

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

- **Call to Worship**

O give thanks to the Lord!

Sing to God! Tell of God's wonderful works!

Remember all the things God has done!

We glory in God's holy name!

Seek the Lord, our strength and refuge:

we come to be in God's presence.

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** #463 - How Firm a Foundation

- **Prayer of Confession**

We come seeking God's voice,

a voice that loves us, cares for us, but also challenges us to do better.

Let us be honest with God about where we are on our journey.

**Holy God, it is easy to confess with our lips that you are Lord,
but it is much harder to believe with our hearts.**

**We are quick to trust in idols. We depend on what we can see, touch, and control,
instead of waiting to hear your still, small voice. Forgive us, Lord, and help our unbelief.**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

There are no prerequisites, no disqualifications, no exceptions.

We are saved, we are forgiven, we are freed!

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

Children's Message: Zora Mallory

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 37:12-14, 18-28, Liturgist ~ Randy Mallory

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron . . . They saw him from a distance,

and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

*The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem

Scripture Reading: Matthew 14:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

*Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope:** #184 - Calm to The Waves

- **Affirmation of Faith:** Inspired by Matthew 14:22-33

Let us learn from Peter's experience always to keep our eyes on Jesus. He alone can protect us from sinking into the depths of our sins and problems. He is all we need. 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:** #353 - My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
- **Benediction**

Postlude

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



TODAY – Teen Camp Report/Water Day
August 16, 23, 30 – Book Group, 1:30pm; Choir Practice, 6:30pm
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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1. Plate giving during the offertory portion of our service
2. Online at donelsonpres.org – Click the “Giving” tab on the homepage
3. Text DPCGIVE and any amount to 73256

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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