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Second Presbyterian Church
Memphis, Tennessee

Thursday, June 24, 2021
Sanctuary · 7:30 p.m.

Order of Worship

41st Annual General Assembly *of the* Evangelical Presbyterian Church

THE LORD REVEALS HIS GLORY

PRELUDE: "Sweet, Sweet Spirit"Doris Mae Akers; arr. Claude Hinds

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan Burns

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: "The Lion and the Lamb" Loehrs, Galbraith

Words: Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring / Music: Dustin Loehrs, Dan Galbraith

**He's coming on the clouds;
Kings and kingdoms will bow down.
And every chain will break
As broken hearts declare His praise;
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?**

*Our God is the Lion, the Lion of Judah.
He's roaring with power and fighting our battles,
And every knee will bow before Him.*

*Our God is the Lamb, the Lamb that was slain.
For the sins of the world, His blood breaks the chains,
And every knee will bow before the Lion and the Lamb;
Every knee will bow before Him.*

**So open up the gates, make way before the King of kings.
The God who comes to save is here to set the captives free;
For who can stop the Lord Almighty?**

✦INVOCATION

✦EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11

Have this mind among yourselves,
which is yours in Christ Jesus,

**who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,**

but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.

**And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.**

Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,
**so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

✦DOXOLOGY..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Words: Thomas Ken / Music: Geistliche Kirchengesäng; arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams / Psalm 150:6

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

THE LORD ABOUND IN STEADFAST LOVE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious Father,
we thank You for the Gospel of Jesus which tells us
that the One who possesses real authority to assert His rights
lays them aside to humbly serve and die for us.
But we confess, in our pride,
we often haven't responded to the Gospel faithfully.
We have denied You with silence, passivity, and cowardice.
We have betrayed You with our idolatry, disobedience, and selfishness.
For these things we ask Your forgiveness and Your enabling grace.
Transform us into courageous ambassadors for Christ.
Draw us ever closer to You
and embolden us to take up our cross daily to follow You.
For we pray in the name of the One to whom every knee will bow
and every tongue confess, Jesus Christ our Lord.**

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.....Ephesians 1:7-8

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Funds from this evening's offering are designated to support the EPC's Restore Global Worker Health Fund and will be used to supplement pastoral care at the next World Outreach Family Gathering.

Ways to Give:

- Place cash or check (payable to EPC) in boxes at Sanctuary exits
- Visit epc.org/donate/restoreglobalworkerhealth
- Text "globalworkerhealth" to 50155

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Jehovah Sabaoth" Donald Lawrence

Words and Music: Donald Lawrence / Psalm 27:1

I shall not fear the arrow by day,
Nor shall I fear the terror by night.
The God who governs Angel Armies
Has set encampments around me,
Whom shall I fear?

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I'm not afraid, all is well.

Ephie Johnson, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS

THE LORD GIVES LIGHT TO OUR PATH

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 530 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

Words: Traditional Irish; Eleanor Hull / Music: arr. Samuel Metzger / Philippians 3:7

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Colossians 3:1-17

¹Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ²Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. ³For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. ⁴When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

⁵Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and greed, which is idolatry. ⁶Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. ⁷You used to walk in these ways, in the life you once lived. ⁸But now you must also rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips. ⁹Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices ¹⁰and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator. ¹¹Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised,

barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

¹²Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. ¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. ¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. ¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

SERMON: Choosing Your Identity D.A. Carson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

COMMISSIONING OF GLOBAL WORKERS

♣ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST..... Kauflin

Music: Jordan Kauflin / Isaiah 53:4-6

**I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.**

*Hallelujah! All I have is Christ.
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.*

**But as I ran my hell-bound race, indiff’rent to the cost
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross;
And I beheld God’s love displayed, You suffered in my place,
And bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace.**

**Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me.
O Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose
And let my song forever be: My only boast is You.**

✦BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION: "The Blessing"Sorenson

Words and Music: Kari Jobe Carnes, Cody Carnes, Chris Brown; arr. Sorenson / Numbers 6:24-26

The Lord bless you and keep you,
Make His face shine upon you, be gracious to you.
The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" Christopher Pardini

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Combined Chancel and Gospel Choirs directed by Calvin Ellis

*Instrumentalists: Samuel Metzger, organ; Barrie Cooper, Lenore McIntyre, James Ryan, violin;
Beth Luscombe, viola; Mark Wallace, cello; Michael Parsons, guitar;
Joe Mariencheck, bass guitar; Koleton Williams, Hammond organ; Claude Hinds, piano*

