

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

• Call to Worship

God calls us each by name
as we gather on holy ground.
We come to this place,
seeking to know the great I AM.

• Invocation

• Sounds of Faith: #49 - The God of Abraham Praise

• Prayer of Confession

The apostle Paul tells us: Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
For the times we have failed to do this, let us confess to God.
Almighty God,
Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses?
Forgive us, O Lord, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us.
We long to see you come in glory, but fear the road we must take.
Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling.
Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow,
and lead us in your ways of peace.
Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still.
This is the good news that prevails! In Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven!

• Congregational Response: #583 - Glory to God

Children’s Message

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Exodus 3:1-15, excerpted, Liturgist ~ Carol Dover
Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, “I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.” When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses,

*Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.” Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground” . . . Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey . . . So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.” But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?” He said, “I will be with you . . . But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?” God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’ The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Choir Anthem: Shepherd of Souls ~ Alfred Fedak

Scripture Reading: Matthew 16:21-25
*From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.” Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. The Word of the Lord; **thanks be to God.***

Meditation: Dr. Paul Casner

• Sounds of Hope: #405 - Praise God for This Holy Ground

• **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: I'll Walk with God ~ Paul Roark, soloist

Doxology

The Lord’s Supper

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:** #720 - Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult

- **Benediction**

Postlude

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



TODAY – Hunger & Help Offering (Luke 14:12 – Non-profit soup kitchen providing meals to the hungry, homeless, and working poor of Nashville)

September 8-10 – Church Retreat at NaCoMe

September 12 – Dot New Circle annual luncheon

September 13, 20, 27 – Book Group (1:30pm), Logos (5:30pm), Agape (6pm), Choir Practice (7:30pm)

September 18 – Bluegrass Slow Jam 7pm (community event – all are welcome)

September 28 – Men’s Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm (location TBD)

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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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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