



Cookeville First United Methodist Church

April 28, 2024

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Lord, Whose Love In Humble Service

Young

*THE CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*CALL TO WORSHIP

In our troubled times, we call out to the Lord.

And the Lord hears our prayers and answers us.

When I feel lost and alone, I look for God.

And God brings me home.

When my life is filled with joy and blessing, I dance and praise God.

And God dances and rejoices with me.

Today we gather to worship God,

who hears us, answers us, finds us, and holds us close.

Today we worship God,

who dances and rejoices with us and fills us with grace and peace.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Blessed Assurance

No. 369

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

*APOSTLES' CREED

No. 881

I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

*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.

RECOGNITION OF 2024 GRADUATING SENIORS

Adeleine Moore Rebecca Parsons Tony Ret Katie Rohr
Eli Tucker Mackenzie Vinson Maria Little

God of truth and knowledge, you teach us the way and the truth.

We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and who supported them along the way.

Walk with our graduates as they walk this new path. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose.

Strengthen them, instill in them a confidence in their future, and point them toward goodness for all people.

This is a day of new beginnings, a time to remember and look toward the future and a time to believe what your love is bringing.

May they always know that Christ is alive and goes before us to show and share what love can do. This is a day of new beginnings. Through love, God is making all things new.

CALL TO PRAYER

Sanctuary

No. 2164

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,
pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living
sanctuary for you.

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PRAYER CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Ashokan Farewell (Ungar)

Hayden Kiker, Violinist

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power up lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*HYMN OF PREPARATION

God of Grace and God of Glory

No. 577

God of grace and God of glory,
on thy people pour thy power;
crown thine ancient church's story;
bring her bud to glorious flower.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
for the facing of this hour.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evil we deplore;
let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
for the living of these days.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
serving thee whom we adore.

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 4:18-22; John 13:34-35

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

8:30 a.m. *You Do Not Walk Alone* (Hagenburg)
11:00 a.m. *The Plans I Have for You* (Pote)

Young Adult Ensemble
Chancel Choir

SERMON

Rev. Rob Wheeler

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Child of God

Miller

No matter what people say,
say or think about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.

No matter what the church says,
decisions, pronouncements on you,
you are a child, you are a child of God.

No matter what people say,
say or think about you,
you are a child, you are a child of God.

And there is no thing,
or no one who can separate,
they can't separate you from the
truth that you're someone,
you are family,
you are meant to be a child,
a child of God!

No matter what the world says,
says or thinks about me,
I am a child, I am a child of God.

You are a child, a child of God.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Hayes

Altar Flowers: The altar flowers are given by Sue Box, Laurie and James Graham in loving memory of Larry Ray Box, Donald L. Box, and Thomas Austin Graham.

Liturgists: Sarah McDonald, Bob Luna

Prayer List

Maggie Andersen	Rita Finley	Ruth Meek
Carter Apple	Brian Lee Foster	Ada Mullinax
Marvin Barker	Pat Gilbreath	Jewell Pippin
Juanita Bileyu	Janet Green	Johnny Pippin
Jeanne Buck	Steve Harris	Joey Poston
Tony Burkhart	Ellie Luna Hazlewood	Margaret Ridley
Addie Burnett	Chandler Johns	Caden Ripley
James Cherry	Graham Kash	Will Ripley
Robin Clemons	Ann Kellman	Eric Russell
Nick Constan	Heather Lee	Allen Salmon
Tom Daniel	Jeannine Lynne	John Schaefer
Kim Daniels	Brian Maffett	Jim Simek
Rhonda DeClue	Maddie Mayo	Brett Stanton
Walter Derryberry	Sargent McCann	Lindsay Vinson
Ginger Dunn	Linda McConnell	Rachel Williams
Carole Dysart	Barrett McDonald	
Butch Eldridge	Ksenia McDonald	

Our members who are homebound or in assisted living facilities.

Sympathy and Prayers

Rick Ward, family, and friends, on the death of his father, Bill Ward.

Jammie Johnson, family, and friends, on the death of her uncle, Richard Bussell.