

First Presbyterian Church

Huntsville, Tennessee

February 13, 2022

Please remember to silence your cell phone during worship.

Music (10:50 am)

Welcome and Announcements

Moment for Missions

Ray Perry, Executive Director of Pinnacle Resource Center

Prelude

Majesty Medley

*** Call to Worship**

Leader: Everyone come, come and refresh without money and without price.

People: Our hunger is not slight. We thirst for harmony and hunger for integrity.

Leader: Listen together, for we have words of life. Your yearning shall be filled; our longing shall be touched.

People: For there is a promise: “My love for you shall be as for Jonah. Listening, you shall have good food and abundance.”

*** Hymn of Praise 271**

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

*** Prayer of Confession (unison)**

Holy God, in love you moved over the waters of chaos and separated sea from dry land. And yet, we cling tightly to rigid boundaries of our own making. You claim us in the waters of baptism and declare us dead to sin and alive in Christ. But too often we deny that call and seek to flee to Nineveh, conforming ourselves to the whims of culture. At Pentecost, you released your wild and transforming spirit to flow through church and world. But we want to run from that calling. Transform us, we pray. Soften the unyielding edges of our hearts. Loosen our grip on “the way it’s always been” and prepare us for the joy of “the way it still can be,” through Jesus Christ we ask.

Silent Individual Confession

Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee;
let the water and the blood,
from thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure;
save from wrath and make me pure.

2 Not the labors of my hands
can fulfill thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to the cross I cling;
naked, come to thee for dress;
helpless, look to thee for grace;
foul, I to the fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath,
when mine eyes shall close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see thee on thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in thee.

*** The Assurance of Pardon**

Hear the good news! God's Spirit has been poured out upon all flesh, and we have been made one. We are no longer scattered or divided but gathered together to build up the kingdom on this earth. Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri 546**

*** Affirmation of Faith**

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. For in him all things in heaven and on earth were created: things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers; all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from among the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Children's Message

Special Music

Give Me Jesus

First Scripture Reading

Psalm 62:5-12

*** Hymn of Preparation (303)**

Be Thou My Vision

Prayer of the People

Lord's Prayer (12)

Offering

Offertory *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

Doxology (544)

Prayer of Dedication

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.

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Nought be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Scripture Lesson

Jonah 1:1-3

Sermon

“Running from God”

*** Hymn of Response 332**

Lead On, O King Eternal

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1. Lead on, O King eternal,
The day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest
Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation
Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal,
We lift our battle song.
2. Lead on, O King eternal,
Till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper
The sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords' loud clashing,
Nor roll of stirring drums;
With deeds of love and mercy
The heavenly kingdom comes.
3. Lead on, O King eternal:
We follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning
Where'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us;
We journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest;
Lead on, O God of might.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Invitation

Pastor: This is the joyful feast of the people of God.

People: They will come from east and west, and from north and south, and sit at table in the kingdom of God.

Pastor: This is the Lord's table; our Savior invites those who trust in him to share the feast which he has prepared. Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Give thanks to God for He is good.

People: His love is everlasting.

Pastor: Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God: we thank you for the power which brought our Lord Jesus from death to life and which is promised to us who believe in him. We praise you that, breaking bread by faith, we know Christ risen, and can trust him to save us from death and from sin. Great and wonderful are your works, Lord God Almighty. Your ways are just and true. With all the faithful from every time and place, we lift our hearts in joyful praise, for you alone are Holy.

People: Holy, holy, holy, God of power and majesty, heaven and earth are full of your glory, O God most high!

Distribution of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

God our help, we thank you for this supper shared in the spirit with your son Jesus, who makes us new and strong, who brings us life eternal. We praise you for giving us all good gifts in him and pledge ourselves to serve you, even as in Christ you have served us.

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

Heaven's Jubilee

* Indicates you may stand.

Liturgists: Don and Tracey Stansberry