

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude

- **Call to Worship:** (Adapted from Psalm 138)
I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;
I give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness
for you have exalted your name and your word above everything.
We shall sing of the ways of the LORD, for great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly,
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
Your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
- **Invocation**
- **Sounds of Faith:** #39 - Great Is Thy Faithfulness
- **Prayer of Confession:** From Psalm 51 ~ Liturgist, Zora Mallory
Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.
For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.
God has forgiven us in his steadfast love and mercy.
Thanks be to God!
- **Congregational Response:** #581 - Glory Be to the Father

Children's Message: Jeni Steele

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading: Hosea 6:4-6
What shall I do with you, O Ephraim? What shall I do with you, O Judah?
Your love is like a morning cloud, like the dew that goes away early.
Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets; I have killed them by the words of my mouth,
and my judgment goes forth as the light.
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice, the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings.
*The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.***

Special Music: "Love Never Fails" ~ Carol Battle, soloist

Scripture Reading: Matthew 9:9-13

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax-collection station, and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with Jesus and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous but sinners."

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

Meditation: "What Jesus Called the Weightier Matters: Love Mercy", Rob McRay

- **Sounds of Hope:** #754 – Help Us Accept Each Other
- **Affirmation of Faith:** Adapted from Ephesians 2:4-10
God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which God loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ, so that in the ages to come God might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace we have been saved through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we may walk in them.

Giving and Offertory

- **Doxology**

Pastoral Prayers, The Lord's Prayer: Jim White

. . . 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:** #435 - There's A Wideness in God's Mercy

- **Benediction**

Postlude

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



Today – Donuts & Coffee 10am, Session Meeting immediately following service
August 19 – Book Group, 1:30pm via Zoom
August 17 – Bluegrass Slow Jam (community event), 7pm
August 23 – Reception for Ben & Jeni (see insert)
August 26 – NO book group today!
August 27 – Men’s Fellowship Dinner, 5:30pm. Meet at Gondola House, 4613 Lebanon Pike, Hermitage
August 30 – 5th Sunday Feast, 9am (please bring a breakfast item to share); Installation of New Elders, 10:15am.

Today’s Security Team: Scott Wright, Mike Terry
Today’s Counters: Richard Lantz, Kathy Smith
August Head Usher: Ann Koonce

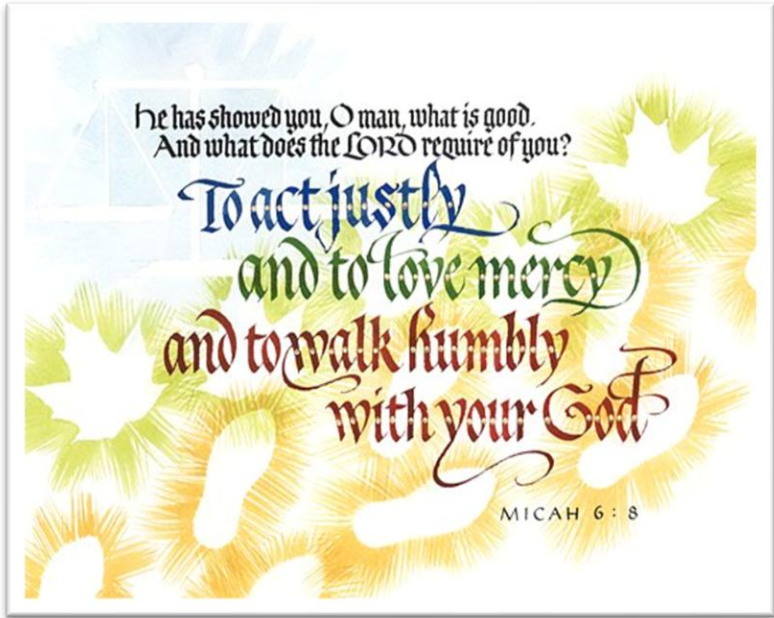
Pastoral Care Team: Chairs – Jim Turner and Leanne Terry; Members – Velma Bartley, Malee Cherry, Rose Christian, Ann Cox, Diane Ingram, Grace Lewis, Ann Marie McFarland, Betty Polk, Jeni Steele, Jim & Ruth White, Kim Yearwood, Jill York

Three Ways to Give at DPC

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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Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost

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