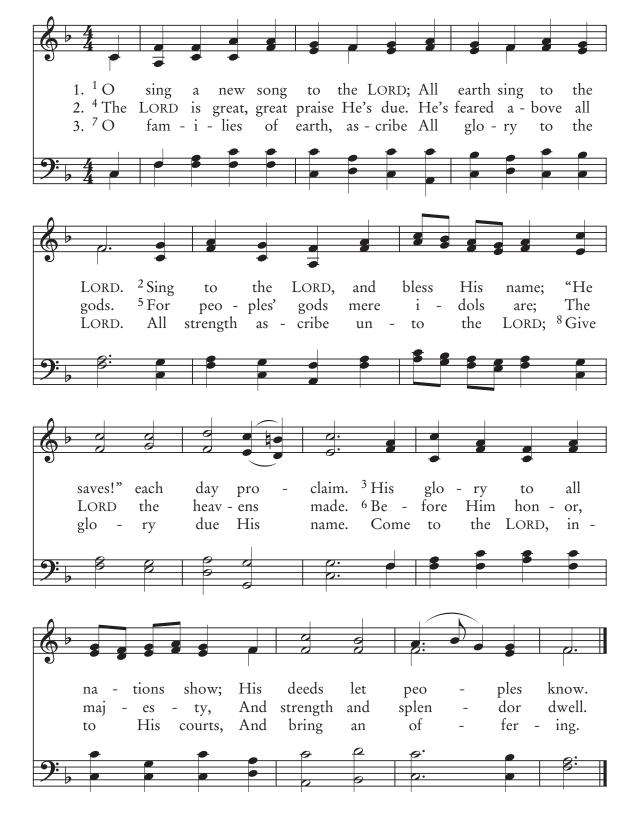


- 5. Almighty God, your lofty throne has justice for its cornerstone, and shining bright before your face are truth and love and boundless grace.
- 6. All glory unto God we yield, Jehovah is our help and shield; all praise and honor we will bring to Israel's Holy One, our King.



#### **SERMON OUTLINE**

#### I. Introduction

A. What About Ecclesiastes?

B. The Challenge of Ecclesiastes

C. Why Study Ecclesiastes?

#### II. The Frustration (vv. 1-3)

A. The Premise (vv. 1-3)

B. What is Vanity? (v. 2)

C. Is there a Point? (v. 3)

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A. Brevity of Mankind (v. 4)

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# THE LORD'S DAY EVENING

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MARCH 14, 2021 | 6:00 p.m.

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*THE CALL TO WORSHIP
*THE PSALM NO. 89
*THE INVOCATION
THE NEW TESTAMENT READINGFirst Corinthians 7:1-24
THE EVENING PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGElder Wil Davis
THE HYMN SING
*THE HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 30"O God, Our Help" (Psa. 90)
THE SCRIPTURE READING Ecclesiastes 1:1-11
THE SERMON"The Examined Life" Ecclesiastes: "Why Really Matters" No. 1
Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the sun?  A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth remains forever. The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. The wind blows to the south and goes around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full;

All things are full of weariness, a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. What has been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there a thing of which it is said, "See, this is new"? It has been already in the ages before us. There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after.

to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.

\*THE PSALM OF COMMITMENT NO. 96 ....."O Sing a New Song"

Now Blessed be the Lord Our God, the God of Israel.

For He alone does wondrous works in glory that excel.

And blessed be His glorious Name to all eternity.

The whole Earth let His glory fill; amen, so let it be.