

1. ¹ My voice to God, a - loud I plead!
2. ⁴ You do not let my eye - lids close;
3. ⁸ For - ev - er has His kind - ness ceased?

My voice to God, He will me heed!
I am made speech - less by my woes.
And is He from His word re - leased?

² I sought the Lord, I was dis - tressed,
⁵ The days of old I think up - on,
⁹ Did God for - get to show His grace?

I gave my out - stretched hands no rest.
The years that long a - go have gone.
Does wrath His mer - cy now re - place?

My rest - less soul all through the night
⁶ I pon - der songs I sang at night;
¹⁰ Then I re - plied, "Such ques - tions show

No com - fort found in com - ing light.
My heart and spir - it search for light.
That I my weak - ness need to know.

³ With thoughts of God my fears a - rise;
⁷ For - ev - er will the Lord re - ject?
The Most High has a firm right hand

My fail - ing spir - it faints with sighs.
Can I His fa - vor not ex - pect?
That through the years will change - less stand."

4. ⁸ The LORD is good and just; The way He'll sin - ners show.
 5. ¹¹ My sin - ful - ness is great, And great, O LORD, my blame;
 6. ¹⁴ Close friend - ship with the LORD Will all who fear Him know;

⁹ He guides the meek in what is just, That they His path will know.
 O par - don my in - iq - ui - ty, To glo - ri - fy Your name.
 The knowl - edge of His cov - e - nant He un - to them will show.

¹⁰ To those who keep His word, His cov - e - nant o - bey,
¹² To him who fears the LORD The path to choose is shown.
¹⁵ My eyes up - on the LORD Con - tin - ual - ly are set;

The lov - ing - kind - ness of the LORD And truth will be their way.
¹³ His soul will have pros - per - i - ty; The land his seed will own.
 For He it is that shall bring forth My feet out of the net.

THE LORD'S DAY EVENING
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AUGUST 14, 2022 | 6:00 p.m.

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE HYMN SING

***THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

***THE HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 369** "Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns"

***THE INVOCATION**

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 27

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***THE PSALM OF THE MONTH NO. 25** "The LORD is Good" (page 4)

THE SCRIPTURE READING Romans 8:26-27

THE SERMON Rev. Ryan Biese
 Eternal Grace | Paul's Epistle to the Romans | No. 30
 "Help From Our Advocate"

***THE PSALM OF COMMITMENT NO. 77** "My Voice to God" (pages 2-3)

***THE BENEDICTION**

***THE RESPONSE** Psalm 72:18-19

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.

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