

June 26, 2022

Order of Worship
Third Sunday After Pentecost

10:15 AM

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude - "To God Be the Glory", David Lehman & Brooks Parker

• Call to Worship

We gather to worship God;

to meditate on God's mighty acts of love.

Our God who is merciful, with arms stretched out,
welcomes us into the fold.

Invocation

• **Sounds of Faith** – #366 - Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

• Prayer of Confession

Seeking to follow God, shepherd of our flock, and knowing how we have strayed,
we humbly confess the ways in which we have sinned, that we might find grace.

God of mercy,

We confess that we too often give in to the yearnings of the flesh.

We have impure thoughts. We harbor jealousies and are quick to anger.

We neglect to care for others and gratify our own desires.

Forgive us, O God, and cleanse us of our sin.

Lead us to ways of love, joy, and peace.

**Send your Spirit to engender patience, kindness, and generosity,
and lead us to be gentle in our care for all of your people.**

Sisters and brothers, we are all called to freedom.

Amidst thunderous storms and rocky waters, God reaches out to us in love.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

• **Congregational Response** – #583 - Glory to God

Children's Message – Dr. Paul Casner

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture: II Kings 2:1-2, 6-14- Liturgist, Carol Battle

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel . . . Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

*When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over. The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem – "Take My Voice and Let Me Sing", Arr. Kupferschmid

Scripture: Galatians 5:1,13-25

*For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery . . . For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. The Word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God.***

Meditation – Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope** – #738 - O Master Let Me Walk with Thee
- **Affirmation of Faith** (From Galatians 5:13-14)
Let us, through love, become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Amen.

Giving and Offertory

- **Doxology**

Pastoral Prayers and 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.

- **Sounds of Love** – #623 - I’ve Got Peace Like a River
- **Benediction**

Postlude

The (●) dot in the order of worship invites you to stand as you are able. Text in **bold** indicates unison reading.



June 29 – Book Group, 1:30pm (Anyone is free to join in – New Book is “Freeing Jesus” by Diana Butler Bass)

TODAY – Ice Cream Social after the service – EVERYONE is invited!

Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Lenna Aris, Velma Bartley, Melanie Caskey, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Anne Hicks, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jim White, Ruth White, Jill York

Donelson Presbyterian Church

Sharing the Love of Christ



We warmly welcome all who have come to worship with us today. If you are a guest at Donelson Presbyterian Church, we encourage you to fill out a yellow visitor card which you will find in the pew.

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