SCRIPTURE Galatians 4:21-31

SERMON **For Freedom Christ Has Set Us Free:**
9. Free Children of Promise
Rev. Tim Osborne

OFFERING, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER

PUBLIC RECEPTION OF NEW COVENANT PARTNERS

SONG **Goodness Of God**

I love You Lord. Oh Your mercy never fails me. All my days.
I've been held in Your hands. From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head. I will sing of the goodness of God

Ref. All my life You have been faithful. All my life You have
been so so good. With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire
In darkest night. You are close like no other
I've known You as a father. I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Your goodness is running after. It's running after me
Your goodness is running after. It's running after me
With my life laid down. I'm surrendered now
I give You everything. Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

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"A multicultural family, growing in faith, connecting people with Christ"
"Somos una familia multicultural, creciendo en la fe, alcanzando a todos para Cristo"

FUSION WORSHIP SERVICE - 11:30 AM
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2021

FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE
Spring Sermon Series in Galatians

This spring we continue to take a journey together through the book of Galatians. Come join us each Sunday as we learn from Apostle Paul and the Churches in Galatia what it means for us that for freedom Christ has set us free.

WELCOME & PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP Mark 16:1-8

LEADER: Bless the Lord, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless His holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. The Lord is merciful and gracious, Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him; Bless the Lord, all His works, In all places of His dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul!

SONGS **You Keep Hope Alive**

Days may be darkest. But Your light is greater
You light our way God You light our way
When evil is rising You're rising higher
With power to save with power to save

Ref. You keep hope alive You keep hope alive

From the beginning to end Your word never fails
You keep hope alive because You are alive
Jesus You are alive

Death had a stronghold. But Your life was stronger
Rose from the grave rose up from the grave
When evil is rising You're rising higher
With power to save with power to save

There's hope in the morning. Hope in the evening
Hope because You're living. Hope because You're breathing
There's hope in the breaking. Hope in the sorrow
Hope for this moment. My hope for tomorrow

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Morning By Morning

Daily daily I surrender. Grace for today is all that I need
Surprised by Your mercy. It's new every morning

Awaken my soul to sing

I will trust where You lead. I will trust when I can't see
Morning by morning. Great is Your faithfulness to me

Breath by breath overtaken by want
One step at a time when I'm overwhelmed
Strength for today. Bright hope for tomorrow

I will trust with all my heart. You are good You always are
Morning by morning. Great is Your faithfulness to me

All fear be reminded. My future is secure
Oh my Father has spoken. And He keeps His every word

Oh I will trust. Oh morning by morning

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Yes And Amen

Father of kindness You have poured out grace. You brought me out of darkness. You have filled me with peace
Giver of mercy You're my help in time of need
Lord I can't help but sing

Ref. Faithful You are. Faithful forever You will be
Faithful You are. All Your promises are Yes and Amen
All Your promises are Yes and Amen

Beautiful Savior You have brought me near
You pulled me from the ashes. You have broken ev'ry curse
Blessed Redeemer You have set this captive free
Lord I can't help but sing

I will rest in Your promises. My confidence is Your faithfulness

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Way Maker

You are here moving in our midst
I worship You I worship You
You are here working in this place
I worship You I worship You

Ref. (You are) Way Maker Miracle Worker Promise Keeper
Light in the darkness my God that is who You are

You are here touching ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You
You are here healing ev'ry heart
I worship You I worship You

You are here turning lives around
I worship You I worship You
You are here mending ev'ry heart
I worship You yeah I worship You Lord

That is who You are. That is who You are

Even when I don't see it You're working
Even when I don't feel it You're working
You never stop You never stop working
You never stop You never stop working

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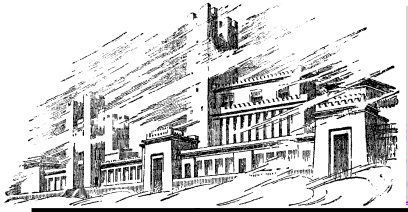
WELCOME & BLESSING THE CHILDREN



FOR FREEDOM CHRIST HAS SET US FREE

9. FREE CHILDREN OF PROMISE

Galatians 4:21-31

BIG IDEA WHAT DOES IT MEAN THAT WE ARE FREE CHILDREN OF PROMISE?

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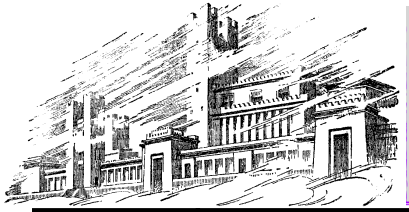
2. We _____ God to _____ His promises & He _____ us _____. (vs22-23)

3. We _____ to trust in _____ _____, because it _____ us. (vs24-25)

4. We are _____ _____ of Jerusalem-Above, _____ thru the _____ of God. (vs26-27)

5. We live by _____ _____ & expect _____ from the _____. (vs28-29)

6. We're _____ free family, getting _____ of _____ & _____ that enslave us. (vs30-31)



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First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen Sermon by Rev. Tim Osborne on 4.25.21

Public Reception of New Covenant Partners of FPCD on April 25, 2021

Presentation

PASTOR: Hear the Great Commission of the Lord Jesus:

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. (Matthew 28:18-20)

ELDER/PASTOR: Having been examined and received into covenant partnership by the session of FPCD, **Bonnie Thompson** is presented by session this morning for public reaffirmation of faith.

PASTOR: We rejoice that you now desire to declare your faith and to share with us in our common ministry as a covenant partner of FPCD.

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. (Eph. 4:4-6)

Baptism is the sign and seal of our cleansing from sin, and of our being grafted into Christ which connects us together as the body of Christ. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Christ, the power of sin was broken and God's kingdom has entered our world. Through our baptism we were made citizens of God's kingdom and freed from the bondage of sin.

As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all of you are in Christ Jesus. (Galatians 3:27, 28)

Profession of Faith

PASTOR: Now as you publicly declare your faith I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, and to confess the faith of the church, in which you were baptized.

Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and renounce evil and its power in the world?

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: ***I do***

PASTOR: *Who is your Lord and Savior?*

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: ***Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.***

PASTOR: *Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his Word and showing his love*?

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: ***I will with God's help.***

PASTOR: *With the whole church let us confess our faith:*

ALL: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

PASTOR: *Will you be a faithful covenant partner of this congregation, sharing in its worship and ministry, through your prayers and gifts, your study and service, and so fulfill your calling to be a disciple of Jesus Christ?*

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: ***I will with God's help.***

PASTOR: *Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?*

NEW COVENANT PARTNER: ***I will with God's help.***

PASTOR: *You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of the One who called you out of darkness into God's marvelous light. (1 Peter 2:9)*

Welcome

PASTOR: By publicly professing her faith, Bonnie Thompson has covenanted to live and serve in covenant partnership in Christ with us here at the First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen. Let us welcome her together.

ALL: We welcome you in Christ, Bonnie, as a Covenant Partner of the First Presbyterian Church of Dunellen to share in the Lord's ministry in this congregation, for we are all one in him. May the Lord bless you and keep you.