

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
ORDER OF WORSHIP  
10:00 a.m.

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Seasonal Color: Green

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

*(Please take a moment to silence your cell phones and electronic devices.  
And, with the gift of music, let us prepare our hearts, minds, and souls  
for this special time with God and with one another.)*

Prelude: "I Can See Clearly Now"

Johnny Nash

*(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)*

\*Call to Worship:

Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

**We will tell of your glorious deeds, O Lord, and the wonders that you have done.**

Tell your children and your children's children that they should set their hope in God.

**And not forget your works, O God, but keep your commandments.**

Let us worship God!

\*Prayer of Praise and Adoration

**We incline our ears to the words of your mouth and will tell of your glorious deeds, O Lord. Your righteousness is like streams of goodness washing our soul. You purify the thoughts of our minds by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit and sanctify our actions by the gift of your Son Jesus Christ. We appear now before you as children renewed by your mercy, to give you all praise in response to your grace. Amen.**

\*Opening Hymn: "Our God". J Myrin, C Tomlin, J Reeves, M Redman

**Water You turned into wine; Opened the eyes of the blind,  
There's no one like You; None like You**

**Into the darkness You shine; Out of the ashes we rise,  
There's no one like You; None like You.**

(Chorus)

**Our God is Greater; Our God is stronger,  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer, Awesome in power,  
Our God, Our God.**

**Into the darkness You shine; Out of the ashes we rise,  
There's no one like You; None like You. (Chorus)**

**And if our God is for us,  
Then who could ever stop us.**

**And if our God is with us,  
Then what could ever stop us.**

**Then what could stand against. (repeat)**

(Repeat chorus)

*(During the singing of the hymn, worshipers are invited to bring their Daily  
Change offering forward as an act of worship and place them in the  
containers in front of the sanctuary.)*

WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE

\*Prayer of Confession:

**Far be it from us that we should forsake you, O Lord, to serve other gods. Yet, we confess our allegiance is not what it should be. You brought our ancestors out of Egypt, yet we do not always trust you to hear of our needs. You protected them all along the way that they went; yet we wonder if you hear us when we cry to you. We hear you are a jealous God and will not forgive our transgressions or our sins, yet we are bold to lay them before you and implore you, have mercy upon us and give us your grace. Amen.**

\*Assurance of Pardon

\*Congregational Response: "Shout to the Lord" Darlene Zschech

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth, let us sing  
Power and majesty, praise to the King;  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name.**

**I sing for joy at the work of Your hands,  
Forever I love You, forever I stand,  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.  
(repeat)**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S WORD

Anthem: "Potter's Clay"

Terry Talbot

Prayer for Illumination:

**Gracious God, we do not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from your mouth. Make us hungry for this heavenly food, that it may nourish us today in the ways of eternal life, through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

First Lesson: Matthew 25:1-13

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Time for Young Disciples

Laura Sparks

Second Lesson: Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25

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Sermon: "What Do We Do With What We Have?"

David Roquemore

Dedication of Stewardship Commitments

*Please come forward and place your Pledge Card and Time and Talent form  
in the baskets on the Table*

\*Hymn: "Mine Eyes Have Seen The Glory"

GTG # 354

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S GRACE

\*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.**

Prayers of the People and the 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 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.**

Offering Our Gifts

Offertory: "A Work of Love"

Ricky Skaggs

\*Doxology: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

GTG # 606

**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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication:

**Wherever we look we see your grandeur about us. All that we have is a gift of your grace. You fill each day with bountiful blessings and keep us mindful of how you care for our needs. We return to you now what you have already provided; may it be a symbol of our thanksgiving and love. Enhance their effectiveness and multiply our efforts, so that Christ's mission may spread to wherever there is need. Amen.**

WE LEAVE TO SERVE

\*Closing Hymn: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" E Hoffman, A Showalter

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine  
Leaning on the everlasting arms.**

(chorus)

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)**

**Oh how sweet to walk in the pilgrim way  
Leaning on the everlasting arms;  
Oh how bright the path grows from day to day  
Leaning on the everlasting arms. (Chorus)**

(Repeat Chorus)

\*Benediction

\*Postlude: "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" (chorus)  
**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;  
Leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

(\* Please stand in body or spirit.)

Lay Leader for this morning is Karen McDougal.  
Elder on Call this week is Dave McCart.

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1. You are in God's House. We want you to feel God's presence.
2. All around you are Christian people. They will want to shake your hand and greet you in the name of Christ. Won't you meet them with a friendly smile? We would not have you leave this place without a warm welcome and a feeling that you want to come back.
3. Please sign the Friendship Book.
4. Those interested in membership information or who desire to join are asked to speak to David Roquemore, Pastor, call the church office, or check the Friendship Book.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** (10:00am) Worship bags for children are located in the entryway. In addition, children (ages 3 yrs. old – 2nd grade) are welcome to stay with their families for the entire service, or they may attend B.L.A.S.T. Children's Church following the *Time for Young Disciples*, when children will be led from the Sanctuary to our Children's Church room and they will return to the sanctuary before the closing hymn.

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Amy Owensby (1)  
Amy Yenderusiak (3)

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Lynette Inscoc (2)  
David McCart (3)  
Mimi Michael (4)  
Randy Miller (4)

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| (1) Council on Discipleship   | (4) Council on Sharing |
| (2) Council on Caring         | (5) Council on Praise  |
| (3) Council on Administration |                        |

Suzanne Rhinehart - Clerk of Session

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