SERMON REFLECTION ON BIBLICAL FAITH

Psalm 61:1-8 & Psalm 63:1-8

Intro: Survival Skills for Faith - ***especially "His Wings": Ps 61:4 & Ps 63:7***

Tonight's Theme: By faith seeking all the protections of God's salvation:

> His rock-like salvation (Ps 61:2)

> His fortress protection (Ps 61:3)

> The intimacy of His mercy seat - Psalm 61:4 & Psalm 63:7.

Lesson - God knows how to answer every distracting attack of sin and wickedness.

But we must have a basic sense of our weakness, and must be reminded of our continual need to …

1) Be led (Psalm 61:2)

2) To expect His grace to find us (Psalm 61:2; Jeremiah 23:23)

3) Expect bold access to find help in our time of need (Heb. 4:16)

4) To use the new mouth which the Lord gives us - realizing heaven is where all gets transacted (Psalm 76:3)

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LORD'S DAY EVENING WORSHIP

November 22, 2026

COVENANT ORTHODOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

Prelude, Salutation & Call to Worship

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND

*** Opening Hymn** *Blessed Lord, in Thee is Refuge*

513 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

1 Blessed Lord, in thee is refuge, safety for my trembling soul:
pow'r to lift my head when drooping 'midst the angry billow's roll.
I will trust thee, I will trust thee, I will trust thee,
all my life thou shalt control; all my life thou shalt control.

2 In the past, too, unbelieving, 'midst the tempest I have been,
and my heart has slowly trusted what my eyes have never seen.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,
teach me on thine arm to lean; teach me on thine arm to lean.

3 Oh, for trust that brings the triumph when defeat seems strangely near;
oh, for faith that changes fighting into vict'ry's ringing cheer!
Faith triumphant, faith triumphant, faith triumphant,
knowing not defeat or fear; knowing not defeat or fear. **

Invocation & God's Law

Prayer of Confession *(unison)* Psalm 63:1-8 (p 567 pew Bible)

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 63:7 (p 567 pew Bible)

Congregational Prayer

GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE

Prayer for Illumination

Scriptures Psalm 61:1-5 (p 566 pew Bible)
Psalm 63:1-8 (p 567 pew Bible)

Sermon Faith's Survival Skills

Prayer of Application

*** Closing Hymn** *Under The Care of My God, The Almighty*
# 84 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-3)

1 Under the care of my God, the Almighty,
safe in the secret place of the Most High!
He is my refuge, the Lord is my fortress,
him I am trusting when trouble is nigh.

Refrain: Under his wings, under his wings,
safe in the refuge hide thee;
trusting his truth and faithfulness,
no evil can betide thee.

2 Be not afraid for the terror of midnight,
nor for the arrow that hasteth to slay;
fear not the pestilence walking in darkness,
nor the destroyer that wasteth by day. [Refrain]

3 Seek the Most High for thy sure habitation,
unto Jehovah for refuge now fly;
there shall no evil befall thee nor harm thee,
unto thy dwelling no plague shall come nigh. [Refrain] **

*** Benediction**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK

- **Tuesday, 7:00 pm: Woodsville Study**
- **Saturday, November 28, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm: Greens Party**

UPCOMING

- **Sunday, November 29: Annual OPC Thank Offering** will be received Bulletin inserts will explain more about the planned use of these funds.
- **Christmas Eve Service: 12/24/2026 7:00 pm**
- **Save the Date: Youth Winter Weekend February 19-21, 2027**
- **Save the Date: Spring Ladies' Retreat, April 16 & 17, 2027.** Info in foyer
- **English for Kids 2027 dates are June 26 to July 3.**

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Susanne Muller

We give thanks for the life of Susanne Muller. Susanne had been a long-time member of Covenant, along with her husband Clif, who is still a member. Susanne was a mother fiercely devoted to her children and to sheltering and protecting others. We give thanks to God for how he shepherded her through the severe trial and loss of two of their dear children, Ian and Reuben, in the prime of their lives. Although profoundly perplexed by these losses, she found her way back to faith in Christ, and found solace in helping others experiencing losses. In particular, she acted as a mother in her support of other veterans, and in her ministry to Reuben's widow, Grace, and their two boys. She loved and was so proud of her Vermont grandchildren as well. Everything that she did with the smallest mustard seed of faith was the fruit of the Holy Spirit's faithful work in her life. We look forward to joining her someday in her new life of peace and restoration.

> *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body (2 Cor. 4:7-10).*
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