



Cookeville First United Methodist Church

May 15, 2022

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Rob Wheeler

PRELUDE

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

arr. Callahan

INTROIT

Welcome (Miller)

Praise Band

Refrain:

Singing welcome, welcome to this place.

You're invited to come and know God's grace.

All are welcome the love of God to share

'cause all of us are welcome here;

all are welcome in this place.

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

All are welcome in the house of God.

There is always room for us.

Through life, death, and rising, Jesus himself has prepared a place for each of us.

When our time comes, we will be welcomed and made whole in Christ.

This is not a promise we keep to ourselves.

The promise of life is a gift for all of us.

Make your hearts ready to receive the goodness of the Lord.

By receiving, we have eternal hope in the promises of God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

He Lives

No. 310

I serve a risen Savior,
he's in the world today;
I know that he is living,
whatever foes may say.

In all the world around me
I see his loving care,
and though my heart grows weary,
I never will despair.

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,
lift up your voice and sing
eternal hallelujahs
to Jesus Christ the King!

I see his hand of mercy,
I hear his voice of cheer,
and just the time I need him,
he's always near.

I know that he is leading
through all the stormy blast;
the day of his appearing
will come at last.

The hope of all who seek him,
the help of all who find;
none other is so loving,
so good and kind.

He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives,
Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me
along life's narrow way.

He lives, he lives,
salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know he lives?
He lives within my heart.

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*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

We say together in faith
holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things;
for by his will they were created
and have their being.

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:
the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 71

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.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, your command to love one another across all differences opens us to new horizons, yet we often respond with fear and judgment that hinders your goal for humanity. Forgive our sins, we pray, and give us a true repentance that leads to life for all creation. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen

CALL TO PRAYER

Freely, Freely

No. 389

God forgave my sin in Jesus' name,
I've been born again in Jesus' name,
and in Jesus' name I come to you,
to share his love as he told me to.

He said, "Freely, freely you have received,
freely, freely give.
Go in my name, and because you believe,
others will know that I live."

PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PSALM 148

Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord from heaven!

Praise God on the heights!

Praise God, all of you who are his messengers!

Praise God, all of you who comprise his heavenly forces!

Sun and moon, praise God!

All of you bright stars, praise God!

You highest heaven, praise God!

Do the same, you waters that are above the sky!

Let all of these praise the Lord's name

because God gave the command and they were created!

God set them in place always and forever.

God made a law that will not be broken.

Praise the Lord from the earth,

you sea monsters and all you ocean depths!

Do the same, fire and hail, snow and smoke,

stormy wind that does what God says!

Do the same, you mountains, every single hill,

fruit trees, and every single cedar!

Do the same, you animals – wild or tame-

you creatures that creep along and you birds that fly!

Do the same, you kings of the earth and every single person,

you princes and every single ruler on earth!

Do the same, you young men - young women too! –

you who are old together with you who are young!

Let all of these praise the Lord's name

because only God's name is high over all.

Only God's majesty is over earth and heaven.

God raised the strength of his people,

the praise of all his faithful ones –

that's the Israelites,

the people who are close to him.

Praise the Lord!

OFFERTORY

Vapor (Gungor)

Praise Band

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 95

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

No. 2223

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,

and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;

yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land;
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
we will work with each other, we will work side by side,
and we'll guard human dignity and save human pride:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son
and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

SCRIPTURE *The Message* Acts 11:1-18
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM 8:30 a.m. *God of Wonders* (Third Day) Praise Band
11:00 a.m. *My Good Lord's Done Been Here* (Thomas) Chancel Choir

SERMON Rev. Rob Wheeler

*SONG OF DEPARTURE *We've A Story to Tell to the Nations* No. 569

We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right,
a story of truth and mercy,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,
a song that shall conquer evil
and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us his Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a Savior to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God.

For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noonday bright;
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,
the kingdom of love and light.

*BENEDICTION

Where is God's Spirit opening us to new directions in our faith today?

POSTLUDE

O Sons and Daughters Let Us Sing!

Martin

Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Nita Whitfield in memory of her parents Carrie Drake Whitfield and Robert G. Whitfield.

Liturgists: Tanya Samples, Janis Nunnally

Prayer Concerns:

Marilyn Aitken
Carter Apple
Marie Brown
Jeannie Buck
Robert Buck
James Cherry
David Funk
Pat Gilbreath
Nate Griffis
Scott Heinrich

Gwen Hewgley
Joyce Jackson
Ann Kellman
Gilbert Kirouac
Judy Layne
Heather Lee
Jeannie Lynn
Brian Maffett
Linda McConnell
Wayne Nichols

Molly Phillips
Joey Poston
Lonnie Rice
Margaret Ridley
Steve Shoup
Brett Stanton
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