



FIRST   
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

Eleventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Sunday, June 18, 2023  
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.**

INTROIT

*Give Me That Old Time Religion*

arr. Hayes

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

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, 1906*

O God, who hast promised that in all places where Thou dost record Thy Name, Thou wilt meet with Thy servants to bless them; Fulfill now Thy promise, and make us joyful in Thy house of prayer; that our worship, being offered in the Name of Thy Son and by the guidance of Thy Spirit, may be acceptable unto Thee, and profitable unto ourselves; through our only Mediator and Advocate, 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 am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;  
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.  
Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,  
daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

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.

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.

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.

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,  
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river;  
gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God.

THE BAPTISM OF CAROLINE ELIZABETH MAHONEY

QUESTIONS TO THE CHILDREN

Will you be a friend to Caroline? **We will.**

If she gets lost, will you show her the way? **We will.**

Will you share with her the stories of God's love? **We will.**

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ, promise to guide and nurture Caroline by word and deed, with love and prayer? **We do.**

Will you encourage her to know and follow Jesus Christ and to be a faithful member of his church? **We will.**

SUNG RESPONSE 188

*Jesus Loves Me!*

*Following the baptism, children may depart the sanctuary with their teacher for Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.*

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

**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!**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*2 Cor. 5:17*

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

\*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

**As I went down to the river to pray, studyin' about that good old way,  
and who shall wear the starry crown, good Lord, show me the way.  
Oh, sisters, let's go down, let's go down, come on down.  
Oh, sisters, let's go down, down to the river to pray.**

**Oh, brothers...**

**Oh, children...**

**Oh, sinners...**

**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

**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.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Psalm 23                      A song of God's covenant people. **Amen.**

John 14:1                      The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

*"The Cure for a Troubled Heart"*  
by Rev. Dr. George W. Truett (1867-1944)

\*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

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MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

*On the Jericho Road*

\*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 small 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

**O God, send us out from our Lord's table to answer his summons into new life and to follow him with joy and gladness. Set our feet in his holy way, that our lives may be signs of his life and all we do may show forth his love. Amen.**

## THE SENDING

\*HYMN 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE

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*\*Rise in body or spirit*

# LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Rev. Matt Curry | Liturgist: Ashley Hicks | Communion Servers: Debbie McCoy & Debbie Hutchinson

## About Today's Service

We call today Southern Gospel Sunday. We say southern to make a distinction from the rich tradition of the gospel music in the African American churches. Southern gospel can be many things:

- The music from the early 1800's from *Kentucky Harmony* and *Southern Harmony* where we got hymns like "Amazing Grace" and "How Firm a Foundation."
- The music heard on the radio from the 1930s and 40s like the Bluegrass style ones in *O Brother Where Art Thou*.
- Music from the revival movements from the 1920s through the 50s.
- Music that was more popular in country churches.

What we have decided to do today is a little of several of those styles but mostly the songs that we may have grown up hearing our parents and grandparents sing—songs that remind us of our heritage of faith and traditional worship.

## The Life of the Church

**A Potluck Lunch**, in the tradition of "Dinner on the Grounds," will be held following worship today in Fellowship Hall. Please join us for fried chicken and fellowship!

**Joyful Noise, a fun music making time for kids and youth**, meets today after worship. Nadia Wilkes will be leading this fun summer opportunity from 11:30am-12:00 noon each Sunday. Since there is a lunch following worship, Nadia will invite the kids to join as soon as they are finished eating.

**VBS** is this week! We will meet June 20, 21, and 22 from 9:00am-12:00pm. We are excited about this time with kids age 4 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade! See the registration form on the insert to sign up. Please be in prayer for all of our VBS participants that we would have a safe, fun, and growing time together.

**Owensboro Pride Picnic** is next Sunday, June 25 at Unity Fellowship, 625 Allen St. Our church will have a booth at the picnic, which is 1:00-4:00pm. A Visibility Walk will be held at 12:00 noon. Join us as we spread the good news of God's radically inclusive love.

**Hearing Assistance Devices** are available. Please see an usher if you would like to use one.