



SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

March 21, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

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PRELUDE *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* arr. Eunsuk Jung

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 *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies* RATISBON

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light, Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night; Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by Thee; joyless is the day's return till Thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief; fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison) Rev. Rachel Hamburger

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ, longs to gather us in the wide embrace of his love, we confess that we have been wayward children.

Our ears have been deaf to your call; our hearts have been cold to your love.

In thought, in word, and in deed we have hurt others and dishonored your name. In your great mercy receive us yet again as your well-beloved children, not because we are worthy but for the sake of him who loved us and gave himself for us.

*SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*ACT OF PRAISE (Congregation sings.) HAMBURG

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

THE WORD

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

(The congregation will sing as the family comes forward.)

**Child of blessing, child of promise, Baptized with the Spirit's sign,
with this water, God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.
Child of joy, our dearest treasure, God's you are, from God you
came. Back to God we humbly give you: Live as one who bears
Christ's name.**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT 1 Kings 17:1-10

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SOLO *Create in Me, a Clean Heart, O God* by Carl Mueller
Michael Roemer, baritone

NEW TESTAMENT Luke 4:23-30

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Into the Fire: Worn-Out Welcome* Dr. Jay Howell

HYMN (seated) *Spirit of the Living God* LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

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 HUNDREDTH

**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 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go* ST. MARGARET

O love that wilt not let me go, I rest my weary soul in Thee; I give Thee back the life I owe, that in Thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O light that followest all my way, I yield my flickering torch to Thee; my heart restores its borrowed ray, that in Thy sunshine's blaze its day may brighter, fairer be.

O joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot close my heart to Thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, and feel the promise is not vain that morn shall tearless be.

O cross that liftest up my head, I dare not ask to fly from Thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, and from the ground there blossoms red life that shall endless be.

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *O Savior Sweet, O Savior Kind* arr. George Blake

**Please stand if you are able.*

CALENDAR

Sunday

- 8:15 A.M. - Nursery for 8:30 Service (Room 204)
 - Toddler Childcare for 8:30 Service (Room 209)
- 8:30 A.M. - In-Person Worship (Front Lawn)
- 9:30 A.M. - Virtual Sunday School: Youth
- 10:00 A.M. - Online Sunday School: Adults (Zoom)
- 10:30 A.M. - Nursery for 11:00 Service (Room 204)
 - Toddler Childcare for 11:00 Service (Room 209)
- 11:00 A.M. - In-Person (Sanctuary) and Livestream Worship
- 4:30 P.M. - Stephen Ministry Training (Zoom)

Monday

- 6:00 P.M. - Grief Care (Fowler Conference Room)

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

- 10:30 A.M. - Adult Bible Study (Zoom)
- 5:30 P.M. - Women's 45+ Bible Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 P.M. - *Christ's Temptations* Study (Zoom)
- 6:30 P.M. - Women's Casual Bible Study (off site)

Thursday

- 8:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Study (off-site)
- 12:00 P.M. - *The Lord's Prayer* Study (Zoom)
- 6:00 P.M. - Called Session Meeting/Confirmation Exam (Front Lawn)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP is available at 8:30 A.M. in Barron Hall 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 WORSHIPING with us as a visitor, welcome! For more information about any of our ministries, contact Pastor Mark Lampley.

WORSHIP

THE FLOWERS TODAY are given to the glory of God by Melinda Ethier and Susan Speight in loving memory of their parents, Frances and Harry Story.

INTO THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH: Henry Robert (Hank) Hamilton, son of Lucas and Caroline (Broome) Hamilton, will receive the Sacrament of Baptism. Elder Jan Broome will represent the Session.

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP: Registration for our Holy Week Worship Services will open on Tuesday, March 23, for Palm Sunday (March 28: 8:30 A.M. outdoors, 11:00 Sanctuary), Maundy Thursday (April 1: 6:00 P.M.), Good Friday (April 2: 12:00 P.M.), and Easter Sunday (April 4: 6:45 A.M. outdoors, 8:30 outdoors, 11:00 Sanctuary).

EASTER LILIES: If you would like to request a lily (\$25) on Easter Sunday to be in memory or honor of a loved one, please email sewell@sequoyahchurch.org or call the church office at 522-9804.

MUSICIAN AND SCHOLARSHIP SINGERS ASSISTING IN WORSHIP: Eunsuk Jung, piano/organ; Adia Evans-Ledon and Sarah-Clementine Mire, sopranos; Aubrey Odle, mezzo-soprano; Adriel Baralt and Breyon Ewing, tenors; Joel Brown and Michael Roemer, baritones.

TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION is from *The Worship Sourcebook: Faith Alive Christian Resources*.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY is our Local Missions focus for March. Due to unforeseen delays, the Habitat group build has been postponed until mid-April. We will update this information ASAP. Please support this ministry throughout the year by donating, shopping, and/or volunteering at their Restore.

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS DONATIONS of gently used items to KARM, in February the Local Missions Committee donated \$400 in KARM gift cards to the women at Serenity Shelter.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

PRAYER POSTCARDS: Each household should have received a postcard with the name of another household to pray for during Lent. Let the Spirit direct your prayers. If you'd like to be in email contact with the person/family for whom you are praying, contact Becky Guyton at rguyton@sequoyahchurch.org

COVID VACCINES: With vaccines now offered at Kroger, Sam's, and other local pharmacies in Knoxville, vaccinefinder.org will locate available vaccines in different locations. Walmart and Sam's Club have a "no waste wait list" so no vaccines are thrown out. Call the pharmacy to add your name to the list.

A NEW EMPLOYMENT MINISTRY: If you need job information or have a job to offer, our deacons have started a new ministry of prayer and support based on a network of ideas and leads. Email your request or opportunity to deacons@sequoyahchurch.org. One Deacon will read your email confidentially and respond.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

OUR LOVE AND PRAYERS surround Sterchi Morton, Sr. and family upon the death of his mother, Pat Morton, on Wednesday, March 17. Jesus said, "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted." Matthew 5:4.

PRAYER AND CARE UPDATES: SHPC has a church-wide email ministry for prayer needs, praises, birth announcements, sharing of deaths, and information about upcoming memorial services. If you would like to be added to the list of those who receive these prayer updates, please email Pam Fritts at fritts1971@gmail.com.

WOMEN WALKING IN THE WORD groups continue meeting, once a week for moments in the Word, and a brisk walk. If you were not a part of a group this fall but would like to join in, contact Julieanne Foy at jcfoy@icloud.com. Groups meet at different times. The fellowship is awesome!

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

REGISTER FOR THE EASTER EGG HUNT ON MARCH 28! Ages 2 to 5 come at 2:00 P.M. and ages 6 to 10 come at 4:00 P.M. Everyone over two years old should wear a mask. SHPC will provide the eggs. Registration is available on the church website under Latest Information.

ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE: 8:15 A.M. Nursery (Room 204), Toddler (Room 209), 10:30 A.M. Nursery (Room 204), Toddler (Room 209), Extended Session (Room 220 – limit of 10 children). Registration is required for childcare.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND ADULT IN-PERSON SUNDAY SCHOOL resumes on Easter Sunday, April 4, for anyone who wants to meet onsite. Sunday classes for children and adults by Zoom offer fellowship, prayer, and Scripture studies. More information is available on our calendar and sequoyahchurch.org.

CURRENT ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL TOPICS INCLUDE Luke's Gospel (Bible Discovery), *Words of Life* by Adam Hamilton (Adult Fellowship), 2 Peter (Christian Growth), and Prayer Foundations). Use the link in the Sunday morning email to join a Sunday morning Zoom class to learn more about the Bible, spiritual disciples, and faith.

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.

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

