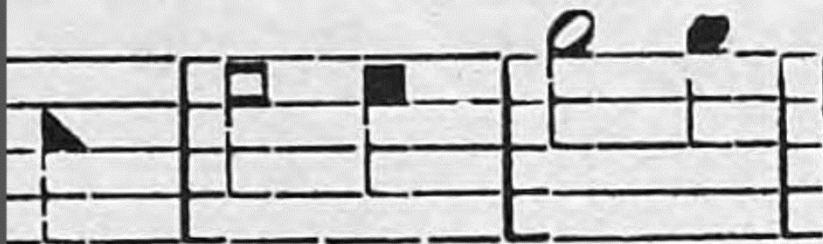


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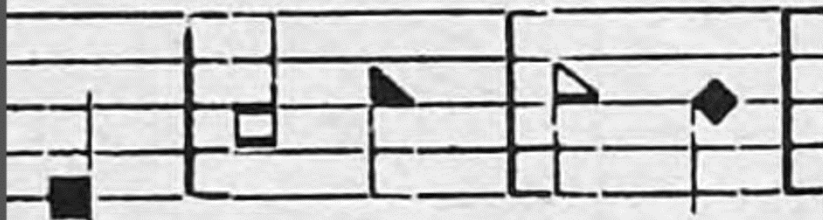
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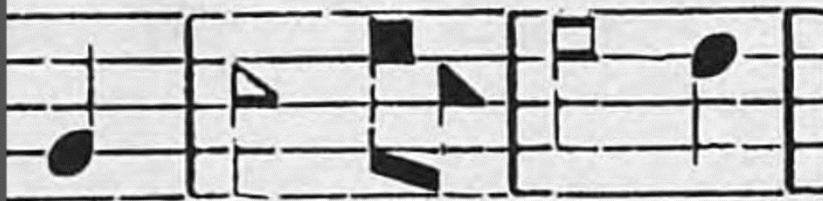
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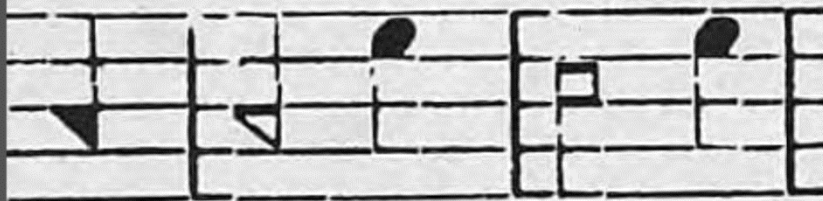
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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Southern Gospel Sunday

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHORAL INTROIT

On the Jericho Road

*CALL TO WORSHIP

words from hymn 396

Brethren, we have met to worship

And adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.

Sisters, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other, too.

Let us love and pray for sinners, till our God makes all things new.

Let us pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

*OPENING PRAYER

Book of Common Worship, 1946

Almighty God, from whom cometh every good and perfect gift, and who pourest out upon all who desire it the gift of grace and supplication, deliver us, when we draw nigh unto Thee, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship Thee in spirit and in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*HYMN MEDLEY

What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.
Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.

I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses.
And He walks with me, and He talks with me, And He tells me I am His own,
And the joy we share as we tarry there, none other has ever known.

Standing on the promises of Christ, my King, through eternal ages let his praises ring;
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.
Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God, my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.
Let the water and the blood from thy wounded side which flowed
be of sin the double cure, cleanse from guilt and make me pure.

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain.
So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it some day for a crown.

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ the solid Rock I stand; all other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION *Sung by all*

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me.

See, on the portals he's waiting and watching, watching for you and for me.

“Come home. You, who are weary, come home.”

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, “O sinner, come home.”

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

SUNG RESPONSE *Sung by all*

**Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me,
and that thou biddest me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

**Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come; I come!**

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Siblings in Christ, do not lose heart. When we call, God hears us; when we confess, God forgives us. We believe and so we proclaim:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

*SUNG RESPONSE

To God be the glory; great things he has done!

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,

who yielded his life an atonement for sin,

and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory:

great things he has done!

*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 465)

CONVERSE

**What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. **Amen.**

SUNG RESPONSE (Hymn 462)

**I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and his love.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Ezekiel 17:22-24 (OT p.784) The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

Mark 4:26-34 (NT p.38) The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy

catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

A Closer Walk

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*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:

Sung by all:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, 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. Hosanna in the highest! *The prayer continues.*

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

All who seek God are invited to the table, regardless of church affiliation or any other condition or identity. Ushers will guide you forward to partake by taking a piece of bread and dipping it in the cup. Prepackaged gluten-free elements are available in the baskets near the communion stations. Servers will come to those who prefer to remain in their seats.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, Our Lord. Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!

ASSURANCE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Dr. Matthew Covington*

Liturgist: *Patrick Corkran*

Communion Servers: *Patti Price & Patti Burns Taylor*

Pianist: *Rayma Bramschreiber*

You are invited to make a gift to support our church's ministry of sharing God's love:

- As the offering plate is passed
- By scanning the QR code to the right
- Online at fpcobky.com/give
- Or by contacting the church office to set up automatic withdrawals



The Life of the Church

A BBQ Lunch is being held today after worship in Fellowship Hall. Please join us! There will be a suggested donation of \$5 per person or \$25 maximum per family.

PrimeTimers will meet this Tuesday, June 18, at 10:30 in Fellowship Hall. This month's guest speaker is Ann Simmons from Owensboro Health, who will talk about ways make our meals more healthy each season.

The Owensboro Pride Picnic will be held next Sunday, June 25, at Unity Fellowship Church, 625 Allen St., from 12-4 P.M. Our church will have a booth where we will have an opportunity to connect with neighbors and show our support for LGBTQ+ community. You are invited to bring a lawn chair and join us. A visibility walk begins at noon. There will be food, vendors, music, and more beginning at 1:00 P.M.

VBS is coming up July 23, 24, and 25! Kids age 4 through 5th grade will gather from 9am-Noon for "Kindom Crafters," where we will imagine, build, and discover God's Kindom. Volunteers are needed to lead stations, serve as shepherds, and more. Contact Stephanie Dube if you are interested in helping.

The Prism Arts Alliance will be hosting panel discussions in our Fellowship Hall at 5:00 P.M. each Saturday evening in June to educate the community on issues related to understanding and supporting the LGBTQ+ community.

- June 22: Parenting a Queer Child
- June 29: Fostering LGBTQ+ Creativity

Financial Update Our ministry is funded by the giving of members and friends. Thank you for your generosity.

Year (through May)
Income: \$198,175.16
Expense: \$239,755.64
Balance: -\$41,580.48

Month of June (to date)
Income: \$13,800.30
Expense: \$21,258.88
Balance: -\$7,458.58

Week Ending June 15
Income: \$ 4,405.30
Expense: \$10,290.45
Balance: -\$5,885.15