



Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Eleven O'clock

July 4, 2021

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Let us prepare ourselves for worship

PRELUDE:

"This is My Song"

(arr. Lyndell Leatherman)

Naphtali Rothrock, Organist and Pianist

Robert Montgomery

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVE)**

from Psalm 145

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

***CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:**

"God of the Ages"

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION (RESPONSIVE)

O God, for all the ways we have failed to love you with our whole hearts, minds and bodies, we ask your forgiveness.

O Lord, have mercy.

For all the times we looked upon our neighbors with less than the love of Jesus Christ for them, we ask you forgiveness.

O Lord, have mercy.

For all the times we promised you and ourselves that we would seek to change our lives for the better, but simply slipped back into the same old ways, we ask your forgiveness.

O Lord, have mercy.

For all the times we could have asked your help but instead tried to do it alone, we ask your Holy Spirit now to intercede for us and fill our lives with more prayer and faith.

We praise and thank you for your unfailing mercy to us and for justifying us forever in your sight because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(Time for silent prayer and confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***GLORIA PATRI (CONGREGATIONAL)**

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:

Amazing Grace, with Grieg's "Morning"

(arr. Cindy Berry)

SCRIPTURE READING:

Deuteronomy 10: 17-21

For the Lord your God is God of gods and Lord of lords, the great God, mighty and awesome, who is not partial and takes no bribe, who executes justice for the orphan and the widow, and who loves the strangers, providing them food and clothing. You shall also love the stranger, for you were strangers in the land of Egypt. You shall fear the Lord your God; him alone you shall worship; to him you shall hold fast, and by his name you shall swear. He is your praise; he is your God, who has done for you these great and awesome things that your own eyes have seen.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

SPECIAL MUSIC:

Choir; Robert Neumeyer, Director

SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 12: 13-17

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality, but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?"

But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it."

And they brought one. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?"

They answered, "The emperor's."

Jesus said to them, "Give to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." And they were utterly amazed at him.

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: (UNISON)

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.

*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN:

"O for A World"

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER—ALL ARE WELCOME!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Pastor: *The Lord be with you.* **People: And also with you.**

Pastor: *Lift up your hearts.* **People: We lift them up to the Lord.**

Pastor: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Pastor: O God, we do praise and thank you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and all those of every time and place who love you and forever sing to the glory of your name,

ALL: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might! Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

(The Prayer continues. concluding with the Lord's Prayer in unison)

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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP *(Pre-Packaged Elements in Pews)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE DOXOLOGY

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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:

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

(arr. Mary McDonald)

* *The congregation is invited to stand together, as each is able.*

On Our Hearts and in Our Prayers

Mary Ann Clift • Ken Crowder (back) • Judy Horton (Becky Coble's mother) • Carolana Callaway • Nancy Bradley • Micah McClendon • Joe B. Brandon • Suzanne Porter (Joe B's sister) • Stacy Harris • Janet Franklin • Patti McGilton (Joe B's niece) • Adam Perryman • Deborah Hunter • Ed Lambert • Cathy Whitmore • Phil and Flora Allen • Jim and Roxie Gibson • Robbie McDaniel • Genevieve Stegall • Ann Floyd • Kande Wyatt • Family of Larry Johnsey • Betty Blackwell Welch • Family of Terry Beatty • Luke Reeves • Jerry Wayne Weaver • Sherry Murphy Wilkinson

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

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

Announcements and Reminders

Today we will celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper as part of our worship service.

Everyone is welcome to participate fully.

Happy 4th of July! Let us give thanks to God for the blessings of living in this country and in this community together.

HOPetown Summer Food Drive With kids out of school, many families will see their food expenses going up. Healthy canned foods and staples are a real help, if you can buy some extras on your summer grocery shopping trips.

NaCoMe Family Weekend Some of our church members and friends have been at NaCoMe this weekend for their summer family retreat.

Session Meeting Notes:

- We plan to begin serving the Lord's Supper using our communion trays again starting with the first Sunday in August. Pre-packaged communion elements will also continue to be available in the pews for those who prefer them.
- **Please mark your calendars for HOMECOMING SUNDAY on August 29. We will have invitation cards for everyone to hand out very soon.** If you would be willing to help with the preparations, please let Robert or Tim Holder know.
- We will have a congregational meeting on Sunday, July 11, in order to elect the next class of session members.
- We are making plans to create a handicap accessible entrance to the church through the area behind the McMillion-Lawrie Building.

Information to Join Our Services from Home

- **Option 1:** *Join to listen by phone (audio only)*
Dial: **1 312 626 6799**
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549**, Press # as a participant, if asked
When it asks for a Password: **372**
- **Option 2:** *Listen and watch via the internet by computer or smart-phone:*
Go to **www.Zoom.com**
Click "**Join a Meeting**" near the top of the screen
Zoom may ask permission to install software on your computer. That is normal.
Meeting ID Number: **819 8291 3549** Password/Passcode: **372**
- You can join via Facebook Live or after the service through our website:
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