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*“So we aren’t depressed. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison.”  
2 Cor. 4:16-17*

## *Service for the Lord’s Day*

**June 9, 2024**

**The 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

### *Gathering Around the Word*

**Striking of the Hour**

**Welcome**

**Prelude**

*Brethren We Have Met to Worship*

arr. Mark Hayes

*We Rise in Spirit and in Body*

**Call to Worship (responsive)**

We gather together to remember, to once again tell the wonderful stories of our God—  
**stories we have heard many times before and passed down from generation to generation: stories of faithfulness and love, of mercy and compassion, of miracles and new life.** We tell these stories over and over so that we don’t forget. **We tell these stories to remember who we are: the people of God. We tell these stories so that our children and our children’s children can also come to know and love the God we serve. Let’s worship together!**

**Opening Hymn 829**

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

OLIVET

## Call to Confession

### Prayer of Adoration and Confession (unison)

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope. We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

*A Silence is observed for Personal Confession*

### Confessional Hymn

KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us

### Declaration of Good News (responsive)

Relentlessly God seeks us out.

**With abundant grace and boundless mercy, God seeks us out.**

**This is good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

### Passing the Peace of Christ (responsive)

*Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.*

*The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. And also with you.*

## *Hearing the Word*

*All Sit*

### Prayer for Illumination

#### Old Testament Reading (responsive)

Psalm 138: 1-8

I will praise you, LORD, with all my heart;  
**before the “gods” I will sing your praise.**

I will bow down toward your holy temple  
**and will praise your name  
for your unfailing love and your faithfulness,  
for you have so exalted your solemn decree  
that it surpasses your fame.**

When I called, you answered me;  
**you greatly emboldened me.**

May all the kings of the earth praise you, LORD,  
**when they hear what you have decreed.**

May they sing of the ways of the LORD,  
**for the glory of the LORD is great.**

Though the LORD is exalted, he looks kindly on the lowly;  
**though lofty, he sees them from afar.**

Though I walk in the midst of trouble,  
**you preserve my life.**

You stretch out your hand against the anger of my foes;  
**with your right hand you save me.**

The LORD will vindicate me;  
**your love, LORD, endures forever—  
do not abandon the works of your hands.**

**Anthem**

*Like a Lighthouse*

Pepper Choplin

*All Stand*

**New Testament Reading**

2 Corinthians 4:7-18

But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed; perplexed, but not in despair; persecuted, but not abandoned; struck down, but not destroyed. We always carry around in our body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body. For we who are alive are always being given over to death for Jesus' sake, so that his life may also be revealed in our mortal body. So then, death is at work in us, but life is at work in you.

It is written: "I believed; therefore, I have spoken." Since we have that same spirit of faith, we also believe and therefore speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus from the dead will also raise us with Jesus and present us with you to himself. All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.

Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So, we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

*All Sit*

**Sermon**

*The Clay Pot*

Tim Davis

### ***Responding to the Word***

*All Stand*

**Response Hymn 379**

*We Shall Overcome*  
Verses 1, 3, 5

WE SHALL OVERCOME

**Affirmation of Faith** (unison)

from A Brief Statement of Faith

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**

**Offering**

**Offertory**

*Wade in the Water*  
Hailey Goodwin, mezzo-soprano

Spiritual/arr. Mark Hayes

**Doxology**

DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him, all creatures here below  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost  
Amen*

**Prayer of Thanksgiving**

***Bearing and Following the Word into the Created World***

**Closing Hymn 295**

*Go to the World!*

SINE NOMINE

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Go to the World!*  
Beth Pope, piano

SINE NOMINE

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**WELCOME VISITORS!**

*We invite you to pick up visitor’s information on your way out, either in the narthex or on the table on the Right in the downstairs entrance hall. Ushers will be standing by to help you find them. Always know that a cordial greeting is extended by ministers, officers, and congregation.*

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**USHERS:** Hines and Kernohan families

**COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE:** Wyatt Edmunds, Hailey Goodwin,  
Darcy Merriman, Jeremiah Simpson, Johnna Smith,  
Aleathia Burt and Mack Overfelt.

**LAY READER:** Kelly Goad

**MEDIA PERSONNEL:** David Clarke

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**LECTIONARY FOR SUNDAY, June 16:** 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13;  
Psalm 20; 2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17; Mark 4:26–34

### **TODAY**

**THE AFTER CHURCH EATING OUT GROUP** will not meet during June, July, and August. We will resume our lunch gatherings in September.

**VBS STARTS TONIGHT!** Vacation Bible School happens June 9-12. We are partnering with the Episcopal Church and First Christian Church for this year's Wild Wonder Camp curriculum. Dinner will begin at 5:00pm and activities start at 5:30. We will be needing volunteers to help prepare dinner, work as group leaders, head craft stations and set up. If you are able to help, please contact Susan Howard at [sfyusk@gmail.com](mailto:sfyusk@gmail.com) or 270-303-1767. Links: for [Registration for participants](#) and [Volunteer Registration](#)

**DEACONS OF THE WEEK** this week will be Linda Leigh. Deacons assist the Pastor in caring for our congregation. You may contact them through the church office: 270-843-4707.

**TODAY IS COLLEGIATE ENSEMBLE** member Hailey Goodwin's last day with the choir. Haley is moving to Atlanta to train with Roehl Transportation. Thank you, Hailey, for your dedication to our church. God's speed in all your endeavors. Come see us when you can!

### **COMING UP:**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES begin at 9:15am.** Learning can be anytime, and we appreciate ideas for what you would like to learn, how you would prefer to learn, and when that learning would best work for you. Sunday School will meet through the last Sunday in June, and classes will resume after the Pig Pickin' (which is August 18). Classes include:

- Preschool taught by Jimmy and Betsy Tyrie
- Godly Play taught by Mary Evans – Kindergarten through 5th grade
- Middle and high school taught by David Clarke
- The Coffee and Conversation Class is reading *Holy Envy; Finding God in the Face of Others* by Barbara Brown Taylor.
- A Bible study class is studying the book of Mark

Stay involved in our church. The need is mutual!

**THE CHAIR YOGA** class will not meet on the Tuesdays of June 25 or July 2, but will continue this summer in the weeks following those dates.

**MISSIONS - JOIN US FOR BREAKFAST** on June 23. The meal will be served throughout the Sunday School hour 9:15 to 10:15 in the fellowship hall. If you do not want to miss your class, just take a plate with you! We'll have an omelet station for ordering custom omelets, fruit, pastries, and coffee, etc. This will be a great time to honor those men in your life as a late Father's Day gift. There is no charge, but donations received will go toward our Habitat for Humanity benevolence.

**SAVE THIS DATE:** This year's **Pig Pickin'** church picnic will take place on Sunday August 18. Plan to join us for outdoor worship and fellowship, with good food and fun!

### Calendar

#### Sunday, June 9

8:30am Fellowship  
9:15am Sunday School  
9:15am Children's Music  
10:30am Worship  
11:30am Eating Our Small Group  
5:00pm VBS

#### Monday, June 10

9:00am GOD/DOG Is Love  
5:00pm VBS

#### Tuesday, June 11

9:30am Chair Yoga  
11:00am Special Care  
5:00pm Deacons  
7:00pm Sunny 16 Camera Club

#### Wednesday, June 12

7:00am Breakfast Group  
5:00pm Chancel Choir  
5:00pm VBS

#### Friday, June 14

7:30 a.m. Mens' Breakfast Group

**AUGUST 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30-8:30pm** – *Sunset Jazz* featuring **Jazz West**. The Peggy and Larry Pack concert series is partnering with Traveler's Cellar Winery of Fuqua Road in Rockfield. This is a new place and partnership, and we are excited to offer another great night of jazz, food, and refreshments at this beautiful venue. Bring lawn chairs and a lot of friends as we reach out to our community.

### **OTHER NEWS**

**LAY READERS NEEDED FOR JUNE** A signup page is online for upcoming lay readers in the coming weeks. If you are willing to serve on one Sunday, please visit this link and sign up for a date. Lay reader information will be emailed on the Friday prior to the date. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090e49acac23a7ff2-layreader> Thank you!

**OUR PRESCHOOL LEARNING CENTER** has now finished classes for this term. Registration is currently open for next year's classes for 2, 3, and 4-year-olds. Spaces remain in all classes, so if you or someone you know are interested in a quality preschool for a child, please visit our website or contact Kimberly Watkins at [plcdirector@bgpres.org](mailto:plcdirector@bgpres.org) .

**CHURCH CLEANUP DAY** A clean-up day is being organized for Saturday, June 22 at 10:00am. The former workroom/storeroom is one priority for the day! Lots of old materials need to be boxed and removed. Other storage organization and some minor outside tidying up is planned as well. Please mark your calendars and plan to help if you can!

**SATURDAY MEALS** – The next Presbyterian hosting of Meals will be August 10, 2024. Mark your calendars. If anyone would like to sign up for inside helpers or drivers, please contact Lovelyn at [lovelynab@yahoo.com](mailto:lovelynab@yahoo.com); [ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com](mailto:ceceliamemorial1234@outlook.com); or leave a message at 270-935-5110. Thanks for helping out. --Lovelyn