

July 11, 2021

7th Sunday after Pentecost

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**All may stand as able*

Liturgist: John Holcomb

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

John Holcomb

Invocation

Prelude

As the Deer

arr. Cindy Berry

"As the deer panteth for the water, so my soul longeth after Thee
You are all that my heart desires, and I long to worship You."

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Here we can come together, people searching for healing and hope.

People: here we are met by the One who would bless us with abundant life.

Leader: Here we are called to gather as the family of God: we may find those who are strangers,

People: yet are sisters and brothers of ours. Here we discover the truth that God

Leader: makes no distinctions among us:

People: here we are welcomed and embraced by the One whose arms are open to all.

* **HYMN 35** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty* LOBE DEN HERREN

CONFESSING TO GOD

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

Rev. Earl Goodwin

Our words, our deeds, our lives build barriers between us and others, between us and God. But God would shatter every distinction, God would reshape us as new people. Let us come to the One who loves us, and longs to forgive us. Join me as we confess our sins together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER FOR FORGIVENESS

We admit, Providing God, that we have difficulties living as your children. We could live in unity, but our words fracture relationships with family and friends. We have been shown the way to your kingdom, but turn into blind guides when asked for the directions by others. When we could offer others the precious oil of peace, we hand them the vinegar of despair and rejection. Have mercy on us, Healing Heart, have mercy on us. When you call to us, may we listen with open ears, understand with embracing hearts, and share your grace with others, even as we have been graced by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy upon us,
Christ have mercy upon us,
Lord have mercy upon us.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news for you: God has provided hope for you, filling you with joy, with mercy, with peace. As mercy leads to mercy, we will take these gifts to share with the world. Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

*PASSING THE PEACE

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

John Holcomb

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalms 133

ANTHEM

God of Great and God of Small Sleeth/Fettke

God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all,
God of weak and God of strong, God to whom all things belong.

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord we praise your name.

God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny,
God of never-ending power, yet beside me every hour.

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord we praise your name.

God of silence, God of sound, God in whom the lost are found.
God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right.

God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth,

God of now and days before, God who reigns forevermore,

Alleluia, alleluia, Lord we praise your name.

Lord, we praise your name. Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32;

Matthew 15:21-28

SERMON

Mic Drop

Rev. Earl Goodwin

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

* 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.

OFFERTORY

Invocation

Ignaz Pleyel

*** DOXOLOGY**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD’S PRAYER John Holcomb

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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.

SENDING OF GOD’S PEOPLE INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN 625** *How Great Thou Art* O STORE GUD

CHARGE AND BLESSING Rev. Earl Goodwin

CHORAL BENEDICTION *Three-fold Amen* TRADITIONAL

Postlude *Trio in G major* Gordon Young

Welcome Rev. Earl Goodwin

Earl Goodwin is an ordained Cumberland Presbyterian pastor who is part of the Robert Donnell Presbytery. He is employed by Shirley’s Florist as a designer. He attends the Edgewood Presbyterian Church in Homewood when not filling pulpits. He knows quite a few members of this congregation (some know a little too much) and looks forward to making more friends.

Prayer Concerns

for our church family . . .

George McLean	John Holcomb	Margaret Linville
Wayne Hughins	Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie
Nellie Songer	John Giddens	Al Greenberg
Vernon Clark	Steve Mannich	Laura Reichert
Terri Clark	Janice Gillespie	

for our extended family . . .

Grace Miller	Bill & Julie Wills	Garry Vincent
C. J. Fonte	Kennon Little	Donnie Bates
Clara Beach	Trent Schindler	Zoe
Jessica Watkins	Heather Odell	Fred Esleck
Mary Hammett	Margaret Stallings	Deborah Waldron
Janice Scholl	Debra Jackson	Mark Harmon
Rebecca Mueller	Jackson Hough	Ronnie Eades
George Fluke	Caitlin Lindsey	Cheryl Kelley
Lakelyn Claire Smith	Shirley Lafan	Jeff Hamrick
Shirlyn & Gary McKenzie	Derek & Lauren Webber	

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Rev. Earl Goodwin, Guest Minister

Everyone is welcome in God’s house.

*“Jesus said, ‘Come to me, all of you who are weary
and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.*

*Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you,
because I am humble and gentle at heart,
and you will find rest for your souls.’”*

(Matthew 11:28-29)