



# Entrance

8:30, 9:40 and 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *A Glorious Everlasting Hallelujah Raise* FRED GRAMANN  
Matins Bell Choir

## WELCOME AND GREETING

\*HYMN 62 *All Creatures of Our God and King*  
Stanzas 1 through 5

## \*INVOCATION

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Creator and Lord of all that is. In God's hand is the life of everything—trees and plants, animals and insects--and the breath of every human being.

I believe in Jesus the Christ, the Redeemer of all that we have damaged, our broken souls and our broken world, who offers new life when we love our neighbors, sun and soil, water and air.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Sustainer of this community and future generations, and the source of courage to care about creation, especially when sustainability seems hopeless.

We promise to work together and with God, to be stewards of this gift, our home.

## \*RESPONSE

Let all things their Creator bless, and worship him in humbleness,  
O praise ye! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise ye! O praise ye! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

ANTHEM *The Mighty Power of God* MARK HAYES  
Chancel Choir

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise.  
That spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.  
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;  
The moon shines full at His command and all the stars obey.  
Their luminous display reflects the power of God.*

*I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food.  
He formed the creatures with His Word and then pronounced them good.  
Lord, how, your wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye;  
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.*

*From seas to mountains high the earth cannot contain the goodness of God.*

*The heavens are telling the glory of God!  
The heavens are telling the story, the whole earth is filled with His glory,  
The heavens are telling the glory of God!*

*There's not a plant or flower below but makes Your glories known.  
And clouds arise and tempests blow by order from Your throne.  
While all that borrows life from You is ever in Your care,  
And everywhere that we can be, O God, You're present there;  
We joyously declare the power of your love.  
(Isaac Watts)*

# Proclamation and Prayer

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Psalm 148

Leader: Hallelujah! Praise God from the heavens; praise God from the heights!

**People: Praise God, all you angels; Praise God, all you multitudes in heaven!**

Leader: Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens, And you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the Most High,

**People: For God commanded and they were created. God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.**

Leader: Praise God from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!

**People: Sovereigns of the earth and all peoples, Royalty and all rulers of the earth! Young men and women alike, old and young together! Let them praise the name of God, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven. Hallelujah!**

## OUR LORD'S PRAYER

*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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen*

RESPONSE (singing together)

*Spirit of the Living God*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

*Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.*

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (9:40 a.m.)

McKinley Virginia Wright, daughter of Brad and Elaine Wright

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that McKinley, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in that way that leads to life eternal.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM (11 a.m.)

Wesley Katherine Barnett, daughter of Wes and Lauren Barnett

**With God's help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ, that Wesley, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in that way that leads to life eternal.**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (9:40 and 11:00 a.m.)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

**You are the living God who sustains all life in continually unfolding ways. May we open our ears to your revealing Word. You speak to us in new, vital and imperative ways. With your power at work within us, let us be silent and open to listening . . . for nourishment, comfort, challenge and new focus. Amen.**

\*SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 1: 26-31

OFFERTORY *This Is My Father's World* J. D. FRIZZELL

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

**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**

\*HYMN OF PREPARATION 122 *God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale*

SERMON *Friends of Creation* Rev. Richard Smith

## Going Forth

\*INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

*Those wishing to present themselves for church membership may come to the chancel at this time.*

\*HYMN 581 *Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service*  
Stanza 1

COMMISSIONING OF STEPHEN MINISTERS (9:40 a.m.)

Nancy Barnett, Gretchen Blair, Pat Davis, Tondala Hayward, Micci Leak, Lynn Shipp, Bill Sumner, Colene Watkins, and Dee Wright

\*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**Called by worship to your service, forth in your dear name we go  
To the child, the youth, the aged, love in living deeds to show;  
Hope and health, good will and comfort, counsel, aid, and peace we give,  
That your servants, Lord, in freedom may your mercy know, and live.**

POSTLUDE *Beach Spring Stomp* JEFFREY HONORE

Liturgists: 8:30 a.m.—Rev. Gail Bruno, 9:40 a.m.—Rev. Julie McKenna;  
11:00 a.m.—Rev. Deborah Smith

**Sanctuary Flowers:** The flowers that grace our sanctuary this morning are given by two families:

• Dena and Bob Stoudt, in loving memory of their precious daughter, Lindsey Preston.

• Lauren and Wes Barnett are celebrating the baptism this morning of their daughter, Wesley Katherine. Sharing in today's celebration is big sister Gracely, 3, and grandparents Nancy and Ed Barnett (GUMC) and Barbara and Wendell Trapp (Corinth, Miss.) and Martha Oestreicher (Greenwood, Miss.) and great grandmothers Nanetta Cridlin and Rebecca Barnett.

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