



For He Had Great Possessions, George Frederic Watts, 1894

FIRST 
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Twenty-Eighth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Sunday, October 10, 2021
10:30 A.M.

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 90:14, 17

O Lord, satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,
and prosper for us the work of our hands.

*OPENING PRAYER

Merciful God, in Jesus Christ you do not call the righteous, but sinners to repentance. Draw us away from the easy road that leads to destruction, and guide us into paths that lead to life abundant, that in seeking your truth and obeying your will, we may know the joy of being a disciple of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

*HYMN 722

Lord Speak to Me, That I May Speak

CANONBURY

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

Stephanie Dube

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 Worship & Wonder. They will return to the sanctuary before communion.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Hebrews 4:15-16

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let

us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord, you are the maker of justice and the source of righteousness, the one who hears the cries of the suffering and who fills the hunger of the poor. Forgive us, O God, when we fail to reflect your just love: when we have food and food leftover, yet we do not share with any in need; when we have power for good and power for change, yet we use it only for our own self-preservation; when we have the words of the prophets before us, yet we cover our ears lest they make us uncomfortable. Forgive us, O Lord, and teach us to follow in your way.

Silence is kept for personal confession.

CHORAL RESPONSE (Hymn 577)

Kyrie eleison. (Lord, have mercy.)

POURING OF THE BAPTISMAL WATER

Remember your baptism and be thankful!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Do not fear, says the Lord, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name; you are mine. God is doing a new thing; now it springs forth! By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Amen.**

*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 175)

*Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

*Ask and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord God, pour out your Spirit upon us to bring good news to the oppressed, and let your word be fulfilled among us; through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

READINGS FROM SCRIPTURE

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Mark 10:17-31 The Gospel of the Lord. **May Jesus Christ be praised.**

SERMON

“I’d Rather Not Preach This Text”

Rev. Matt Curry

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Confession of 1967

The reconciliation of humankind through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation. Because Jesus identified himself with the needy and exploited, the cause of the world’s poor is the cause of his disciples. The church cannot condone poverty, whether it is the product of unjust social structures, exploitation of the defenseless, lack of national resources, absence of technological understanding, or rapid expansion of populations. The church calls all people to use their abilities, their possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted to them by God for the maintenance of their families and the advancement of the common welfare. It encourages those forces in human society that raise hopes for better conditions and provide people with opportunity for a decent living. A church that is indifferent to poverty, or evades responsibility in economic affairs, or is open to one social class only, or expects gratitude for its beneficence makes a mockery of reconciliation and offers no acceptable worship to God.

THE EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

MUSIC FOR THE OFFERING

Ubi Caritas

Maurice Duruflé

Where there is true love and charity, God is there.

*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:

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 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 AND COMMISSIONING FOR THE CROP HUNGER WALK

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.

We support and give thanks for all who are walking today in our Owensboro CROP Hunger Walk. You represent all of us as you walk to share our blessings with those in need around the world.

We will strive to be good stewards of the gifts we have received.

When I can say: "I have a home,"

We say: "Let us walk so that all may have safe shelter."

When I can say: "I have food,"

We say: "Let us walk so that none in our world will go hungry."

When I can say: "I have plenty to drink,"

We say: "Let us walk so that none shall thirst."

We love the Lord our God

With all our heart, soul, mind, and strength and our neighbors as ourselves.

Amen.

THE SENDING

*HYMN 726

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

**Rise in body or spirit*

LEADING OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Preacher: *Rev. Matt Curry*

Liturgist: *Paul Puckett*

Communion Servers: *Charlotte Puckett & Jerry Nail*

The Life of the Church

The CROP Hunger Walk will be held today immediately following worship. The walk will be one mile around our church neighborhood. Contribute to our FPC team's fundraising to combat hunger in our community and around the world by visiting bit.ly/fpccropwalk or marking a donation "CROP Walk" in the offering plate.

Fall Fellowship and Cider Making will be held this afternoon beginning at 2pm at Dick and Tina Temple's farm. We will be making fresh apple cider, so bring a clean, empty jug so you can take some home. There will also be a fire with hot dogs for supper. The address is 1124 State Road 657, Lewisport, KY. From Owensboro, take Hwy 60 to Lewisport. At Jumpin' Jack's Truck Stop, turn right onto State Route 657. Follow the road for about a mile. The Temple's farm is the third home on the left, with the driveway between white fences.

Mentors for Newly-Arrived Refugees are needed. The International Center will be holding training sessions this week – October 12 at 11:00am and 6:00pm and October 15 at 3:00pm. If you are interested in attending, please contact Diane Bowers.

Fall Pastor's Bible Study continues on Zoom at 6:00pm each Wednesday. This week's discussion will focus on chapters 7 and 8 of the Gospel of Mark.





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community of faith called to proclaim
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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