



*Come Unto Me, Little Children* by William H. Johnson

FIRST  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Fifteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Sunday, July 11, 2021  
10:30 A.M.

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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## THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

*Ephesians 1:3-14*

In love, God chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world.

**We are God's children – chosen and loved without condition.**

In God, we find redemption, forgiveness, and grace.

**Through Christ, we are gathered in community for the praise of God's glory.**

Let us hear and believe the word of truth and the gospel of salvation.

**Sealed by the Spirit, let us praise the glory of the Almighty:**

**Blessed be God who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in heaven.**

\*OPENING PRAYER

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word. By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and live according to it, that we may grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN 93

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Diane Bowers

May God be with you in worship here.

**May God be with you in worship there.**

*Children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for our summer wisdom book series. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Peace is the heirloom promised to us, forgiveness is the inheritance passed on to us through Christ. May we know God's peace, and be healed of our brokenness, as we confess our sins to God.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Why are we always willing to descend into the worst areas life offers to us, but reluctant to come into your presence, Holy One? Why can we stand on sin's shaky foundations, yet find it impossible to dance in your joy? Why are we so quick to trumpet our hollow achievements, and do not seem to be able to hear your whispers of hope for us?**

**Forgive us, Grace's Glory, and fill us with your mercy. May we set our hope in Jesus Christ, who came so we might become your children, inheritors of love, peace, and faithfulness forever.**

*Silence is kept for personal confession.*

## POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Christ, God's salvation has come; God's peace kisses our cheeks, wiping away our tears, and faithfulness takes us by the hand to lead us home to God. God has called us, God has claimed us, God has redeemed us. This is good news for all of creation!  
**Thanks be to God.**

## \*GLORIA PATRI

GREATOREX

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. Amen.

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Since we have been reconciled to God, let us also be reconciled to one another.  
The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

\*SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 839)

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*Refrain:*

**This is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story; this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.**

2. Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God, fountain of every blessing, open to us your life-giving word, and fill us with the Holy Spirit so that living water may flow through our hearts—a spring of hope for a thirsty world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 24

Here ends the Psalm. **Amen.**

Ephesians 1:3-14

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

“Chosen”

Rev. Matt Curry

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*from The Heidelberg Catechism, 1563*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my**

salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## THE EUCHARIST

### INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*And Can It Be*  
Shelby Ratliff, Soprano

arr. Dan Forrest

\*THE DOXOLOGY (Hymn 606)

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise...**

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Early American Folk Hymn, Adapt. Marcia Pruner

\*Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, heav - en and earth - are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in - the high - est. Bless - ed - is he who comes



## 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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD & THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**For the healing you have given us in the brokenness of bread and the pouring out of cup, we thank you. For the community that you have restored in us through the sharing of life, we thank you. For the courage and strength that you have promised to us, we thank you. Send us forth from this place in love, letting justice be worked out with gentleness and power known in the presence of your Spirit. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 804

*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

MARION

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

## LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Ashley Hicks*

Communion Servers: *Tom Furlong & Susan Godthaab*

# The Life of the Church

**A Celebration of Life for Bob Smith** will be held today at the Apollo High School Gymnasium. There will be an open house from 2:00-4:00 with a short service at 3:00. We continue to hold Jane and her family in prayer following Bob's death last November.

**Faith and Film Night** is coming Friday, July 16 at 7:00pm! We will be showing the classic 1942 film *Casablanca*, starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman. Afterward, Pastor Matt will moderate a 20-minute discussion based on three questions: (1.) Where did you see God in this film? (2.) Where did you see evil? (3.) Where did you find grace? Plan to join us!

**A sermon series** is planned for August based on your questions. You are invited to call, text, email, or simply leave Pastor Matt a note on any subject that you have always wanted to hear addressed from the pulpit. He will pick from the ideas submitted for an August series of sermons called "You Asked For It!"



The 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Owensboro Multicultural, a signature ministry of First Presbyterian Church, is coming up Saturday, August 21 from 10:00-4:00 on the church grounds. This year's theme is "Building Blocks of Peace." Here are a few ways to get involved:

**Multicultural Festival T-Shirts** are available for order. Shirts (sizes Youth Small through 3XL) are only \$10. Please submit your order to Debbie McCoy or Jeff Moles by July 15. A limited quantity of shirts will be available at the festival on Saturday, August 21, but ordering ahead will ensure that you get the size you want.



**Yard Signs** are available to promote the Owensboro Multicultural Festival. You may check one out for your yard in the hallway near the Clinton Place door.

**Follow @OwensboroMulticulturalFestival** on Facebook and help spread the word!



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the good news of the love of Jesus Christ for all people,  
and to join God in the building of a  
just, peaceful, and compassionate world.



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