

July 30, 2023

Order of Worship
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost

10:15am

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

- **Call to Worship**

The world belongs to God,
the earth and all its people.
It is good to live in community,
to work and talk with each other.
Love and faith come together,
justice and peace join hands.
If the friends of Jesus keep silent,
the stones would shout aloud.
We are glad to be in God's house
to listen and sing and pray.

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** #41 - O Worship the King

- **Prayer of Confession**

Trusting in God's forgiveness, let us in silence, confess our failings and acknowledge our part in the pain of the world. (Silent confession) Let us pray together:
Before God, with the people of God, we confess to turning away from God
In the ways we wound our lives, the lives of others, and the life of the world
May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and the Spirit enable us to grow in love.
Amen.

- **Congregational Response:** #583 - Glory to God

Children's Message: Betty Polk

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: I Kings 3:5-12, Liturgist ~ RJ Mamula

At Gibeon, the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David,

*because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Special Music

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-45

Jesus put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown, it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

*"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: "Hidden in Plain Sight" ~ Guest Minister, Rev. Stacy Rector

- **Sounds of Hope:** #519 - You Are My Strength When I Am Weak

- **Affirmation of Faith:** The Apostles' Creed

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 Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven; and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen

Giving and Offertory

Doxology

Pastoral Prayers, the Lord’s Prayer:

... Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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:** #451 - Open My Eyes That I May See

• **Benediction**

Postlude

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

***Today’s Call to Worship and Prayer of Confession from Iona Abbey Worship Book*

Looking Ahead

- August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30** – Book Group, 1:30pm; Choir Practice, 6:30pm
August 6 – Youth Camp Report, 10:15am
August 8 – Dot New Circle, 10am
August 21 – Bluegrass Slow Jam (community event), 7pm
August 24 – Men’s Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm
August 30 – Acolyte Recognition Sunday

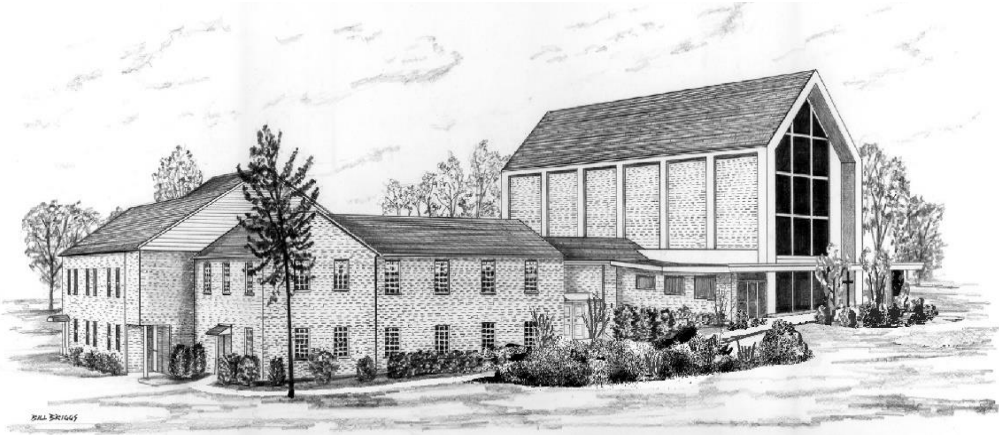
Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Velma Bartley, Janet Benge, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

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2. Online at donelsonpres.org – Click the “Giving” tab on the homepage
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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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Thank you to today’s Guest Minister, **Rev. Stacy Rector**. Stacy is a native of Dyersburg, Tennessee, a graduate of Rhodes College and Columbia Theological Seminary, and an ordained Presbyterian minister. She served as Associate Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church in Nashville for nine years. In 2006, Reverend Rector became Executive Director of Tennesseans for Alternatives to the Death Penalty (TADP). She is currently active in the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee and serves on the Presbytery’s Social Justice Committee.