

JONESBOROUGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (PCUSA)

September 13, 2020 11:00am

Jonesborough, Tennessee

Worship Leader: Rev. Kaye Florence

Pre-Service Music: Jeri Paolini Accompanist: Cherry Smith

Song Leaders: Ladies Trio

Camera Operator: Bill Reese

Special Music: Trio: Pauline Douglas, Cheryl Smith, Ruth Verhegge

Prelude: “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

Hymn #474: “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

O Splendor of God's glory bright,
From light eternal bringing light;
Thou Light of life, light's living spring
True day, all days illumining.

Come, Holy Sun of heav'nly love,
Shower down Thy radiance from above,
And to our inward hearts convey
The Holy Spirit's cloudless ray.

O joyful be the passing day
With thoughts as clear as morning's ray,
With faith like noontide shining bright,
Our souls un-shadowed by the night.

O Lord, with each returning morn
Thine image to our hearts is born;
O may we ever clearly see
Our Savior and our God in Thee!

Unison Confession

Holy and Merciful God, in your presence we confess our failure to be what you created us to be. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. By your loving mercy, help us to live in your light and abide in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Time for Silent Prayer and Reflection

Assurance of Pardon

The Mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Unison: Thanks be to God.

A Time with the Children

Kailee Amburgey and Chuck Collins

Anthem "There Is Something About That Name"

Ladies' Trio

Prayers of the People

The prayers will end with the Lord's Prayer:

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.

Scripture Reading
Psalm 103:1-13

- ¹Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
- ²Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits—
- ³who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases,
- ⁴who redeems your life from the Pit,
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,
- ⁵who satisfies you with good
as long as you live
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.
- ⁶The Lord works vindication and justice
for all who are oppressed.
- ⁷He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.
- ⁸The Lord is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
- ⁹He will not always accuse,
nor will he keep his anger forever.
- ¹⁰He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities.
- ¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
- ¹²as far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us.
- ¹³As a father has compassion for his children,
so the Lord has compassion for those who fear him. (NRSV)

Hymn #223: "O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer" (vs 1,2,4,6)

O my soul, bless your Redeemer;
All within me bless God's Name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not
All God's mercies to proclaim.

God forgives all your transgressions,
All diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction,
And with you so kindly deals.

As it was without beginning,
So it lasts without an end;
To their children's children ever
Shall God's righteousness extend.

Bless your Maker, all you creatures,
Ever under God's control,
All throughout God's vast dominion;
Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

Scripture Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. ²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them.

⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. ⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." ¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God. (NRSV)

Sermon: "Why, You're as Welcome as the Flowers in May"

Hymn #298: "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy"

There's a wideness in God's mercy,
Like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in God's justice,
Which is more than liberty.
There is no place where earth's sorrows
Are more felt than up in heav'n;
There is no place where earth's failings
Have such kindly judgment given.

For the love of God is broader
Than the measure of the mind;
And the heart of the Eternal
Is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful,
We would gladly trust God's Word;
And our lives reflect thanksgiving
For the goodness of our Lord.

Benediction

Postlude

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"