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Morning Worship

The Lord's Day, October 3, 2021

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

Meditation

FREDERICK BUECHNER

“... And then there is the love for the enemy—love for the one who does not love you but mocks, threatens, and inflicts pain. The tortured's love for the torturer. This is God's love. It conquers the world.”

Prelude

JACQUELYN THORNELL/ORGANIST

“Take Time to Be Holy” arr. Peterson

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship *

PSALM 92

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name,
O Most High;

**People: to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness
by night,**

Leader: to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

**People: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of
your hands I sing for joy.**

Leader: The righteous flourish like the palm tree and grow like a cedar in
Lebanon.

**People: They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the
courts of our God.**

Leader: They still bear fruit in old age; they are ever full of sap and green,
**People: to declare that the LORD is upright; he is my rock, and there is no
unrighteousness in him.**

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 110

“Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah”

1 Hallelujah, praise Jehovah, from the heavens praise his name; praise
Jehovah in the highest, all his angels, praise proclaim. All his hosts,
together praise him, sun and moon and stars on high; praise him, O
you heav'ns of heavens, and you floods above the sky.

Refrain:

Let them praises give Jehovah, for his name alone is high, and his glory
is exalted, and his glory is exalted, and his glory is exalted far above the
earth and sky.

2 Let them praises give Jehovah, they were made at his command;
them forever he established, his decree shall ever stand. From the
earth, O praise Jehovah, all you seas, you monsters all, fire and hail and
snow and vapors, stormy winds that hear his call. [Refrain]

3 All you fruitful trees and cedars, all you hills and mountains high,
creeping things and beasts and cattle, birds that in the heavens fly,
kings of earth, and all you people, princes great, earth's judges all;
praise his name, young men and maidens, aged men, and children
small. [Refrain]

Invocation *

Hymn of Praise *

N^o. 500

“Rock of Ages” (Augustus Toplady)
(piano, Marsha)

1 Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water
and the blood, from thy riven side which flowed, be of sin the double
cure, cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2 Not the labors of my hands can fulfil thy law's demands; could my
zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not
atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

3 Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to thy cross I cling; naked, come to
thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; soul, I to the Fountain
fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

4 While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyelids close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee.

Confession of Sin

SOURCE UNKNOWN

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

PSALM 130:3

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Pastoral Prayer

Dismiss Children For Children's Church (3 & 4 year olds)

Reading of Holy Scripture

1 JOHN 2:9-11; 3:11-18 (ESV)

⁹whoever says he is in the light and hates his brother is still in darkness. ¹⁰Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling. ¹¹But whoever hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going, because the darkness has blinded his eyes.

¹¹For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹²We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous. ¹³Do not be surprised, brothers, that the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the brothers. Whoever does not love abides in death. ¹⁵Everyone who hates his

brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. ¹⁶By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers. ¹⁷But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? ¹⁸Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.

Sermon

DR. JOHN K. DAWSON

“Walking Out on Hatred”

Hymn of Preparation*

N°261

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (stanza 1)

1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Hymn of Response*

N°261

“What Wondrous Love Is This” (stanzas 2-3)

2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM, while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing, while millions join the theme, I will sing!

3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

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

1 John 2:9-11; 3:11-18 (ESV)

“Walking Out on Hatred”

- I. The Eyes of Hate Are Blind But the Eyes of Love Abide in Light

- II. The Heart of Hate is Murderous But the Heart of Love Gives Life

- III. The Hands of Love Are Miserly But the Hands of Love Surrender All

Will Brown Memorial Golf Tournament

Plans are still in place for this event scheduled for October 9 at Bay Pointe Golf Club. Registration will begin at 11 a.m. and tee times will begin at 12. There'll be a short devotion at 11:45 by Pastor John. Please sign up on the sheet that is posted on the bulletin board or call the office and let Barbara know you would like to be added. **The cost this year is \$40/person** which includes the **golf** and a “to go” type **lunch box**. Also, if anyone wishes to donate prizes for the tournament, you can leave them at the Church office.

Ladies: Our next 2021/2022 Bible Study meeting is Tuesday, October 12th at 9:30 a.m. Our book, “Steadfast” by Courtney Doctor can be picked up in the office. (Sign the clipboard please.)

Announcements

Communion: Please prepare your hearts to receive the Lord’s Supper this morning. We are going back to our traditional method of having our elders serve the communion. We still have self-service available for those that want it and for the overflow room in the Fellowship Hall.

Sewing Group: The next Ladies Sewing Ministry meeting is Thursday, October 7 at 9:30 a.m.

Samaritan’s Purse Christmas Child boxes: The Ladies Sewing Ministry is working to fill the boxes. We are sewing small bears, bags, and pillow case dresses. Due to the many restrictions we would like to invite our congregation to make monetary donations instead of donating items. This will go to filling boxes and postage. Please designate “Christmas Child” on your check or envelope if giving cash. Our youth and children will pack our boxes. **The deadline for monetary donations is October 17.**

Sunday Night: Parents and children will meet this evening at the church from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. Parents (**husbands** and wives encouraged and welcomed to come) are in a new book on marriage with John and Ashley Belknap leading. Children will eat, study *The Young Peacemaker*, and play. Questions?? Please see Nate or Susan Inman.

BELL RINGERS: **Today:** Lara May Inman **Next Week:** Lawson Hoge

ATTENDANCE & FINANCIAL UPDATES

Worship Service (10:00):	Sept 26	77
Live Views		14
Total Online Views		20
Sunday School		57
Last Week’s Offering:		\$5,125.00
Online Giving:		\$399.00
Weekly Budgeted Offering:		\$7,161.00
Year-to-Date Giving:		\$316,571.00
Year-to-Date Budgeted Giving		\$264,957.00 (+516141.00)

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 8:30 AM — 12:30 PM

IN PRAYER

- **MTW Missionary of the Month:** Caleb & MiYoung Cheon (Taiwan)
- **Ministry of the Month:** Center for Violence Prevention
- **Shepherding Group of the Week:** Nat Whitten, Luther Stowers and Eric Napier
- **Child(ren) of the Week:** Eliza, Clara, and Layton Matthews
- **College Student of the Week:** Samuel Hellier
- God would bless us with new **conversions, visitors, families, & members.**



- **Mary Brooks** (Marsha Glover's Mom): is in Baptist Hospital, Southaven. She had dialysis on Thursday and is on IV antibiotics; feeling better and not as confused as she was.
- **Erin Clayton:** fell last month and fractured her left shoulder; surgery has been scheduled for Thursday, October 7 at UMMC in "Day Surgery". Please pray for successful surgery and healing.
- **Cindy Vredeveld** (Julie Rogers' sister-in law): is now living with her mother. She gets a daily visit from a home health nurse since she still requires a lot of help.
- **Bill Glover:** Bill saw the vascular doctor this week and after tests it appears that his pain is not a result of vascular issues.
- **Jimmy Carman:** is having a scan to see if he has an aneurysm (unrelated to eye issue). His eye may be improving but isn't expected to.
- **Lois Carman:** surgery to remove her gallbladder on Friday, August 27 went well. Continue to pray for her as she recovers.
- **David Anderson:** (Kerri Matthew's uncle) had surgery on August 16; removed 80 percent of the brain tumor; waiting on future pathology reports.
- **Jim Neill:** is recovering from a fall in which he dislocated his shoulder and got some bad gashes.
- **Jennifer McDonald** (Julie Rogers' daughter): still has not gotten her sense of smell back after having COVID-19; please pray that the blood clots that she has will go away.
- **Daisy Lucas** (Kathy & Jim Smith's niece): chronic liver disease; responding well to medication.
- **Danny Fillinger** (Karen Whitney's father): fell & broke 5 ribs; home now on oxygen. Pray for full recovery and strength.

Loved ones battling cancer:

- **Andrew Gerrard** (Jo Stanford's nephew): desmoplastic small round cell tumor(s); started chemo again after pausing for several weeks. He began a very strong 3-drug combination, some of which can greatly affect the heart. One of the side effects is extreme fluid build-up and vomiting. A catheter is a strong possibility. He receives one more round of chemo before his next scan, scheduled for Nov. 4th. Please pray for him to have a good response to his treatment and that fluid build-up will lessen tremendously over the coming week.
- **Terry McGinty** (Kerri Matthews' uncle): prostate cancer; has metastasized to the bone; weak, difficulty walking. He will begin 4 to 6 weeks of radiation treatments at MD Anderson soon.
- **Gib Vredeveld** (Julie Rogers' father): esophageal cancer; recently saw the oncologist. Over the past 2 months he has taken a turn for the worse. He has chosen hospice care.
- **Jim Smith:** pancreatic cancer; doing well. We are so very thankful and grateful to report that Jim has had another stable scan. We are so appreciative of all the pray-ers and all the prayers from our church family.
- **John** (French Camp student): stage 4 Lymphoma; spread to his bones; admitted to St. Jude; started chemo Jan 27th.
- **Andrew McCall** (Son of Rev. & Mrs. Perry McCall): acute leukemia; celebrated his 15th birthday, Jan 18th.
- **Sarah Parks Martin** (relative of Bob and Carol Booth & PCA pastor's wife): breast cancer; through with Chemo, doing well.
- **Presbyterian pastors in MS fighting cancer:** Alan Stanton, Pinehaven in Clinton (brain tumor); Richard Owens, Westminster Pres, Greenwood (brain tumor)



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



- **Service members:** Glenn Stewart (Fort Campbell, KY; Sam Heath's nephew); Jesse Thomas Dickey; Matthew Hellier (Japan); S.T. Heath; Joey Brown (Barbara Fowler's nephew)