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Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

—*Psalm 117*

November 15, 2020
Morning Worship

“Remembering God’s Mercies”

⌘ Morning Worship ⌘

Vow and Salutation

***Call to Worship:** *Psalm 117* (Cover)

Reverend Lou Veiga

***Prayer of Invocation and Adoration**

***Hymn of Adoration:** #30 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (p. 6)

God’s Law: *Deuteronomy 4:9–10* (p. 3)

Prayer of Confession

God’s Gospel Promise: *Psalm 103:10–12* (p. 3)

“Gloria Patri” #735 (p. 7)

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Supplication/The Lord’s Prayer

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

***Psalm of Preparation:** Psalter 104A “My Soul, Bless the LORD!” (p. 8)

***Reading of God’s Word:** *Esther 9:20–10:3* (p. 4)

***Prayer for Illumination**

Sermon “REMEMBERING GOD’S DELIVERANCE” Rev. Dan Clay

Prayer of Application

Offering and Prayer for Offering

****“Doxology”** #732 (p. 9)

***Hymn of Response:** #32 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (p. 10)

***Benediction**

** Please stand if you are able.*

Deuteronomy 4:9–10 (ESV)

9 “Only take care, and keep your soul diligently, lest you forget the things that your eyes have seen, and lest they depart from your heart all the days of your life. Make them known to your children and your children's children— **10** how on the day that you stood before the Lord your God at Horeb, the Lord said to me, ‘Gather the people to me, that I may let them hear my words, so that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live on the earth, and that they may teach their children so.’”

Psalm 103:10–12

10 He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
11 For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
12 as far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Esther 9:20–10:3

20 And Mordecai recorded these things and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, **21** obliging them to keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same, year by year, **22** as the days on which the Jews got relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and gifts to the poor.

23 So the Jews accepted what they had started to do, and what Mordecai had written to them. **24** For Haman the Agagite, the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of all the Jews, had plotted against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur (that is, cast lots), to crush and to destroy them. **25** But when it came before the king, he gave orders in writing that his evil plan that he had devised against the Jews should return on his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows. **26** Therefore they called these days Purim, after the term Pur. Therefore, because of all that was written in this letter, and of what they had faced in this matter, and of what had happened to them, **27** the Jews firmly obligated themselves and their offspring and all who joined them, that without fail they would keep these two days according to what was written and at the time appointed every year, **28** that these days should be remembered and kept throughout every generation, in every clan, province, and city, and that these days of Purim should never fall into disuse among the Jews, nor should the commemoration of these days cease among their descendants.

29 Then Queen Esther, the daughter of Abihail, and Mordecai the Jew gave full written authority, confirming this second letter about Purim.

30 Letters were sent to all the Jews, to the 127 provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, in words of peace and truth, **31** that these days of Purim should be observed at their appointed seasons, as Mordecai the Jew and Queen Esther obligated them, and as they had obligated themselves and their offspring, with regard to their fasts and their lamenting. **32** The command of Esther confirmed these practices of Purim, and it was recorded in writing.

1 King Ahasuerus imposed tax on the land and on the coastlands of the sea. **2** And all the acts of his power and might, and the full account of the high honor of Mordecai, to which the king advanced him, are they not written in the Book of the Chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

3 For Mordecai the Jew was second in rank to King Ahasuerus, and he was great among the Jews and popular with the multitude of his brothers, for he sought the welfare of his people and spoke peace to all his people.

Sermon Outline
“REMEMBERING GOD’S DELIVERANCE”
Esther 9:20–10:3

Teaching: Christians are to remember God’s deliverance from darkness into light in the Word, in the church, and in our actions.

1. In the Word

2. In the church

3. In our actions

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations. Ps. 90:1

♯ C F C Am Dm G C 7 Am Em Am D G

1. Our God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2. Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3. Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
 4. A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone;

C F Dm G C F E 7 C F C Dm G C 7

our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5. The busy tribes of flesh and blood,
 with all their lives and cares,
 are carried downward by your flood,
 and lost in foll'wing years.
6. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all its sons away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.
7. Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come:
 O be our guard while troubles last,
 and our eternal home.

From Psalm 90
 Isaac Watts, 1719
 Alt. 1990, mod.

ST. ANNE C.M.
 Attr. to William Croft, 1678-1727
 Tate and Brady's Supplement to the New Version, 1708

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Gloria Patri

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; worship the LORD in the splendor
of his holiness. Ps. 29:2*

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

Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in

the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er

shall be, world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

2nd cent.; tr.

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOREX)
Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

104A

Psalm 104:1-8

My Soul, Bless the LORD!

*The Son sustains all things by His powerful word.
—Hebrews 1:3*

1. ¹ My soul, bless the LORD! LORD God, You are great,
2. ³ The beams of Your courts in wa - ters You laid;
3. ⁵ You set up the earth on foun - da - tions sure,
4. ⁷ But at Your re - buke the high wa - ters fled;

With hon - or ar - rayed, ma - jes - tic in state!
On wings of the wind Your path - way You made.
That al - ways it should un - shak - en en - dure.
Your thun - der they heard and from there they sped.

² You cov - er Your - self with a gar - ment of light
The clouds are Your char - iot; the winds do Your will;
⁶ Deep seas like a gar - ment a - bout it You cast;
⁸ The moun - tains a - rose, and the val - leys sank low,

And stretch out the sky as a cur - tain by night.
⁴ The flames and the light - nings Your pleas - ure ful - fill.
The wa - ters stood high; o - ver moun - tains they passed.
And went to the place You or - dained them to go.

Doxology

732

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Ps. 150:6

Chord progression: F G D Em D G 7 Am

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

Chord progression: G D G Am G

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Chord progression: D G 7 Am G D G 7

heav'n - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Thomas Ken, 1709

TALLIS' CANON L.M.
Thomas Tallis, ca. 1567

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

*Because of the LORD'S great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail.
They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam. 3:22, 23*

F D G A⁷ Dsus D *F* G

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring-time and har - vest, sun, moon, and
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

D A⁷ D E B⁷ E⁷ A A⁷ D

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

Em D Gmaj⁷ Em⁷ Bdim D A⁷ D

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

REFRAIN
A D B⁷ Em A⁷

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

D Bdim A E⁷ A A⁷ D Em D

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy hand hath pro -

vid - ed— Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923

FAITHFULNESS 11.10.11.10.ref.
William M. Runyan, 1923

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The Lord's Day

Sunday School (Online)	9:30/9:40 a.m.
Morning Worship	11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship	5:00 p.m.

Weekdays

Morning Manna (Online)	Tuesday
Women's Bible Study (Online)	Tuesday
New Member Class (Online)	Wednesday
Area Bible Study (Online)	Wed./Thurs.
Woman to Woman (Online)	Friday

*For details see the Calendar of Events available
in the narthex or visit covenantpca.org.*

WE WELCOME GUESTS! We sincerely hope your time worshipping and learning with us is profitable. Watch livestreamed services at bit.ly/covenantpca. Please reach out to the pastors or the church office if you are new to us. We are delighted to meet you, answer any questions you may have about the church, and get better acquainted. Thank you for visiting.

In the **Prayer Circle**, we pray through our Directory of Members and Friends in alphabetical order during Morning Worship. Please contact these families to ask how you may encourage, serve, and pray for them during the week. At this time, we pray for the **Robb** and **Robertson** families.

If you attend Morning Worship in person, kindly remember that **masks are required at all times inside the building**, and for the duration of the service. We thank you for diligently practicing social distancing, hand washing, and hand sanitizing.

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