

Covenant of Grace Sunday Worship

July 12, 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: Responsive Reading of Psalm 25:1, 4-7

Leader: To you O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God.

People: Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths;

Leader: guide me in your truth and teach me,

People: for you are God my Savior,

Leader: and my hope is in you all day long.

People: Remember, O Lord, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old.

Leader: Remember not the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways;

People: according to your love remember me, for you are good, O Lord.

INVOCATION

SONG OF PRAISE “Cornerstone” Music Team

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

TESTIMONY OF WHAT WE BELIEVE: The Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; which was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

SPECIAL MUSIC: “You Shine” Music Team

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 23:

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

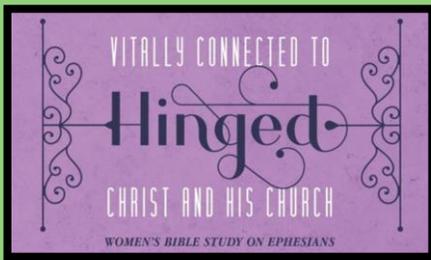
2 He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters,

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.

6 Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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.

Contact Us

Covenant of Grace office

410-833-2160

cogpca@comcast.net

Pastor Herb Ruby

Hruby3@comcast.net

Asst. Pastor Mark Samuel

mark@cogpca.org

Elder Ken Harris

ken@cogpca.org

Website

www.cogpca.org



[facebook.com/cogpca](https://www.facebook.com/cogpca)



[instagram.com/cogpca](https://www.instagram.com/cogpca)

MESSAGE: WE CAN BE CONFIDENT

Introduction

Big Idea: We can be confident that our shepherd will pursue good for us.

- I. We can be confident because God's Word is true.
- II. We can be confident in the character of the shepherd. "tob"= good
- III. We can be confident because God's love is steadfast. "hesed"= steadfast loving kindness

Application

BENEDICTION

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION / REFLECTION

Question 1: Why is David so confident? What shakes your confidence? How do you overcome doubt?

Question 2: Share some examples of God's goodness to you. What can help you remember?

Question 3: In what ways can you testify that God's love has been steadfast to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

1. Speculate on why the translator of the King James Version translated hesed mercy, not steadfast love.
2. Mercy generally has two meanings. What are they? How are they different, how do they relate to love?
3. The word "follow" in v.6 is more literally translated pursue. How do we know from experience that God's is pursuing us? Read John 16:7-8.

NEXT WEEK'S MESSAGE: Mark Samuel, preaching