



PRELUDE *O Worship the King* by Douglas E. Wagner

WELCOME Dr. Jay Howell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This is the day the Lord has made.

People: **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

\*HYMN *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

*(For those worshipping in person, please use "indoor voices" while wearing your mask for everyone's safety.)*

**I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise; That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; The moon shines full at God's command, And all the stars obey.**

**I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food; God formed the creatures with a word and then pronounced them good. Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, Where'er I turn my eyes; If I survey the ground I tread, Or gaze upon the skies!**

**There's not a plant or flower below, But makes Thy glories known; And clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne. While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care, And everywhere that we can be, Thou, God, are present there.**

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Rev. Mark Lampley

**Lord, forgive us those times when we consider ourselves to be of little value.**

**Remind us constantly that you died for us before we even knew you.**

**We want to move forward with you  
but we are held back by burdens we carry,  
afraid to let go, lessen the load,  
to be loved and in turn to love,  
to receive and in turn to give.**

**Open our hearts to your forgiveness, and let it touch the hearts of others.**

**Grant us courage to walk in your ways and to be your people, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

\*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

\*ACT OF PRAISE (Congregation sings.)

GLORIA PATRI

**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 THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

### THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT Joshua 1:6-9

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

arr. William Cutter

Chloe Freeman, soprano

NEW TESTAMENT 1 Thessalonians 5:12-24

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

*Falling Short: The Holy Honey Do*

Dr. Jay Howell

HYMN (seated)

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

LEMMEL

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus. Look full in His wonderful face,  
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
in the light of His glory and grace.**

### RESPONDING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE /THE LORD'S PRAYER

*As we remain faithful in our giving, this prayer will include time for silent thanksgiving  
and dedication as our worshipful offering to God.*

**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.**

\*DOXOLOGY (Congregation sings.)

OLD HUNDRETH

**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.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**    *The Apostles' Creed*

**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.**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN**

*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

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!**

**Are we weak and heavy laden, Cumbered with a load of care? Precious Savior, still our refuge—Take it to the Lord in prayer! Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll take and shield thee, Thou wilt find a solace there.**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

*Sing Praise to God on High*    by Edward Broughton

*\*Please stand if you are able.*

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday**

- 8:30 A.M. - In-Person Worship (front lawn)
- 9:45 A.M. - 5 year-old/Kindergarten (side lawn)
  - 1st-5th Grade Sunday School (front lawn)
  - Youth Sunday School (fire pit)
  - Adult Fellowship Class (front patio)
  - Foundations Class (porte cochère)
- 9:45 A.M. - Online Sunday School: Adult Fellowship, Christian Growth, and Chapel Class (Zoom)
- 11:00 A.M. - In-Person (Sanctuary) and Livestream Worship
- 5:00 P.M.- Stephen Ministry Supervision (Zoom)

**Monday**

- 6:00 P.M. - Grief Care (Zoom)

## **Tuesday**

6:30 P.M. - Board of Deacons Meeting (Zoom)

## **Wednesday**

10:30 A.M. - Adult Bible Study (Zoom)

5:15 P.M. - WNF Dinner (front lawn)

6:00 P.M. - Sermon Scripture Study (front patio)

- Women 45+ (Zoom)

- Genesis-Exodus Bible Study (Zoom)

- Youth Small Groups (off site)

- 1st-5th Grade (front lawn)

## **Thursday**

8:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Study (Zoom)

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IN-PERSON WORSHIP** is available at 8:30 A.M. on the front lawn and at 11:00 A.M. in the Sanctuary. Please refer to the Latest Information section of our website for more information and to register.

**IF YOU ARE WORSHIPPING** with us as a visitor, welcome! For more information about any of our ministries including outreach, discipleship, or getting involved, contact Rev. Mark Lampley at [mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org](mailto:mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org).

**SHPC LIVESTREAM EVENT:** Join us Sunday, September 27, at 5:00 P.M. by livestream for a special celebration of all the ways God has blessed our church as we kick off this year's Stewardship Campaign.

**LET US CONTINUE TO BE GENEROUS** as we are called and able in our financial commitments to God, as our church is resolved to maintain our commitments to our staff and mission partners as much as we are able during this crisis.

## **WORSHIP**

**THIS YEAR'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION LEADERS** were commissioned today at the 8:30 Service. Please encourage and pray for those who responded to God's call to serve our adults, youth, and children as Teachers, Shepherds, Storytellers, Greeters, Youth Leaders, Committee Members, and Administrators in our educational program.

**SCHOLARSHIP SINGERS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP:** Chloe Freeman and Amara Pappas, sopranos; Gianna Grigalonis, mezzo soprano; Breyon Ewing and Matthew Tolson, tenors; Jack Rosamond, bass.

## **MISSIONS AND OUTREACH**

**"BIRTHMOM HOSPITAL BAGS"** for expectant mothers enrolled with Bethany Christian Services is our Local Missions focus for September. Information on how to purchase needed items for these women is available at [sequoyahchurch.org](http://sequoyahchurch.org) and in the Weekly

E-news, including an Amazon link so that items can be delivered directly to them.

**COVID-19 RESPONSE FUND:** In addition to our mission partner focus this month, Bethany Christian Services, we're blessed to support city-wide efforts through the local Covid-19 Response Fund with the United Way of Greater Knoxville. You can give directly, too, at uwgk.org.

## **CONGREGATIONAL CARE**

**IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR GRIEF CARE.** The group meets weekly on Mondays at 6:00 P.M. (initially via Zoom) through November 9. If you are grieving the death of a family member or friend, call 522-9804 to register.

**OUR UNIQUE SILENT ANGELS FUND** enables individuals in need whose identity remains confidential to receive God's love from contributors unknown. The purpose is not who gives or receives but that more examples of God's goodness now exist than existed before. Contact [bobbiecorden@icloud.com](mailto:bobbiecorden@icloud.com) or 860-4041.

**FOR HELP WITH A SIMPLE ERRAND** or need at home, call Robin Anderson at 228-0786 or Sheila White at 705-4073. For a meal at time of need, call Jennifer White at 363-9684.

## **CONGREGATIONAL LIFE**

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP:** Dinner is outside from 5:15 until 6:00. Menu: Gourmet Market's oven-fried chicken thigh, green beans, mac and cheese, and dessert (adults); mac and cheese, fruit cup, and dessert (children). Register and pay by Tuesday at noon using the link in the weekly email or on our website.

**FORGET ABOUT THE BOX, JUST GET OUT!** Join our church Fall Camping trip to Big South Fork October 22 through 25. There is a planning meeting on Wednesday, September 23, at 5:00 P.M. via Zoom. Email Mark Lampley or [davidpetersen@crossoverdrives.com](mailto:davidpetersen@crossoverdrives.com) for details.

**WOMEN WALKING IN THE WORD:** There is still time to join a small group. Complete the online interest form on the church website or email Julieanne Foy at [jcfoy@icloud.com](mailto:jcfoy@icloud.com).

## **CHRISTIAN FORMATION**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES** for children, youth, and adults are offered each Sunday. Join in for fellowship, prayer, and learning. Links are available on our website's Connect and Grow page.

**ONSITE SUNDAY SCHOOL LOCATIONS: CHILDREN** (1st-5th) will meet on the front lawn; (5yr-old/K will meet on the side lawn between the Chapel and the Spitzer Building); **YOUTH** will meet at the fire pit; **THE ADULT FELLOWSHIP CLASS** will meet on the front patio; and **THE FOUNDATIONS CLASS** (in-person only) will meet under the porte cochère (at the back of the Sanctuary).

**NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL OPPORTUNITY:** Adults of all ages are welcome

to join the Foundations Class study on Prayer led by Curtis Jones at 9:45 A.M. under covered circular drive (porte cochere). Bring a chair and join us.

**NEW WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY:** Bring a chair to the front patio at 6:00 P.M. and join us for a clergy-led, co-ed, adult lesson. The study will often include the upcoming Sunday sermon text as a study basis. This week Pastor Jay will teach about being Salt and Light.

**MIDDLE SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS** at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesdays: Girls meet at the Riestenbergs', 1115 East Nokomis Circle; Guys meet at Sequoyah Park and Greenway (west parking lot), 1400 Cherokee Boulevard (rain plan is at the Kings', 1111 Kenesaw Avenue).

**HIGH SCHOOL SMALL GROUPS** at 6:00 P.M. on Wednesdays: Girls meet at the Lindsays', 1034 East Nokomis Circle; Guys meet at the Daniels', 641 Scenic Drive.

**BE SURE TO CHECK OUT OUR FACEBOOK PAGE, INSTAGRAM, WEBSITE, AND WEEKLY EMAIL** for the most up-to-date information.



*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*