

# Conger Preaching Lectures

## “The Christian Life in Three Words”

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Prelude

Welcome and Introductions

Gerald Bray

\*Call to Worship

I waited patiently for the Lord;  
**he inclined to me and heard my cry.**  
He drew me up from the pit of destruction,  
**out of the miry bog,**  
**and set my feet upon a rock,**  
**making my steps secure.**  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
**a song of praise to our God.**  
Many will see and fear,  
**and put their trust in the Lord.**

—Psalm 40:1-3, ESV

\*Opening Hymn No. 23      **“All Creatures of Our God and King”**

Worship Ensemble

Reading of Holy Scripture

**Hebrews 10:1-25**

Blake Dean

Prayers of the People

Mallory Douglas

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 trespasses,**  
**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**  
**and lead us not into temptation,**

\*The congregation will please stand, if able.

but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

\*Song

**“Abide”**

Worship Ensemble

For my waking breath, for my daily bread:  
I depend on You; I depend on You.  
For the sun to rise, for my sleep at night:  
I depend on You; I depend on You.

*You're the way, the truth, and the life;  
You're the well that never runs dry.  
I'm the branch and You are the vine;  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

Where the Spirit leads, as I'm following:  
I depend on You, I depend on You.  
For the victories still in front of me:  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

*You're the way, the truth, and the life;  
You're the well that never runs dry.  
I'm the branch and You are the vine;  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.  
Be my strength, my song in the night;  
Be my all, my treasure, my prize.  
I am Yours, forever You're mine;  
Draw me close and teach me to abide.*

When I pass through death, as I enter rest:  
I depend on You, I depend on You.  
For eternal life, to be raised with Christ:  
I depend on You, I depend on You.

Sermon

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\*Hymn No. 466

**“Take My Life and Let It Be”**

Worship Ensemble

\*Benediction

Claire Schwenk

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## About the Biblical Preaching Lectures

Past guests include Earl Palmer, James Earl Massey, William Willimon, Bryan Chapell, Richard Bewes, and John Piper. Second in a series of three lectureships, the William E. Conger Lectures on Biblical Preaching are made possible through the generosity of the late Colonel William E. Conger, Jr. After a distinguished military career, Colonel Conger served for many years as a close personal advisor to Ralph Waldo Beeson, the founding benefactor of Beeson Divinity School. Colonel Conger long shared Mr. Beeson's deep commitment to the pastoral ministry of preaching. In 1991, that commitment was expressed through the endowment of a lectureship to recapture the vision of preaching ministry, furthering the cause of Christ in today's world. Preaching is the central task of Christian ministry and mission. In the Conger lectures, we affirm our commitment to this biblical reformation mandate. These lectures are presented in the fervent prayer and hope that they shall enlighten the preacher's skill, but above all, stir the preacher's soul, so God Himself may shine "in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ" (1 Corinthians 4:6).

### Lecture One

"Preaching with Authority: Conviction and Connection"

Wednesday, March 26, 2025, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Beeson Divinity School, N-101

### Lecture Two

"Preaching with Momentum: The 6 'M's'"

Thursday, March 27, 2025, 11 a.m.–12 p.m.

Beeson Divinity School, N-101

*\*\*\*Note: Mentor groups will not meet this Thursday to allow students to attend the scheduled preaching lectures.*

### Worship Notes

Special thanks to our worship ensemble: Effie Hedrick, violin; Laura Henrich, vocals; Salvador Blanco-Perello, vocals and acoustics; Jess Leslie, vocals and piano.

### **“Abide”**

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