

## Service for the Lord's Day

Eleven O'clock

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 30, 2020

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*Let us prepare ourselves for worship*

PRELUDE

*"Prière à Notre Dame"*

*(Leon Boellmann)*

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist/Pianist

Robert Montgomery, Pastor

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)

*From Isaiah 35*

The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and the majesty of our God. The desert shall rejoice and blossom; it will rejoice with gladness and singing.

**The glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and the majesty of our God.**

Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped, then shall the lame leap like the deer,

**and the tongue of the speechless shall sing for joy.**

HYMN SOLO:

*"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"*

**Hymn #465**

CALL TO CONFESSION:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

*from a Prayer of Martin Luther*

**Behold, Lord, I am an empty vessel that needs to be filled. My Lord, fill it.**

**I am weak in faith; O Lord, strengthen my faith and trust in you.**

**I am cold in love; warm me and make me fervent, that my love may go out to my neighbor.**

**O Lord, help me. I am a sinner; you are upright.**

**With me, there is an abundance of sin; in you is the fullness of righteousness.**

**Therefore I will remain with you, for I have sealed my hope and treasure in you, that in your grace you will indeed accept me for the sake of Jesus Christ, our savior.**

*(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

*"Blessed Assurance"*

*(Arr. Jonathan Reed)*

SCRIPTURE READING:

**Exodus 3: 1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.'

Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'

But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?'

God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord,\* the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

*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 16: 21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?'

'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

#### 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.*

#### HYMN SOLO:

*"Lift High the Cross"*

**Hymn #826**

#### 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

#### THE DOXOLOGY (SOLO)

**No. 592**

*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:

*"Menuet Gothique"*

*(Leon Boellmann)*

### On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers:

Family of Alice Leonard Higgins (Tommy Leonard's sister) • Family of D.J. Gould (Denise Foster'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) • 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 • Students, teachers and staff • Refuge Ministries' programs in Sierra Leone and Africa • Millie Williams

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**August Birthdays:** Linda Crowder- 28 • Hutton Brandon-31 **September Birthdays:** John Morgan Thomas-3 • Bill Lawrie-6 • Morgan Thomas-8 • Mary Ann Clift-12 • C. J. Coble-17 • Joe B. Brandon-17 • Carolana Callaway-20 • Annette Lawrie-21 • Steve Haynes-22 • Brady Phillips-24 • Hale Hawkins-24 • Becky Coble-25 • Andy Atkins-27 **September Anniversary:** Mike and Melody Spence -9

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### Announcements and Reminders

**Communion Next Sunday** We will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper together next Sunday morning during our 11 AM worship service.

**"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, paper towels and disinfectant wipes, 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 service is 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.

**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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