God”

Pastor Greg O'Brien

NOTES

Though Troubles Assail Us

1. Though trou - bles as - sail us and dan - gers af - fright,
 2. The birds, with - out gar - ner or store - house, are fed;
 3. When Sa - tan as - sails us to stop up our path,
 4. No strength of our own and no good - ness we claim;

though friends should all fail us and foes all u - nite,
 from them let us learn to trust God for our bread.
 and cour - age all fails us, we tri - umph by faith.
 yet, since we have known of the Sav - ior's great name,

yet one thing se - cures us, what - ev - er be - tide,
 His saints what is fit - ting shall ne'er be de - nied
 He can - not take from us, though oft he has tried,
 in this our strong tow - er for safe - ty we hide:

the prom - ise as - sures us, "The Lord will pro - vide."
 so long as 'tis writ - ten, "The Lord will pro - vide."
 this heart - cheer - ing prom - ise, "The Lord will pro - vide."
 the Lord is our pow - er, "The Lord will pro - vide."

God's Blessing

Congregational Response

Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father,
And to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end, Amen, Amen!*

Announcements

We wish all our moms a **happy mother's day**. There will be **no fellowship dinner** this week. Plan to join us again for our **next fellowship dinner** after the service on **Sunday 5/26**.

Plan to join us for **Sunday School** as we continue our series on the **first three chapters of the Westminster Confession of Faith**. The Confession is an incredibly rich summary of the Christian faith that aids the Christian in glorifying and enjoying God.

We will be having a church wide **picnic at Kerrs park** on **Sunday June 2nd** after the morning service. There will be more details in the coming weeks but put that date on your calendar and plan to join us.

We will begin a **church information class** for those who interested in joining the church. **Times and dates TBD**. If you are considering becoming a member, contact pastor Greg for more information.

All of those who are willing to serve our church by **mowing the lawn** on a **rotating basis** please contact **Jim Moser** (610-842-2369 or Jmoser873@verizon.net) or **Ed Kirk** (973-809-6835 or nesrez@ptd.net) or **Gary Herron** (484-703-9316) so we can make up a **schedule**.

The date of the next **women's study** will be **Wednesday 5/22 at 7:30 p.m.** For more information contact **Pastor O'Brien** greg.obrien@christdowningtown.org

There is another **Ladies Study** every **Thursday from 7:00–8:30 pm.** For more information contact **Pastor O'Brien** at greg.obrien@christdowningtown.org

The next **men's discipleship group** will meet on **Wednesday 5/29 at 6:30 p.m. for a time of fellowship.** Please contact **Pastor Greg** for more details.

SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES AND LOCATION

Sunday School - 9:30 AM

Worship – 10:30 AM

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