

Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 16, 2020

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

PRELUDE

"Andante Religioso"

(Felix Mendelssohn)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist/Pianist
Robert Montgomery, Pastor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us,
that God's way may be known upon earth, and God's saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide all the nations upon earth.

HYMN SOLO:

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

Hymn #65

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

O God, we confess that we need your Holy Spirit to renew and sustain us as disciples of Jesus Christ. Every day we feel the conflict within us between your ways and ours. We want to put our trust in you, but we also know the easy path of accumulating things for ourselves and being harsh judges of anyone who does not meet our expectations. And we have indeed taken the easy path many times and have failed you. Yet our hearts do still truly cling to the words and way of Jesus, who was generous to all, forgave sinners, served the ungrateful, blessed those who cursed him, welcomed the stranger and laid down his life to create a new creation, and a new humanity in each of us. Forgive us, O God, and renew us. Fulfill your purpose in each of us and in your church world-wide, whatever changes that may require in us.

(Time for Silent Prayer and Confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI (SOLO)

"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."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PIANO SOLO

"Jesu, Our Joy, We Adore Thee"

(Jay Rouse)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Genesis 45: 1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer.

He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for

you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, "Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here."

Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Response after the Reading: Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC

SCRIPTURE READING: **Matthew 15: 21-28**

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon.

Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."

But he did not answer her at all.

And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us."

He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me."

He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table."

Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."

And her daughter was healed instantly.

SERMON

Finding Joy

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.

HYMN SOLO:

"Amazing Grace"

Hymn #649

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.*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE:

*“Introduction from Suite Gothique”**(Leon Boellmann)***On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers:**

Family of D.J. Gould (Denise Foster’s mother) • Family of Waverley Duning • Family of Nancy Crowder (Ken’s mother) • Family of Bobby Chaffin (Kathryn Hawkins’ father) • Jimmy Goodman • Our Village Manor and at-home members • Lois Purcell • Joe B. Brandon • Carolana Callaway • Barbara Wright • Robert Wright (Bruce’s brother/cancer) • Family of Ernest Henegar • Family of Brad Bradley, especially Nancy • Family of Richard McBride (Dina’s brother-in-law) • McDaniel Family (Phyllis’ death) • Phillips Family (cancer/relatives of LuAnne Crocker) • Margaret Haynes (friend of the Cobles) • Drew Davidson (broken hip) • Sammie Fox • Melissa Eason • Suzanne Porter (Joe B’s sister) • Stacy Harris (Joy Davis’ friend) • Janet Franklin • Patti McGilton (Joe B’s niece) • Adam Perryman • Deborah Hunter • Joan Hooten • Ed Lambert • Front-Line healthcare workers • School students, teachers and staff • Refuge Ministries’ programs in Sierra Leone and Africa

August Birthdays: Kerri (Talley) Love- 3 • Annie Haynes- 8 • Tommy Harris- 15 • Beverly McLain-26 • Linda Crowder- 28 • Hutton Brandon-31

August Anniversaries: Steve and Mary Ann Haynes -22 • Pam and Ed White -26

Announcements and Reminders

“Tissues for Teachers” We continue to collect school supplies of any kind, but we are now making a special effort to collect boxes of tissues so that teachers will not have to buy those for their classrooms with their own money. Boxes of tissues are best, if you can help out.

Our Services Are Now on Facebook Thanks to the technology upgrades that Jason Hutton has helped us make, our worship services are now being posted to Facebook about 10 minutes after our service concludes each Sunday. Plans also include posting to our YouTube channel soon, which you can find by searching for “First Presbyterian Church, Lewisburg, TN.” You’ll see that there is already music from our choir members posted there.

Thank You to Robert Neumeyer, Melody Spence, Nick Phillips and Brady Philips and Bella Tepedino for serving as our soloists the last few weeks.

Choir Members: If you have not already spoken with Robert Neumeyer this past week, please see or contact Robert him after our service today about some opportunities to record some music for our worship gatherings and our YouTube channel.

Sunday School Classes are now meeting in-person. The “library class” is now meeting in the old fellowship hall, and that class is available on WebEx at 10 AM. The “new” adult class led by Darrick Gatlin is meeting in the McMillion-Lawrie Building at 9:45 AM. Masks and social distancing are requested of all attending.

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