

## Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

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*As we gather, let us welcome one another, just as Jesus Christ welcomes you!*

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**      *Let us prepare ourselves for worship*

**PRELUDE**      *"Galliard"*      (Iouri Grichetchkine)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist/Pianist

Robert Montgomery, Pastor

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY, congregation in bold)**      *from Psalm 65*

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, O you who answer prayer! To you all flesh shall come.

**When deeds of iniquity overwhelm us, you forgive our transgressions.**

By awesome deeds you answer us with deliverance, O God of our salvation;

**You are the hope of all the ends of the earth and of the farthest seas.**

**\*SILENT MEDITATION ON THE LYRICS:**      *"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"*      **Hymn #12**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION:**

**O God, it is only by your grace that we can stand in your presence and make this prayer. We are torn between the ways of the world around us and the ways of Jesus Christ. We find them both at work in us, and we need your Spirit's help to live as disciples of Jesus, trusting in his words rather than our fears and selfishness. We are tempted to think that possessions, pride, accomplishments and putting ourselves first are inescapable facts of what it takes to live. But Jesus Christ has shown us the far more excellent way, and in our deepest selves, we know he is right. Grant us grace that we may be both forgiven and strengthened as we again turn to you, listen afresh to the call of Jesus and follow in his steps.**

*(Time for Silent Prayer and Confession)*

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

*"Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;*

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen."*

**\*GLORIA PATRI (INSTRUMENTAL)**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SPECIAL MUSIC**      *"I Surrender All"*      (arr. Phillip Keveren)

**SCRIPTURE READING:**      **Matthew 13: 1-23**

*Response after the Reading:*      **Leader:** This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

Then the disciples came and asked him, "Why do you speak to them in parables?"

He answered, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given [...] With them indeed is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah that says:

*'You will indeed listen, but never understand, and you will indeed look, but never perceive. For this*

*people's heart has grown dull, and their ears are hard of hearing, and they have shut their eyes; so that they might not look with their eyes, and listen with their ears and understand with their heart and turn—and I would heal them.'*

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. Truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, but did not see it, and to hear what you hear, but did not hear it.

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

#### **TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

#### **SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 8: 1-6**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, for the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not: by sending his own son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and in order to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death; but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace.

#### **SERMON**

#### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: *The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)***

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;*

*And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.*

#### **\*SILENT MEDITATION ON THE LYRICS: “Open My Eyes, that I May See” **Hymn # 451****

#### **PASTORAL PRAYER, CONCLUDING WITH 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.*

**INVITATION TO GENEROSITY:** *Thank You for your continued donations to this church in the collection plates at each door or through the mail.*

#### **\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

#### **\*THE DOXOLOGY (INSTRUMENTAL)**

**No. 592**

#### **\*BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE:** *Toccata on “Hymn to Joy” (Grimoaldo Macchia)*

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### On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers:

Bobby Chaffin (Kathryn Hawkins' father) • Nancy Bradley • Family of Larry Lee • Family of Ernest Henegar • Family of Brad Bradley • Family of Richard McBride (Dina's brother-in-law) • Jack and Linda Phillips (cancer) and their daughter Kelly (relatives of LuAnne Crocker) • Lyn Thomas (friend and former pastor of LuAnne Crocker) • Our Village Manor and at-home members • Lois Purcell • Joe B. Brandon • Margaret Haynes (friend of the Cobles) • Drew Davidson (broken hip) • Stephanie Webster (McLains' daughter) • Carolana Callaway • Sammie Fox • Melissa Eason • Suzanne Porter (Joe B's sister) • Stacy Harris (Joy Davis' friend) • Janet Franklin • Patti McGilton (Joe B's niece) • David Bean (Emily K's brother) • Adam Perryman • Tyler Lagasse • Deborah Hunter • Joan Hooten • Ed Lambert • Emily and Jeremy (Emily K's granddaughter now in Karachi, Pakistan)

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**July Birthdays:** Kathryn Hawkins- 9 • Thomas Hawkins- 10 • Anne Brandon- 11 • Carson Coble- 15 • Billy Coble- 17 • Love Smith- 19 • Sophie Smith- 22 • May Tansey- 29

**July Anniversaries:** Billy and Marsha Coble- 2 • Tommy and Betsy Leonard-31

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