

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude/Special Offering (Maui Relief through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance)

- **Call to Worship**

Thus says the Lord:

Maintain justice, and do what is right,

for soon my salvation will come.

God will bring us to the holy mountain, a house of prayer for all people.

God gathers all the outcasts together, and makes us joyful!

- **Invocation**

- **Sounds of Faith:** #667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

- **Prayer of Confession**

We call to God, saying, “Have mercy on us!” We call to God, saying, “Lord, help us!”

We call to God in the midst of our sin, knowing that God is gracious and just.

God of all goodness,

We do not want to face all that is in our hearts.

We want to focus on the good and ignore the bad—the greed, the envy, the cruelty.

But before you, God, we must face it.

Forgive all the ways we have let evil take hold in our hearts. Cleanse us.

Help us face our demons, and empower us to live a Christlike life.

We have been disobedient to God, but we have received mercy.

Let us live our lives as those transformed by the abundant mercy of God!

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

Children’s Message: Tony Pritchett

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Genesis 45:1-10, Liturgist ~ Bob Gessler

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have.

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

Choir Anthem: You Are My Alleluia ~ Joseph Martin

Scripture Reading: Romans 11:1-2, 25-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew . . . a hardening has come upon part of Israel, until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.

And so all Israel will be saved; as it is written,

“Out of Zion will come the Deliverer; he will banish ungodliness from Jacob.”

“And this is my covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”

As regards the gospel they are enemies of God for your sake; but as regards election they are beloved, for the sake of their ancestors; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

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

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

- **Sounds of Hope:** #175 Seek Ye First

- **Affirmation of Faith:** Inspired by Romans 11:25-32

God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all! Let us therefore guard against judging others, for they are God’s children, and God continues to work to bring them to salvation. 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:** #838 Standing on the Promises
- **Benediction**

Postlude

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



TODAY – Sign-up for NaCoMe begins – see Dennis Crumby!
August 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 (Meet at Tennfold)
August 27 – Acolyte Recognition Sunday

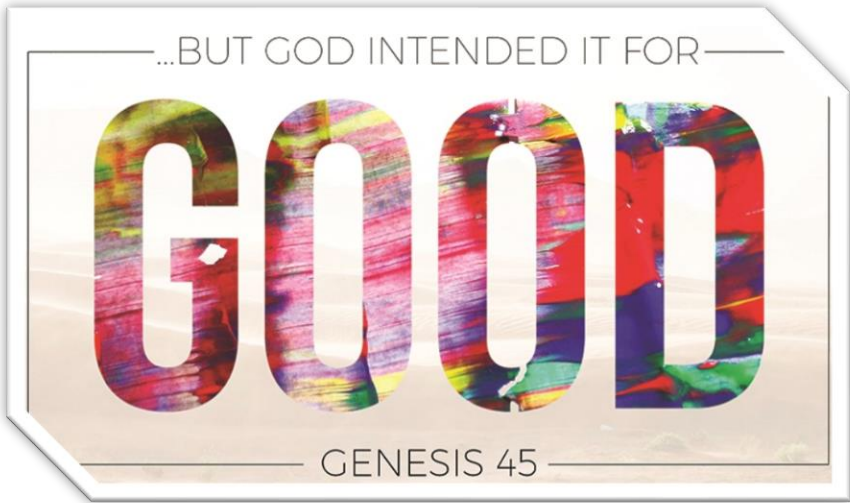
Pastoral Care Team: Chairs - Tina O'Connor and Joy Roark; Members - Velma Bartley, Janet Bengé, Melanie Caskey, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Charlene Dodson, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

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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

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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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