

The Worship of God

Sanctuary

September 23, 2019

11 am

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Ricercare.....Johann Jakob Froberger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Clap Your Hands.....Eleanor Daley

Chancel Choir

*Clap your hands together all you people. Sing unto God with the voice of melody,
clap your hands together.*

Please stand as you are able.

CALL TO WORSHIP

In our worship of God, let us
quicken our conscience by God's holiness;
nourish our minds by God's truth;
purify our imagination by God's beauty;
open our hearts to God's love.

**Let us surrender our wills to God's purpose,
and gather ourselves selflessly before God in adoration.**

OPENING PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

**Compassionate God, your Christ wept for the people
because of the hardness of their hearts.**

**Warm our hearts with your love, so that we might care deeply
for the people of our nation and world.**

**Transform our caring into bread for the hungry, healing for the sick,
and hope for those who hunger and thirst after justice,
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 545

The Church's One Foundation.....AURELIA

Please be seated.

PRESENTATION OF BIBLES

(after the Bibles are presented, the pastor will say to parents, children and congregation)

Parents, it wasn't so long ago that many of you stood with baby in your arms and made a sacred promise to God on behalf of your children to nurture them in Christ's holy church. Today as your children receive their Bible, will you recommit yourselves to this promise and to reading and studying the Bible with them?

Yes, with the help of God.

Congregation, you also agreed at baptism to nurture these children. Will you continue to help them grow in their faith as they read and study the Word of God?

Yes, with the help of God.

Children, You have just heard your parents and the congregation renew their commitment to help you grow in your faith. You are no longer a baby totally dependent on your parents. Some of the choices are yours now. This Bible that you have just received will help lead and guide you and your family through life. Do you promise to read the Bible and let it guide your life?

Yes, with the help of God.

Welcome!

Thank you for worshipping with us this morning! Please take a moment to sign the attendance notebooks during the announcements. If this is your first time, please leave your contact information and a pastor will contact you this week with more information about our church. Also, help yourself to a blue Wesley Memorial tote bag as our gift to you. Inside you will find information about our church. Check out our website at www.wesleymemorial.org and subscribe to our monthly newsletter or Wesley Weekly email blast for the latest events and opportunities!

"Clap Your Hands" was purchased for the glory of God by Anthem Angels Lou Anne and Dan Hamilton in loving memory of Louise Zimmerman.

Presenting the Bibles and representing the Millis-Covington families are Ned, Katherine and Braden Covington.

Special thanks to our Prayer Shawl Ministry for their gift of the needlework crosses that are in each Bible and to Betsey Clinard for doing the Bible plate calligraphy.

The Bible is a gift of God's word passed down to us through generations. This is a time of giving thanks for this gift that has been made possible through a fund established in 1922 by the late Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Millis in memory of their son, J. Edward Millis, Jr. We are grateful to the late Mrs. J. Harris Covington and the late James H. Millis, daughter and son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Millis, and their respective families for 96 years of perpetuating this meaningful gift. It is our desire to help children develop a love of the Bible and empower them with God's Word so that it may shape their lives today and in the future.

Service Notes:

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HYMN No. 277 (VERSE 1)

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus.....STORIES OF JESUS
Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear; things I would ask him to tell me if he were here: scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea, stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT/GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Dear Lord And Father.....C. Hubert H. Parry
Chancel Choir

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways; reclothe us in our rightful mind; in purer lives, Thy service find, in deeper reverence, praise. In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea, the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a word, rise up and follow Thee. Drop Thy still dews of quietness, Till all our strivings cease: take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of Thy peace. Breathe through the heats of our desire Thy coolness and Thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through the earthquake, wind and fire, O still small voice of calm! (John Greenleaf Whittier)

Please stand as you are able.

DOXOLOGY No. 94

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow.....LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Please be seated.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 14:1-6 (NT Pg. 108)

SERMON

"Exclusive Inclusivity"

Jeff Patterson

Please stand as you are able.

HYMN No. 191

Jesus Loves Me.....JESUS LOVES ME

BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

Grant Us, Lord, Thy Perfect Peace.....Dale Grotenhuis
Chancel Choir

Grant us, Lord, thy perfect peace when our minds are stayed on you. Guide us, Lord, upon our way as our trust is placed in you.

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

St. Vigor's March.....Christopher Tambling

Worship Leaders: Jeff Patterson, Senior Pastor; Melissa Lowe, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care and Missions; Clark Chilton, Associate Pastor for Contemporary Worship and Evangelism; Jacob Lancaster, Pastoral Intern; Anne Carroll, Director of Music Ministries; Chancel Choir; Frank Pifferetti, Organist; Sarah Faith Amos, Charley Doak, Acolytes; George Marsh, Crucifer; Will Smith, Bookbearer; Julie Price, Altar Guild; Jerry Tucker, Sound Engineer.

Ushers for September: Chris Dudley, Warren Lackey, Britt Lytle, Jobie Redmond, Jr., J.J. Smith, Bruce von der Lippe, Kevin von der Lippe.

Greeters: Norman Andrews, Bob Bass, Evelyn Davis.