

Brandon Presbyterian Church

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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, July 26, 2020

During the prelude, please prepare your heart to worship our gracious, Almighty God together.

Meditation

"May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity, winning all to faith in Thee: we beseech thee hear us."

- from "Jesus, with Thy Church Abide"

Prelude

"He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought!"

ARR. BY MARY ELLEN KERRICK

Marsha Glover, Pianist

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 149:1-5

Leader: Praise the Lord

People: Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise in the assembly of the saints

Leader: Let Israel rejoice in their Maker; let the people of Zion be glad in their King.

People: Let them praise this name with dancing and make music to him with tambourine and harp.

Leader: For the Lord takes delight in his people; he crowns the humble with salvation.

People: Let the saints rejoice in this honor and sing for joy on their beds.

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 353

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

- 1 I love thy Kingdom, Lord, the house of thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.
- 2 I love thy church, O God: her walls before thee stand,
Dear as the apple of thine eye, and graven on thy hand.
- 3 For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.
- 4 Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.
- 5 Jesus, thou Friend Divine, our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.
- 6 Sure as thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 263

"Lift High the Cross"

Refrain

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.

- 1 Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God. [Refrain]
- 2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
the hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. [Refrain]
- 3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
as thou hast promised, draw men unto thee. [Refrain]
- 4 Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
beneath the shadow of its healing peace. [Refrain]
- 5 For thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
creation's praises rise before thy throne. [Refrain]

Responsive Reading

MATTHEW 16:13-19

Leader: Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?"

People: **And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets."**

Leader: He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

People: **Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

Leader: And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven.

People: **And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.**

Leader: I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven,

People: **And whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."**

Pastoral Prayer

Special Music

John Dawson

Reading of Holy Scripture

EPHESIANS 4:1-6 (NIV)

¹ As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. ² Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. ³ Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

"How to Have Unity"

Hymn of Response *

N^o. 359

"Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

1 Blest be the tie that binds
our hearts in Christian love;
the fellowship of kindred minds
is like to that above.

2 Before the Father's throne
we pour our ardent prayers;
our fears, our hopes, our aims are one,
our comforts and our cares.

3 We share our mutual woes,
our mutual burdens bear,
and often for each other flows
the sympathizing tear.

4 When we asunder part,
it gives us inward pain;
but we shall still be joined in heart,
and hope to meet again.

5 This glorious hope revives
our courage by the way;
while each in expectation lives,
and longs to see the day.

6 From sorrow, toil, and pain,
and sin, we shall be free;
and perfect love and friendship reign
through all eternity.

Offertory Prayer

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.

Benediction

* Congregation Standing

Sermon Notes

Ephesians 4:1-6
“How to Have Unity”

I. The Character of Unity

II. The Creation of Unity

III. The Charge to Unity

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Online Giving: Here’s a reminder from our Treasurer regarding online giving: Your continued giving has been a blessing during these difficult times and I encourage you to continue using any method you prefer. For online giving, simply go to the website below. It’s a website that the Presbyterian Church in America’s Foundation has set up for us: <https://secure.egsnetwork.com/donate/CAA2067B89F8403>

It is best if you choose ACH (electronic bank transfer) rather than using a credit card because BPC is not currently charged a fee for ACH. If you are not comfortable with the online giving then you can continue to mail your tithes to the church. If you have any questions or have any trouble please contact me via email: luther@brandonpres.com or by phone (601) 209-0231.

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Services (9:30/11:00):	July 19	30/17
Live Views		24
Total Online Views		56
Children’s Sunday School		26
Last Week’s Offering:		\$ 5,415.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$ 7,194.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$ 177,642.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$ 208,626.00 (-30,984)

The flowers in the Sanctuary are given by Chris and Tina Groebe in honor of their Wedding Anniversary on July 31st.

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IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Week:** Linda Wixon (Japan)
- **Ministry of the Week:** Covenant Seminary
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Walt Herrington, Brian Smith and Darrin Tolar
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Jackson, Jude and Lily Smith
- **College Student of the Week:** Eli Whitten
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



Weddings and Babies:

- **Laura and Wilson Whitten:** Murry Jonathan, born July 16th.
- **Lacey and Dominic Avoli:** Charlotte Joan, born on July 3rd.
- **Holly and Tim Williams:** Georgia Lynn, born on June 24th.
- **Terry and Jackson Pullen:** expecting a baby boy Sept 28th
- **Sarah Carpenter and Thad Moody:** to be married in October 17th.
- **Katlyn and Joel Huddleston:** expecting a baby boy in October.
- **John Stowers and Anna Kate Carter:** to be married Nov 14th.



- **Laverne Parks:** Edsell passed away July 22nd.
- **Bob Nelson:** at Baptist Hospital with pneumonia.
- **Jacquelyn Thornell:** broken ankle has healed, being weaned off the boot, looking forward to being back at church.
- **Bob Booth:** neurological disease, waiting on MRI results and appointment with 3 neurologists who will hopefully provide a diagnosis.
- **Jerry Moore:** severe pain in his ankle continues, having additional tests.
- **Gary Morrison:** Father, Gene Morrison, passed away July 2nd.
- **Ken Bramlett:** having dizzy spells, fell and injured knee but doing ok.
- **Bill Glover:** Parkinson's, may have Shy-Drager syndrome as well, blood pressure normalized, problems with rapid pulse rate, debilitating fatigue.
- **Lois Carman:** severe back pain from scoliosis.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Kelly Langford** (Jacquelyn Thornell's Daughter): has had some difficult weeks since March caused by oral chemo, full dose of chemo resumed, appointment at MD Anderson postponed until mid-August.
- **Will Glover** (Marsha & Bill Glover's Son): Recovering from gall bladder surgery this past week; Last MRI was clear.
- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's Nephew): Desmoplastic round cell tumor; responding well to a maintenance regime of oral chemo, waiting for appointment at Sloan Kettering in New York. Although he has a long way to go, God has blessed him with the ability to enjoy hobbies and other activities.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer, June 25th scan was clear, Praise God!
- **Charles Watkins** (Sharon Nicholson's brother): at Hospice Ministries, cancer may have spread to his brain.
- **Steven Bell** (Tiffany Glover's brother): liver/colon cancer, doing well, just finished second round of chemo.
- **Robin Marbury Morris** (Jeanne Monsour's Niece): liver & colon cancer, continuing chemo biweekly.
- **Gib Vredeveld** (Julie Rogers' Father): esophageal cancer, doing good, next appointment scheduled for July.
- **Leah Herbert** (Ainslie Curtis' teacher): stage 4 cervical cancer, single Mom of a 6th grader, check-up showed no treatment is needed right now, will return in 2 months for follow-up.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor); Jerry Long, Batesville Pres (kidney cancer).
- **Anna Taylor** (wife of Jim Taylor, Pastor of The Pointe): cancer in her back.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia.
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' Uncle): prostate cancer.



- **Service members:** Isaac Jay (Army, Fort Polk; grandson of Elton & Sonia Jay); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (nephew of Barbara Fowler)



- **Nursing home residents & shut-ins:** Dr. John Adams, Martha Baker, Joe Berryhill, Ken Bramlett, Evelyn Culpepper, Elsa Davis, Bob & Jody Nelson, Laverne Parks, Laverne Roberts