

First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, Tennessee
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 23, 2017 11:00 A.M.

Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Bring us into your presence, Lord,

People: Give us words to praise you!

Leader: Bless the Lord, all people!

People: All that is within us, bless God's holy name.

*Hymn 4 *Praise the Lord, His Glories Show*

*Prayer of the Day (said by all)

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ and make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our daily lives, make us attentive to your voice and alert to your presence, that we may treasure your word above all else. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Concerns of the Congregation

Message to the Children

*Hymn 261 *Come to the Savior Now*

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons

Genesis 28:10-19a; **Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24;**

Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

*Gloria Patri (Hymn 546)

Special Music

Sermon

Guest Preacher: the Rev. George Doebler

Prayers of the People

After each prayer concern:

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayers.

The Lord's Prayer

Affirmation of Faith: New Testament affirmations

Offering

Offertory

*Doxology (Hymn 544)

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 101 *This Is My Father's World*

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

*indicates the congregation may stand

Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

You search me, Lord, and know me.

Wherever I sit or stand you know my inmost thoughts.

Whenever I walk or rest,

You know where I have been.

Before a word slips from my tongue,

Lord, you know what I will say.

You close in on me,

Pressing your hand upon me.

All this overwhelms me –

Too much to understand!

Where can I hide from you?

How can I escape your presence?

I scale the heavens, you are there!

I plunge to the depths, you are there!

If I fly toward the dawn or settle across the sea,

Even there you take hold of me, your right hand directs me.

If I think night will hide me

And darkness give me cover,

I find darkness is not dark, for your night shines like day,

Darkness and light are one.

Search my heart, probe me, God!

Test and judge my thoughts.

Look! do I follow crooked paths?

Lead me along your ancient way.

Affirmation of Faith

See 1 Cor. 15:1-6; Mark 16:9(16:1-9);

Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:**

**that Christ died for our sins
according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared
first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

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