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# WELCOME

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning. We invite you to experience the meaning of the Gospel through this service, which reflects both ancient and modern elements of Christian worship. When we gather as a worshipping community, we enter into a dialogue with the living God. God calls us into worship, we rejoice in the hope of the Gospel, confess our sins, lament the brokenness of our world, give our offerings, and hear God's Word read and preached. We hope that by worshipping with us, you will experience joy and hope from a community of people who love Jesus.

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# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

\* Congregation, please stand if able

Prelude

## PRAISE

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\* **Call to Worship** | Psalm 104:1-6, 13, 24

*Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul!  
O LORD my God, you are very great!  
You are clothed with splendor and majesty,*

**All: covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

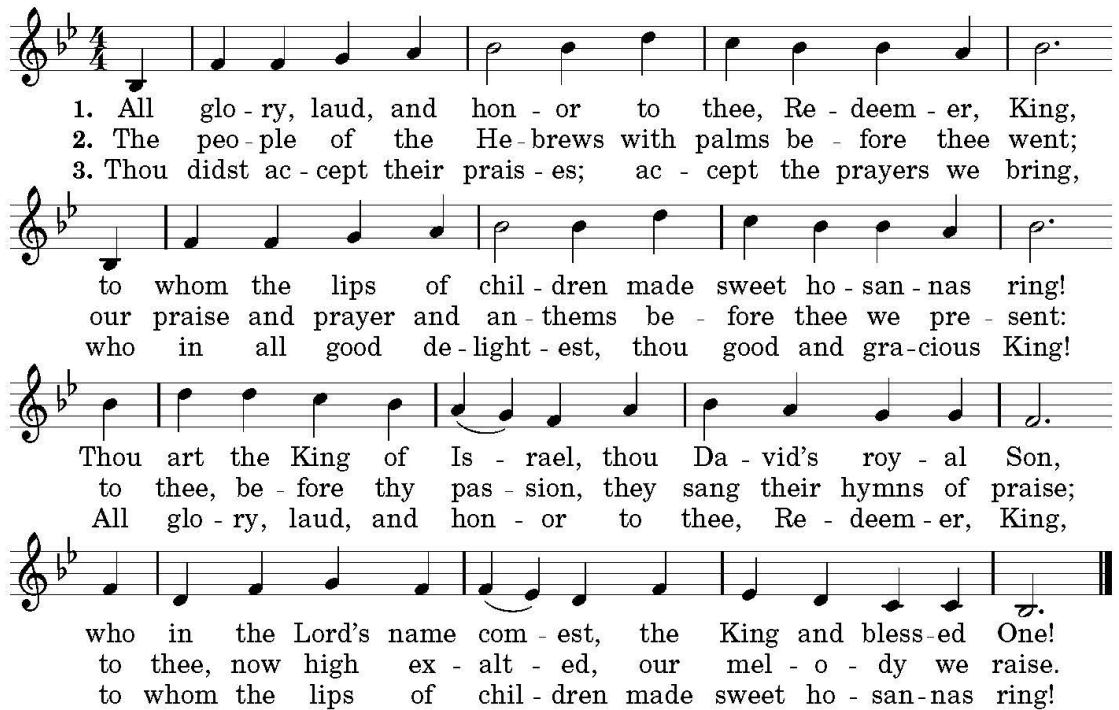
*Leader: He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;  
he makes the clouds his chariot;  
he rides on the wings of the wind;  
he makes his messengers winds,  
his ministers a flaming fire.*

**All: He set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it should never be moved.  
You covered it with the deep as with a garment;  
the waters stood above the mountains.**

*Leader: From your lofty abode you water the mountains;  
the earth is satisfied with the fruit of your work.*

**All: O LORD, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

\* Trinity Hymnal #235—All Glory, Laud and Honor



1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;  
 3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!  
 our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent:  
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!  
 Thou art the King of Is - rael, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 to thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
 All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One!  
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
 to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

*Trinity Hymnal No. 235*  
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\* Prayer of Invocation

## Scripture Reading | Philippians 4:1-9 | Pew Bible p. 982

Therefore, my brothers, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm thus in the Lord, my beloved.

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me—practice these things, and the God of peace will be with you.

# A Christian's Daily Prayer



1. As morn - ing dawns and day a - wakes, to You I bring my need.  
2. As day un - folds, I seek Your will in all of life's de - mands,  
3. As sun gives way to dark - est night, Your Spir - it still is here.



O gra - cious God, my source of strength, in You I live and breathe.  
And though the tempt - er tries me still, I cling to Your com - mands.  
And though my strength fades like the light, new mer - cies will ap - pear.



Each hour is Yours, by wis - dom planned, each deed em - pow'r'd by sov - 'reign hands.  
Let eve - ry ef - fort of my life dis - play the match - less worth of Christ.  
I rest in You, a - bide with me, un - til our trials and suf - fer - ing



Re - new my spir - it; help me stand, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
Make me a liv - ing sac - ri - fice, be glo - ri - fied to - day.  
give way to fi - nal vic - to - ry, be glo - ri - fied to - day.

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# RENEWAL

## Call to Confession | Psalm 106:6

*Leader: Both we and our fathers have sinned;  
we have committed iniquity; we have done wickedness.*

## Corporate Confession of Sin | Psalm 51:1-12

All: Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your steadfast love;  
according to your abundant mercy  
blot out my transgressions.  
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,  
and cleanse me from my sin!

For I know my transgressions,  
and my sin is ever before me.  
Against you, you only, have I sinned  
and done what is evil in your sight,  
so that you may be justified in your words  
and blameless in your judgment.  
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,  
and in sin did my mother conceive me.  
Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,  
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;  
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.  
Let me hear joy and gladness;  
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.  
Hide your face from my sins,  
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.  
Cast me not away from your presence,  
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.  
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,  
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

## Silent Confession

### \* **Words of Comfort** | Galatians 3:26-28

*Leader: ... for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith. For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.*

### \* **Passing of the Peace** [stand and greet one another]

*Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.*

*All: And also with you.*

# Speak, O Lord



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food of Your Ho - ly Word.
2. Teach us, Lord, full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence, true hu - mil - i - ty.
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.



Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the ra - di - ance of Your pur - i - ty. Cause our Truths un - changed from the dawn of time that will ech - o down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.



Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es for Your glo - ry.  
Words of power that can nev - er fail; let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

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## Friendship Register

Kindly remember to give your neighbor the Friendship Register. Once it reaches the end of the pew, then please pass it back. Making acquaintances with guests and fostering friendships within the larger church family is the goal of this register. Starting from the middle aisle, the register is located at the head of each pew. Please, make sure to write your name legibly.

## Worship Through Giving

The offering is a way for members and friends of Lexington Presbyterian to present the substance of their whole lives to God. Please feel no pressure to give.

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- Text2Give: text any dollar amount to 84321.

## **Bow the Knee** | Choir Anthem

There are moments on our journey following the Lord,  
when God illumines ev'ry step we take.

There are times when circumstances  
make perfect sense to us as we try to understand  
each move He makes.

But when the path grows dim,  
and our questions have no answers, turn to Him.

Bow the knee. Trust the heart of your Father  
when the answer goes beyond what you can see.

Bow the knee. Lift your eyes t'ward heaven  
and believe the One who holds eternity.

When you don't understand the purpose of His plan,  
in the presence of your King bow the knee.

There are days when clouds surround us,  
the rain begins to fall  
and the cold and lonely winds won't cease to blow.

And there seems to be no reason  
for the suffering we feel.

We are tempted to believe God doesn't know.

When the storms arise,  
don't forget we live by faith and not by sight.

Bow the knee. Trust the heart of your Father  
when the answer goes beyond what you can see.

Bow the knee. Lift your eyes t'ward heaven  
and believe the One who holds eternity.

When you don't understand the purpose of His plan,  
in the presence of your King bow the knee.

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## \* The 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.

Text: Thomas Ken, 1674

Tune (OLD HUNDREDDTH): Louis Bourgeois, 1551

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## \* Offertory Prayer

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

**Corporate Prayer**

**Children's Sermon** | The Ultimate Umpire

\* **Scripture Reading** | Colossians 3:15-17 | p. 984

<sup>15</sup> And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup> Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. <sup>17</sup> And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

**Sermon** | Our Sufficiency in Christ

**An Exposition of the Letter to the Colossians**

**22. Our Sufficiency in Christ's Authority**

**Rev. Dr. Curt McDaniel**

## Sermon Notes

When you think of the peace of God, what comes to your mind? I am reminded of the story of two artists who were asked to paint a picture portraying peace. The first sketched out on his canvas was a beautiful evening scene where there was a calm and serene crystal lake, its surface smooth as glass and unruffled. Trees surrounded it with cows gently grazing on the hills in the distance to the setting sun calmly going behind a tiny cottage. That sounds nice, doesn't it?

The second painter depicted peace in an entirely different way. He sketched a scene where there was a violent storm, with huge black thunderstorm clouds hovering over an immense waterfall that was pouring down thousands of gallons of water each second into a massive foamy bottom. In the midst of this great storm and distress, there was a tiny bird, perched in the cleft of a huge rock, completely sheltered from all danger as it chirped sweet notes of joy, unafraid of its surroundings because of its sure protection.

Which picture more correctly depicts the biblical portrait of peace? It is the second artist's rendition. Jesus never promised us a life that was calm, serene, and smooth as glass. Too often, He knew His followers would encounter times of trial, difficulty, and danger. That is why repeatedly you see these words of peace given in the Scriptures:

- “Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me” (John 14:1).
- “Peace I leave with you: my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid” (John 14:27).
- “Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 4:6-7).

As we continue our way through the third chapter of the Colossian letter, we find yet another series of commands given by the apostle Paul to his readers that involves the application of Christian doctrine (from chapters 1 and 2) to daily life. Let us take a quick review of the commands we have seen so far:

- “Seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God” (3:1).

- “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth” (3:2).
- “Put to death therefore what is earthly in you” (list of sexual sins, 3:5).
- “But now you must put them all away” (list of relationship sins, 3:8).
- “Do not lie to one another” (3:9).
- “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones...” (the wardrobe of the conversion life, 3:12-14).

Now in verses 15-17, we find the 7th, 8th, and 9th commands given by the apostle to us in his continuing passion to see his readers apply Christian doctrine to their personal lives. When you analyze the three commands in this text, you quickly discover that they have one thing in common: all of them speak about the significance of living under the authority of the Lordship of Jesus Christ in daily life. The language of the text reveals this insight:

- “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts” (3:15). The believers understood about rule, as they were under the Roman Empire’s domination.
- “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (3:16). When you allow God’s Word to dwell in your lives richly and freely, you are living under His authority.
- “...Do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus” (3:17). “Name” denotes Lordship and authority.

In these verses, three more commands are given to instruct believers on how they should live in the light of their conversion, grounded in their knowledge of biblical truth. Each of them deals with the believer’s relationship to Christ’s ruling authority in their lives. What is the relationship between peace, thankfulness, and the ministry of the Word of God? Each of them is related to the authority of Jesus Christ.

Do you want peace today? *Live under Christ’s rule!* Do you want to be more thankful? *Live under Christ’s reign!* Do you want the Word of God to dwell richly in your life, causing you to experience its fullness and power? *Live under Christ’s authority!* Friends, the problem many people discover in this world is that they want the peace of God, the contentment of God, the grace of God, and the blessings of God upon their lives, but they do not want to live under the authority and Lordship of Christ.

- They want calm, but not the conditions to obtain it.

- They want peace, but not the price it takes to secure it.
- They want blessings, but not the by-laws required to possess it.

You will never live a life of genuine peace, thankfulness, and purpose until you decide in your mind and heart to live under the authority of God's Word in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Paul's words are powerful here: "Let the peace of Christ **rule!**" "Let the Word of God **dwell** in you richly!" "Be thankful!" "Whatever you do, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus (His authority), giving thanks to God the Father." The Christian life is peace! The Christian life is thankfulness! The Christian life is rich! But all of it starts by living under the authority of Christ and His Word.

These commands serve not only as a standard for helping us understand the keys to living a productive, rich Christian life but also as a gauge for knowing what happens when we are not living in peace, thankfulness, and contentment in life. *It starts with your personal relationship with Christ and how that relationship is seen and experienced with the rest of the local body of Christ:* "This peace also has its social aspect, on which the emphasis falls in the present passage."<sup>1</sup> What we do individually and privately carries over into our congregational life.

- If I am not living peacefully today, it is likely that the rule of Christ is not living powerfully in my life, *and the life of the church is also affected.*
- If I am not thankful, not grateful for where I am in life right now, it is likely that the Lordship of Christ is not radiating from my life, *and the life of the church is also affected.*
- If I am not doing things in my life on a regular basis to give honor and glory to God in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, it is likely that the authority of Christ is not having its rightful place in my life, *and the life of the church is also affected.*

It starts with my personal submission to the authority of Jesus Christ. Please do not blame your circumstances, do not accuse other people, do not bemoan your problems, do not whine over your predicaments in this life, do not gripe about your bad marriage, and do not look with disgust over your disobedient children when it is highly likely that in **all** these disturbances, you are not living in submission to the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and His Word. Let Paul's words ring in our ears, "Let the peace of Christ **RULE!**"

“Let the Word of God *DWELL* in you richly.” Show this action with thanksgiving!

**There is a direct relationship between God’s rule and God’s peace.**

**There is a direct relationship between God’s Word and thankfulness.**

**Oftentimes people want peace, but they do not want to submit to the Prince of Peace.**

**Oftentimes people want counseling, but they do not want to follow the counsel of the Wonderful Counselor.**

*In Paul’s mind:*

-There is no happiness without holiness.

-There is no grace without godliness.

-There is no peace without purity.

-There is no calm without commands.

The power of the Christian life is not found in your dodging the obstacles that come your way, but in your declaring your obedience to the authority of Jesus Christ and living in submission under the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus’ Name is the key and the source of all the peace, contentment, and blessings that you will ever need. These commands reveal the Christian’s response to the authority of Christ.

#### **WHEN THE AUTHORITY OF CHRIST IS DISPLAYED IN A BELIEVER’S LIFE:**

1. *There will be peace in the church (3:15).* Following this significant command, there is another phrase that reveals where this peace will be most visibly seen among believers. Verse 15 states, “And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body.” The actual word order in the Greek text says this: “And the peace of Christ, let it rule in your hearts, into which also you were called to one body.” See the distinction here? God gave His peace to rule in our hearts (plural), and the best way one will see God’s peace displayed is in *the unity of God’s people*: “The corporate dimension implicit in the talk of peace and of a people called is strengthened by the reminder that the call has in view ‘one body.’”<sup>2</sup> When people in the world look at the church, they should say, “My, how those people live with such peace and such unity! God is truly ruling in their midst!” Now, is this what you see oftentimes in churches today? **HARDLY!** There is evidence to show that there is *more* bickering, complaining, grumbling, and murmuring *inside* the church than in the community. It reminds me of that famous incident where Mahatma Gandhi stated that he loved the person of Christ

but not the attitudes of the Christians who professed to follow Him.

This command from Colossians 3:15 came originally to a people who were at times still angry, gossiping, lying, and showing signs of their pre-conversion life (see 3:5, 7-9). Yet the power of Christ's authority and work that brought a change in life also brought power to display a *different* kind of peace than what was seen in the world: "In a context in which Rome claims to have brought peace to the world through the imposition of its rule, Colossians reminds its readers of the very different peace into which God has brought them."<sup>3</sup> This command and its power are equally applicable to us and to today's church. If any professing Christian participates in promoting unrest, discord, grumbling, and complaining about someone or something within the church, they are not living under the authority of Christ and His Word. If there is a spirit of continuous complaining, wanting to get personal control to fulfill personal agendas, it is likely that these people are not praying for the peace of Christ to rule within the church, and they are not living under the authority and Lordship of the King and Head of the church, Jesus Christ. Paul's words are strong: "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts because you were called by Him to live it out in a spiritual community with people who are united in thought, in heart, and in mission." I like the way one commentator put it: "It is hard to avoid an echo here of the imperial slogan running throughout the Roman Empire: 'The *pax Christiana* is to prevail in the church, as the *pax Romana* did in the world of Paul's day.'"<sup>4</sup>

So, let me ask you today, "Are you actively promoting the peace of Christ in your life and within this church?" Are you promoting the unity of this church and its submission to the authority of her King? When you hear gossip, grumbling, and complaining, what do you do? Do you turn your back and ignore it, hoping it will go away? Or do you address it directly, telling the other professing believer to stop this sin in the name and by the authority of Christ? This verse shows us practically how to live under the Lordship of Christ! Peace discloses the authority of Christ in the church: "Peace is at the heart of ethics for Paul in Colossians... Peace is at the heart of Paul's missional theology and ecclesiology."<sup>5</sup>

2. *There will be a continuous spirit of thanksgiving (3:15).* The participial command in verse 15 uses two verbs, "to be" (gin-o-my) in the present tense, plus the verb "to give thanks" (yuke-a-risto, where we get the English word, "Eucharist"), effectively telling us

that “in a continuous sense, keep on becoming thankful.”<sup>6</sup> Day or night; weekday or weekend; good times or bad times; for better or for worse; with money in the bank or with bills stacked high; in good health or bad health; when you are young or older; working or retired; male or female; adult or child; new believer or seasoned believer:

### **Continuously be thankful.**

Gratitude is a mark that shows that a person is living under the Lordship of Jesus Christ. So, let me ask you, “What does your gratitude gauge look like today? Does continuous thankfulness and gratitude flow from your heart? Are you grateful for:

*-Your life? -Your family? -Your health? -Your country? -Your church? -God's blessings?*

When was the last time you told God, “Thank you?” When was the last time you said to those who serve you (church staff, elders, deacons), “Thank you?” When was the last you said to those who help you (the mailman, work associates, the garbage workers), “Thank you?” Gratitude is a revealing mark in the Christian who is living under the authority of Christ.

3. *There will be teaching, shepherding, and genuine worship (3:16).* Look at all that is connected to the command in verse 16: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.” The apostle is saying that the way you know that the authority of Christ is seen in a believer’s life and in the church is when you see the richness and power of God’s Word actively displayed in three ways:

- **Teaching (instruction, discipleship)**
- **Admonishing (shepherding)**
- **Singing (worship)**

#### *Personal Application: Teaching*

- Do you avail yourselves of the opportunities to learn God’s Word in this church? We have opportunities every Sunday morning, Wednesday nights during the school year, and in small groups. Are you participating?
- There are some of you who should be teaching in the church but are not. Why not?

### *Personal Application: Admonishing*

- When you see wrong behavior or actions, do you, in a spirit of love and gentleness, go to that brother or sister and speak the word of Christ respectfully to them?
- When you see or hear that someone has fallen by the wayside—and you know that person well—do you take the initiative and go to that wayward sheep?
- From time to time, all of us need to be lovingly admonished and reminded of our calling to press toward godliness and holiness of life. Will you choose to do that to someone today?

### *Personal Application: Worship*

- It says, “Sing with gratitude in your hearts to God. Do you? When a classical (“old”) hymn is sung, is it sung with gratitude or disdain (because you do not like “the old hymns of the Faith”)? Likewise, when a modern hymn or song is sung, do you sing it with gratitude or disdain (because you do not like the newer hymns and songs of our time)? Carefully notice the text here: “Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs.” There is a ***spectrum of music***, and all of it should be employed to worship the Lord correctly: “Of the three types of songs, psalms would presumably refer primarily to the OT songs we find in the Psalter, hymns to the kind of Christological material we find in Colossians 1 (it certainly refers to something sung to a deity), and spiritual songs to songs prompted by the Holy Spirit, perhaps spontaneously.”<sup>7</sup>
- Some of you should be singing in the choir, and some of you should be singing with our worship teams. Why are you not using your gifts and talents to honor the Lord?

### ***Reflection:***

“The admonitions to ‘let the peace of Christ rule’ and ‘the word of Christ dwell’ give a tantalizing glimpse into Paul’s vision for the life of the community together. Paul appeals to each person individually, but also to the group corporately, to allow the final arbiter among them to be not individual desires or the exercise of power but Christ’s peace. There is no explicit appeal to elders, deacons, or other leaders in the church; the congregation is charged with monitoring its own behavior and together carving out the path of conduct worthy of the Lord.”<sup>8</sup>

### *Study and Discussion Questions:*

- Briefly review the six commands already given by the apostle Paul in 3:1-14. Why is it necessary to see that these commands to live the Christian life (chapters 3-4 of this letter) must rest on solid Christian doctrine (chapters 1-2) in order for them to bear proper fruit?
- Review the seventh command: “Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts” (3:15). How is that seen practically? What is the significance and tie between peace that is ruling and “calling” in 3:15?
- Review the eighth command: “Be thankful” (3:15b). How is that seen practically? Who needs to hear a word of thanks from you today?
- Review the ninth command: “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly” (3:16). How is that seen practically applied in the remaining words of verse 16? How are teaching, admonishing, and singing related to the centrality of the Word of God?

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\* Trinity Hymnal#672—Trust and Obey



1. When we walk with the Lord in the light of his Word, what a glo - ry he
2. Not a shad - ow can rise, not a cloud in the skies, but his smile quick - ly
3. Not a bur - den we bear, not a sor - row we share, but our toil he doth
4. But we nev - er can prove the de - lights of his love un - til all on the
5. Then in fel - low - ship sweet we will sit at his feet, or we'll walk by his



sheds on our way! While we do his good will, he a - bides with us  
 drives it a - way; not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a  
 rich - ly re - pay; not a grief nor a loss, not a frown or a  
 al - tar we lay; for the fa - vor he shows, and the joy he be -  
 side in the way; what he says we will do, where he sends we will



still, and with all who will trust and o - bey.  
 tear, can a - bide while we trust and o - bey.  
 cross, but is blest if we trust and o - bey. Trust and o - bey,  
 stows, are for them who will trust and o - bey.  
 go, nev - er fear, on - ly trust and o - bey.



for there's no oth - er way to be hap - py in Je - sus, but to trust and o - bey.

*Trinity Hymnal No. 672*

TEXT: John H. Sammis, 1887

TUNE (TRUST AND OBEY): Daniel B. Towner, 1887

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## Hymn Story

### Trust and Obey

John Henry Sammis was born in Brooklyn, New York on July 6, 1846. Although we know little about his childhood and teenage years, we do know that when he was 23 years old, Sammis moved to Logansport, Indiana, where he became a prosperous businessman. He also worked at the YMCA for several years, which became the catalyst for his entry into the ministry. He attended both McCormick and Lane Theological Seminaries, and graduated from Lane in 1881. Sammis then became an ordained Presbyterian pastor serving at churches in Glidden, IA; Indianapolis, IN; Grand Haven, MI; Red Wing, MN; and Sullivan, IN. In 1901, Sammis was asked to become a faculty member at the Moody Bible Institute of Los Angeles, and he moved to California. Mr. Sammis taught at Moody Bible Institute of Los Angeles until his death on July 12, 1919. John Henry Sammis is credited with writing more than 100 hymns.

Daniel B. Towner was born in Rome, Pennsylvania in 1850. Interestingly, Philip P. Bliss (“It Is Well with My Soul”) was a teacher at the elementary school where Towner was a student. Towner’s father was a music teacher and vocalist, and Towner quickly developed a love for music. He received stellar musical training, as he studied under some of the finest music teachers that were available. At the age of 17, Towner was known as the “boy with the wonderful bass voice.” Towner earned his doctorate degree in music and became a worship leader at several churches in New York, Ohio, and Kentucky until the time he was asked by D. L. Moody to serve alongside of him in his evangelistic crusades.

During one of Moody’s crusades in 1886, the hymn “Trust and Obey” had its conception. This is the event that inspired this hymn in Mr. Towner’s own words:

“Mr. Moody was conducting a series of meetings in Brockton, Massachusetts, and I had the pleasure of singing for him there. One night a young man rose in a testimony meeting and said, ‘I am not quite sure, but I am going to trust, and I am going to obey.’ I just jotted that sentence down, and sent it with the little story to Rev. J. H. Sammis, a Presbyterian minister.”

Upon receiving this story from Towner, Rev. Sammis was inspired by the young man’s words and began to write. The first words that Sammis wrote was the refrain: “Trust and

obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey." Once that refrain was written, Sammis developed all of the verses. He then sent the words back to Towner who began to work on the music. One report stated that, while composing, Towner became very discouraged and threw his work into the trash can. The next day, his wife saw the composition in the trash, picked it out, and sang it. She encouraged Towner to finish this melody as she felt it was perfect for the message conveyed by the lyrics that Sammis had written. With his wife's encouragement, Towner finished the melody. Since then, "Trust and Obey" has become a favorite hymn of many Christians. Dr. Towner died on October 3, 1919 while he was leading the music at an evangelistic meeting in Longwood, Missouri. More than 2,000 published songs are credited to Daniel B. Towner.

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## \* Sending

## \* Benediction | Philippians 2:9-11

*Leader: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.*

## Postlude

### **Serving This Morning:**

Updates, Liturgist and Pastoral Prayer: Doug Inman

Reader: Stephanie Lorick

Musicians: Dianne Britton, Barb Howell, Ruth Ellen Lorick, and Tim McConnell

Audio/visual and livestream: Tommy Spurgeon, Don Parker

## Faith Promise Giving:

LPC fiscal budget year is July 1st to June 30th.

Through the end of August 2024:

|                                   |          |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| General Fund transfer to missions | \$21,666 |
| Faith Promise Giving:             | \$13,436 |
| Missions Disbursements            | \$30,873 |

## Stewardship

Through the end of August, 2024:

|                   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Budget FYTD       | \$203,546 |
| Received FYTD     | \$173,868 |
| Expenditures FYTD | \$177,124 |

## Updates

### Church Administrator and Director of Youth Ministry

LPC is seeking a full-time Church Administrator (aka Business Manager), and also a Director of Youth Ministry. Please visit [lexpreschurch.com](http://lexpreschurch.com) and click on “Jobs” at the bottom of the home page to view the full job description and learn how to apply. Thank you!

### Church Facilities Booking

Wednesday Midweek Reset is upon us; many church groups are starting their meetings back, as well as new committees are in full working mode. If you would like to have any meeting on the church premises, we kindly ask you to book it before your meeting by using the Event Request form in the ChurchCenter app., or by emailing the church office at [hello@lexpreschurch.com](mailto:hello@lexpreschurch.com), or by calling the church office at 803.359.9501. Thank you for understanding.

### Wednesday Morning Prayer Group

Lexington Presbyterian Church has a Prayer Group gathered every Wednesday in the Parlor from 9 to 10 a.m. You are welcome to join them or stop anytime within that hour even if you can spare just a few minutes. If you have any questions, please contact Ginny Wingard at [ginny.wingard@gmail.com](mailto:ginny.wingard@gmail.com).

### Housing for the 50th Anniversary

If anyone would be willing to open up their home for people to stay during the 50th Anniversary celebration, please contact the church office at 803.359.9501 or [hello@lexpreschurch.com](mailto:hello@lexpreschurch.com).

### Bible Study Fellowship (BSF)

We would like to invite all **men** to Bible Study Fellowship every Monday night from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

This is an in-depth Bible study that will meet for 30 weeks, with a 2 week break at Christmas and a one week break at Easter. BSF is a non-denomination group of believers and non-believers. If you would prefer, BSF also provides an online study group. For more

information, please call Fred Motley at 803.359.4849 and leave a message.

There is also a BSF group for **ladies** at Mt. Horeb Church (1205 Old Cherokee Rd.) every Monday night from 6:30 to 8:00pm.

This is an in-depth Bible study that will meet for 30 weeks, with a 2 week break at Christmas and a one week break at Easter. BSF is a non-denomination group of believers and non-believers. If you would prefer, BSF also provides an online study group. For more information, please call Lynn Motley at 803.359.4849 and leave a message.

Wednesday,  
October 30<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 - 7:30pm

Join us for a  
**Reformation Celebration**



Dinner and  
Activities for  
children  
and adults

Wear your  
Medieval  
Costumes

**Salty Sisters** Matthew 5:13  
New small group for  
College and Career young women

**Meets Monthly on 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays  
6:00 - 7:30 PM**

**Snacks | Fellowship | God's Word**  
Contact Melody @ [melodyshafer5@gmail.com](mailto:melodyshafer5@gmail.com) for more info



Register Here  
to attend  
90th Anniversary  
Celebration Events




Cookbook Pre-Sales  
Contact Church Office  
- or -  
Order Here Now!



THE BLOOD CONNECTION  
*Your Community Blood Center*

Scan Here to  
Make an Appointment



**October 9, 2024 | 2:00 - 7:00pm**  
**Mobile Blood Bus**  
**Ages 16+**  
**(16 year olds need a parent present)**

LPC Women's Ministry  
**COFFEE CONVERSATIONS**


COMMUNITY | CHRIST-CENTERED | CONVERSATION

Panera Bread  
5416 Sunset Blvd  
Tuesday, October 1st, 2024 | 6:30-7:15 AM  
Thursday, October 3rd, 2024 | 6:30-7:30 PM

And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. Colossians 3:14

**GET YOUR  
FLU SHOT**


Flu season is upon us.  
Flu vaccines provided by  
Kroger Pharmacy will be  
available Wednesday,  
Oct 23 from  
5-7pm in the  
Welcome Center. Kroger  
will bill Medicare and most  
insurances.



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American Heart Association.

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**Heartsaver® First Aid CPR AED**

**October 19, 2024 | 9:00am - 12:30pm**  
Tomlin Hall  
Cost - \$25 for adults 18+  
\$15 for age 12-17  
Max class size - 12

## Connect Card

Thanks for joining us today.  
We would love to come alongside you in your walk with Jesus, whether you're new to our community or you've been here a while.

Visit [lexpreschurch.com/connect](https://lexpreschurch.com/connect) or scan the QR code to fill out our Connect Card!

If you're not familiar with QR codes, we're here to help!

1. Open your smartphone's camera and point it at the QR code so that it shows clearly on your screen.
2. Wait for the camera to recognize and scan the QR code.
3. Click the link banner or notification when it pops up on your screen. Our Connect Card will automatically load in your browser.



## Women's Ministry website and Facebook group:

<https://lexpreschurch.com/womens-ministry/>

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