



SEQUOYAH HILLS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
SERVICE OF THE LORD'S DAY

June 20, 2021 | 11:00 A.M.

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Sunday School 9:30 A.M.

PRELUDE

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 #485

To God Be the Glory

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To God be the glory, great things He hath 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 hath done!

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. 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 hath done!

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (in unison)

Rev. Mark Lampley

God our Maker, redeem us, for we stand in need of forgiveness. We study the trends of our times and ignore the signs of your reign. We trust in things that pass away and forget your eternal promise. Forgive us, God of grace. Strengthen us, by your hand, so that we may be ready for that day when you come to reign in glory; 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.

(During Passing the Peace, children ages four through first grade meet Mary Emily Morris in the back of the Sanctuary for Children & Worship. Children should be picked up below the Sanctuary after the service.)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Ned Babb

OLD TESTAMENT Zechariah 6:1-5

PEW BIBLE PAGE 882

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SOLO

My Lord, What a Morning
Joel Brown, baritone

arr. Jay Althouse

NEW TESTAMENT Revelation 6:1-17

PEW BIBLE PAGE 248

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Seals: When the Sky's Really Falling

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 Rev. Rachel Hamburger

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 #260** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* EIN' FESTE BURG

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing; our helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing. For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe; his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate, on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing; were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He, Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us. The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him; his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure, one little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth; the Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth; Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill, God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.

***CHARGE AND BLESSING**

POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able.*

CALENDAR

Sunday

- 8:30 A.M. - Nursery for 8:45 Service (Room 204)
 - Toddler Childcare for 8:45 Service (Room 209)
- 8:45 A.M. - In-Person Worship (Front Lawn)
- 9:30 A.M. - Preschool Sunday School (Spitzer Main Level)
 - Kingdom Sunday School (Gathering Area)
 - Youth Sunday School (The Loft)
 - Adult Fellowship Class (Room 320)
 - YAGOs (Room 322)
 - Bible Explorers (Chapel/Zoom)

- 10:30 A.M. - Lemonade on the Lawn
 - 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
- 5:00 P.M. - Stephen Ministry Supervision (Zoom)

Monday

- 10:00 A.M. - Staff Meeting (Fowler Conference Room)
- 10:15 A.M. - Yoga (The Loft)

Wednesday

- 10:30 A.M. - Adult Bible Study (Fowler Conference Room/Zoom)
- 6:00 P.M. - Youth Bible Study (off site)
- 6:30 P.M. - Women's Casual Bible Study (off site)

Thursday

- 8:00 A.M. - Men's Bible Study (off site)
- 10:15 A.M. - Yoga (The Loft)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

IN-PERSON WORSHIP is available at 8:45 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.

IF YOU ARE WORSHIPING with us as a visitor, welcome! Please sign the sheet on the podium in the back of the room. For more information about any of our ministries, email Pastor Mark Lampley at mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org.

NOMINATING AND ELECTING DEACONS AND ELDERS each year is important because we are discerning whom God is lifting up as the spiritual leadership of the church. Suggestion Forms are available on our website, in the Sunday email and Tuesday E-news, or from an usher. Please submit by July 15.

WORSHIP

SUMMER WORSHIP: Two services will continue through June and July at 8:45 a.m. (note the new time) on the Front Lawn and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary and via Livestream.

TODAY'S PRAYER OF CONFESSION is from the PC(USA)'s *Call to Worship, Vol. 51.1*.

MISSIONS AND OUTREACH

C.O.N.N.E.C.T. MINISTRIES (Community, Organizations, Networking, Neighborhoods, Encouraging Change Together) is our Local Missions Focus for June. Their mission is "to lead people to Christ, connect people to people, people to resources, and do God's work His way." **You can help by making hygiene bags.** The Weekly E-news has additional information.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE

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.

DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS A NEED for some tangible assistance (e.g. car part or food card) at a critical time? The Silent Angels Fund provides anonymously for small needs that arise on an unanticipated basis. For more information contact Bobbie Corden at bobbiecorden@icloud.com or 850-4041.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

LEMONADE ON THE LAWN: Come out for some cold lemonade and warm fellowship every summer Sunday from 10:30 to 11:00 A.M. on the lawn just outside the Bell Tower.

ALL-CHURCH STAY RETREAT | “DOING WITH MANY WHAT JESUS DID WITH TWELVE”: Mark your calendars for August 13-15. Join in fellowship, food, and fun beginning Friday evening at the Pavilion at Hunter Valley Farm. More information is available on our website and in Tuesday’s weekly E-news. Registration begins July 11.

CHRISTIAN FORMATION

ON-SITE SUNDAY CHILDCARE: 8:30 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).

YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SUNDAY MORNING DISCIPLESHIP OPPORTUNITY: Current Sunday school class topics include Luke’s Gospel (Bible Discovery), Serendipity Bible studying sermon text (Adult Fellowship), and “The Spirit of Disciplines” by Dallas Willard (YAGOs).

ADULT SMALL GROUPS: To better assimilate people post-pandemic, the Christian Formation Committee is enlarging our small group offerings. Starting in a couple months, we will offer L.I.F.E. (Living Intentionally Faithfully Expectantly) Groups to provide more opportunities for spiritual growth on Wednesday nights and throughout the week.

THE THOUGHTFUL CHRISTIAN, an ecumenical site dedicated to helping Christians and seekers understand, practice, and be challenged in their faith, offers an affordable study on Revelation. It is a downloadable two-part series by Susan Garrett entitled simply Revelation. For more resources, visit our church library or email mlampley@sequoyahchurch.org.

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.