

Covenant of Grace Sunday Worship

July 5, 2020

Announcements



In-person worship has resumed at the COG facility. A live-stream capability is available for any who are unable to attend or uncomfortable worshipping in person. Visit <https://cogpca.org/join-us-for-worship/> for more information.



In place of VBS this summer, COG families will be hosting Backyard Get-Togethers! Also, Jill will be hosting weekly meetings via Zoom for 5th grade and younger children. Parents, check your e-mails for details or [contact Jill Burnett](#).



Secure online giving for your tithes and offerings is now available @ cogpca.churchcenter.com/giving. Additionally, new offering boxes have been mounted near the exits to the COG Worship Center.

WELCOME

Pastor Herb Ruby

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Mark Samuel

CALL TO WORSHIP: Selected Verses from Psalm 16

A&B- Keep me safe, O God, for in you I take refuge.

C&D-- I said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, apart from you I have no good thing.

A&B- I will praise the Lord who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

C&D- I have set the Lord always before me, because he is at my right hand I will not be shaken.

A&B- You have made known to me the path of life,

C&D- you will fill me with joy in your presence,

ALL – with eternal pleasures at your right hand.

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE "No Turning Back" Music Team

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC: "Just One Touch" soloist Kelly Schutz

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23:1-5

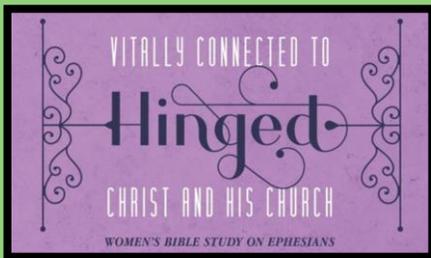
1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall lack nothing.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

3 he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.



The Women's Ministry will be hosting a Bible Study in conjunction with the National Women's Ministry Leadership of the PCA. Please [click here](#) to find out more information about the upcoming study and to sign up.

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MESSAGE: JOY CAN FOLLOW THE DARK VALLEY

Introduction

Big Idea: After being led through dark valleys, we can look forward to times of celebration.

- I. Jesus will be at the center of the celebration.
 1. He prepares the banquet.
 2. We are invited and honored
 3. He will free us from fear.
 4. There will be fullness of joy.
- II. We sense a celebration whenever we focus on the blessings we have in Jesus.
 1. Like sheep we must stay close to the shepherd.
 2. We must take advantage of the opportunities to celebrate.
 1. Times of Thanksgiving.
 2. The Lord's Supper

Conclusion

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Words of Preparation

Silent Prayer

Elements

BENEDICTION

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION / REFLECTION

Question 1: Share with the group a time you felt like God had set a banquet before you.

Question 2: Can you remember a moment when you were able to celebrate after going through a dark valley?

Question 3: Why can it be said that the Lord's Supper is a celebration?

Question 4: Share a time when your faith, sensing that Jesus was present with you, helped you deal with a fear.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Read the story in Luke 7:36-48. Especially note v. 46. What did this cultural practice say about the host?
2. The blessing of the banquet in Ps.23 follows going through a dark valley. Review John 10:7-15 and notice the situation in which Jesus made this statement.
3. Have you ever been invited to someone's home and they did not even offer you a drink of water? (I have.) How did it make you feel? What can we learn from Psalm 23 about hospitality?

**NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE: Goodness & Love to Follow
Psalm 23:6**