First Presbyterian Church
Huntsville, Tennessee
Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2019 11:00 A.M.

Prelude
*Call to Worship *from* Psalm 149
Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!
People: We will sing God's praises in the assembly of the faithful!
Leader: The Lord takes pleasure in his people and adorns the humble with glory.
People: Let us exult in the glory of God's faithfulness!

*Hymn 11 *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

*Prayer of Confession (In Unison)
Jesus, when we read of the people in the Bible not recognizing you for who you are, we shake our heads in disbelief. But we confess that we, too, have failed to recognize you for who you are. We have failed to see you in the widow and the orphan, in the poor and oppressed, in the homeless and the helpless. We have failed to see you in the eyes of third world children and in the hands of the fast food worker serving us our food. We have failed to see you in those who are lonely and alone, sick and hurting, addicted and abused. Forgive us, Lord. Send your Spirit to open our eyes that we may see you in the lives and in the faces of those whom the world overlooks. Help us to see that they matter because you are with them, and to love them accordingly. Amen.

*Assurance of God's Love
Leader: Christ calls us to new life and enables us to begin again and again and again and again. Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Alleluia! Amen

*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 320 *I Am Thine, O Lord*

Prayers of the People
The Lord's Prayer

Old Testament Reading: **Jeremiah 18:1-11**

New Testament Reading: **Philemon 1:1-21**

Gospel Reading: **Luke 14:25-33**

Sermon: **How Much Are You Willing to Give?**

*Affirmation of Faith *from* A Brief Statement of Faith (1983)
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering
Offertory
*Doxology (Hymn 544)
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 307 *O Jesus, I Have Promised*

*Charge and Blessing
*Postlude
*Indicates you may stand