

**First Presbyterian Church**  
Huntsville, Tennessee  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 10, 2019 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

\*Call to Worship *from Psalm 147*

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**People: And also, with you.**

Leader: How good it is to sing praises to our God; for the Lord is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

**People: The Lord builds up and gathers people, the Lord heals the broken-hearted and binds up their wounds.**

Leader: Great is our Lord, and abundant in power. The Lord takes pleasure in those who hope in his steadfast love.

**People: Let us sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; let us make melody to our God!**

\*Hymn 21 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

\*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)

**God of endless possibility, we confess that we do not always perceive the opportunities you place before us. We are blinded by our allegiances to the things of this world. We cling to the temporary, thinking it can bring us both satisfaction and security. We are satisfied with wealth, while you offer us abundance. Forgive us, God of grace. Open our eyes that we may accept the new life you offer us, and thus show forth the resurrection of Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.**

\*Assurance of God's Love

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! Jesus is our high priest, able to sympathize with us in our weakness.

**People: Christ has been tested in every way like we are, but without sin. He intercedes for us at the throne of our gracious God.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

**People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

\*Passing of the Peace

**May the peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.**

Concerns of the Congregation  
Message to the Children

\*Hymn 139

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!*

Prayers of the People  
The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-10

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26

Anthem

*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*

Sermon:

**Blessings and Woes**

\*Affirmation of Faith (In Unison) *from The Confession of 1967*

**Our reconciliation to God 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 every person to use their abilities, possessions, and the fruits of technology as gifts entrusted by God for the advancement of the common welfare.**

Offering

Offertory

\*Doxology (Hymn 544)

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 339

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

\*Charge and Blessing

\*Postlude