# DESIGNED for DIGNITY

# **AGAINST OUR DESIGN**

We often forget that temptation can come from any quarter, even from within our own family circle. We expect the Devil to assault us like a roaring lion, as ugly and fearsome as can be. We don't expect him to come to us dressed up like an angel of light, speaking in the honeysweet tones of the ones we love. Yet the Bible warns us that such an approach is easy for him to adopt (2 Cor. 11:14). Thus, Satan didn't only confront Jesus head-on in the wilderness (Matt. 4:1-11); he also tempted him more subtly through the words of one of his closest disciples, Peter (Matt. 16:23).

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Welcome

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#### WE PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Prelude — Blue in Green (Miles Davis; adap. Donovan Warshaw)

DONOVAN WARSHAW, Piano

#### \* GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship — Psalm 103:1–5, 8, 22 (adap.)

Pastor: Let us bless the LORD, and all that is within us, bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

Pastor: who forgives all your iniquity, who redeems your life from the pit,

People: who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Pastor: The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

All: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!

\* Hymn (Trinity #53) — Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (music next pages)

# \* PRAYER OF INVOCATION (followed by the 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 the evil one. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

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# Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise the LORD, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise his holy name. Praise the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits. Ps. 103:1, 2



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Based on Psalm 103 Joachim Neander, 1680 Tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1863; alt. 1990 LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8. Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665 Arr. in Praxis Pietatis Melica,1668

#### \* CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Westminster Shorter Catechism

Q. 106. What do we pray for in the sixth request?

A. In the sixth request (which is, And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one) we pray that God would either keep us from being tempted to sin, or support and deliver us when we are tempted.

#### \* 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.

# GOD SPEAKS TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

New Testament reading — Matthew 4:1–11 (Pew Bible, p. 1027)

<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. <sup>2</sup> And after fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry.

<sup>3</sup> And the tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." <sup>4</sup> But he answered, "It is written,

"'Man shall not live by bread alone,

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple <sup>6</sup> and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written,

"He will command his angels concerning you,'

and

"'On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone."

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ELDER ALAN BEATTIE <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" <sup>8</sup> Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. <sup>9</sup> And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." <sup>10</sup> Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written,

"You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve."

<sup>11</sup> Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him.

Matthew 4:1–11 (ESV)

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

# CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN (followed by Private Confession of Sin)

Lord Jesus Christ,

Sin is my malady, my monster, my foe, my viper, born in my birth, alive in my life,

strong in my character, dominating my faculties, following me as a shadow, intermingling with my every thought, my chain that holds me captive.

Yet your compassions yearn over me, your heart hastens to my rescue, your love endured my curse, your mercy bore my justice. Let me walk in humility, cleansed by your blood, tender of conscience, living in triumph as an heir of salvation through your blessed name.

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#### Assurance of Pardon

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. And as for all who walk by this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

Galatians 6:14–16 (Pew Bible, p. 1240)

# WE LIVE OUT OUR MISSION and PASTORAL PRAYER

#### WE GIVE TO THE ONE WHO HAS GIVEN US EVERYTHING



Pou can also give online on our website, through the app Vanco Mobile, or mail a check to the office (if it is for the Deacons Fund, please note on the memo).

HIGO RODRIGUES. Organ

Offertory Response — Jesus Loves Me (W. B. Bradbury; arr. D. Schelat)

\* Hymn (Trinity #645) — Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee (music next page)

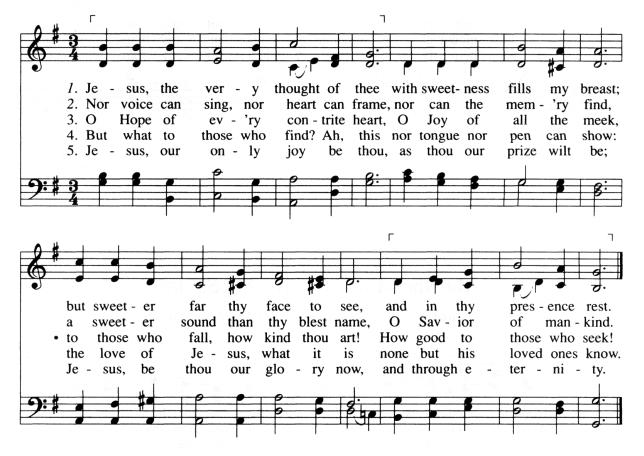
Children are welcome to remain in worship with us. Children 2 and 3 years old may go to Beginner Bible in room 100; children 4 years to 2nd grade may depart during the last verse to the Fellowship Hall for Junior Church.

Parents please pick up children after the service.

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# Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

The love of Christ ... that surpasses knowledge. Eph. 3:18, 19



Latin, 11th cent. Tr. by Edward Caswall, 1849 ST. AGNES C.M. John B. Dykes, 1866

#### GOD EXHORTS THROUGH THE WORD AND WE SING

Against Our Design — Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–13 (Pew Bible, p. 3)

2:15 The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it. <sup>16</sup> And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, "You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, <sup>17</sup> but of the tree of the

knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die."

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<sup>3:1</sup> Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the Lord God had made.

He said to the woman, "Did God actually say, 'You shall not eat of any tree in the garden'?" <sup>2</sup> And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden, <sup>3</sup> but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the midst of the garden, neither shall you touch it, lest you die." <sup>4</sup> But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." <sup>6</sup> So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate. <sup>7</sup> Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked. And they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves loincloths.

<sup>8</sup> And they heard the sound of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God among the trees of the garden. <sup>9</sup> But the LORD God called to the man and said to him, "Where are you?"

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<sup>10</sup> And he said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked, and I hid myself." <sup>11</sup> He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten of the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?" <sup>12</sup> The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit of the tree, and I ate." <sup>13</sup> Then the LORD God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent deceived me, and I ate."

Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–13 (ESV)

\* Hymn (Trinity #500) — Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me (music next page)

# \* GOD SENDS US OUT WITH HIS BLESSING

NO EVENING ACTIVITIES





**OUR MISSION** We exist to change lives through sharing Christ. We carry out this mission in three ways:

# **GATHER** — we gather Christians together to worship God through Jesus Christ

MORNING WORSHIP—10:45AM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—TODAY, immediately following the morning service to elect officer candidates.

FALL WORK DAY—November 18, 8:00-11:00am. Sign up at the information counter.

#### DISCIPLE — we make disciples and grow in our relationship with God and each other

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR ALL AGES—9:30AM

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Wednesdays, 9:15AM & 6:30PM - "True Woman" by Susan Hunt MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—Thursdays from 8:00–9:00AM in Room B202 and online. "Fear of the Lord" by Michael Reeves.

# SEND — we are all Christ's ambassadors that are sent into the world locally and globally

MISSIONARIES—Andrew & Megan Nairn-MTW: Japan (see our Missionary Highlight in this week's online EPiC Newsletter)

**THANKSGIVING WITH UD STUDENTS**—Contact Rick Gray if you would like to share your Thanksgiving table with UD international students.

# Attendance and Financial Information for November 5, 2023

SS: 152 - AM: 247 - PM: 113

General Fund		Deacons Fund	
Weekly Gifts Received	\$ 25,158.54	Deacons Fund Receipts (Oct.)	\$ 4,365.38
Weekly Budgeted Requirements	\$ 20,409.21	YTD Deacons Fund Receipt	\$52,313.78
Year-to-Date Gifts Received	\$882,969.39	YTD Deacons Fund Expenses	\$46,206.78
Year-to-Date Requirements	\$918,414.45	Deacons Fund Ending Balance	\$40,691.01
Year-to-Date Expenses	\$855,090.25	C	



# OUR MISSION IS TO CHANGE LIVES THROUGH SHARING CHRIST BY GATHERING, DISCIPLING AND SENDING

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#### **Missionaries and Benevolent Causes We Support** Mission to the World

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French Speaking Haiti/Africa - Thomas and Lucy Wright • Global Training and Development - Jeff and Mischa Marlowe

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Ukraine - David and Jill Martin; Dal and Beth Stanton • Serving in Sensitive Areas - Phil and Barb

#### Agencies of the PCA

Committee on Administration • Committee on Discipleship Ministries • Covenant College • Covenant Seminary Mission to the World • Mission to North America • Reformed University Fellowship • Ridge Haven

#### **Other Christian Organizations**

A Door of Hope • Greater Europe Mission - Mark and Marti Mylin (France)

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Reformed University Fellowship International - Graham and Emily Guo (UD)

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