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Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

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**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 6, 2020

11:00 A.M.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Spirituals"

setting by Marcia Wells

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Elder Clay Blue

Leader: God has set this day before us, a day set apart, a day of rest and praise.

All: God has set our lives before us, a span of years in which we love, and learn, and serve.

Leader: God has set God's seal upon our hearts, that we might live fully in deep love.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn #612

"We Praise You, O God"

KREMSE

Unison Prayer of Confession (from University Presbyterian Church, Tuscaloosa, AL)

Lord Jesus Christ, we expect that you will do what we want, whatever we ask. We want places of honor and all the glory. We want to be great. We want to be first. But you, O Christ, are servant of all. Forgive our brazenness. Forgive our self-importance. Forgive us. Teach us to be humble. Teach us to be more like you. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)



Like a Little Child

Matthew 18:1-5

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs."
Mark 10:14

"Humility is not thinking less of yourself, it's thinking of yourself less."

C.S. Lewis, 20th century British writer and lay theologian.



Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: This is the good news:

All: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people. Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon



Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 131

Elder Clay Blue

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:1-14

Sermon

"A Humbling Experience"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with 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.

"Do you wish to rise? Begin by descending. You plan a tower that will pierce the clouds?"

Lay first the foundation of humility."

Augustine of Hippo, 4th/5th century A.D. theologian and bishop in N. Africa



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

*"A person's pride
will bring
humiliation, but one
who is lowly in spirit
will obtain honor."
Proverbs 29:23*



*"Do nothing from
selfish ambition or
conceit, but in
humility regard
others as better
than yourselves.
Let each of you
look not to your
own interests, but
to the interests of
others."
Philippians 2:3-4*

Offertory

"Netherlands Folk Melody" setting by Larry Moore
*We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
In grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
We bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.*

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*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.*

The Affirmation of Faith: (from The Heidelberg Catechism [1563] in The Book of Confessions)

Q21: What is true faith?

A21: . True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

Hymn #729

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

GRAND ISLE

Benediction

Postlude



PREACHING SCHEDULE

“More Messages from Matthew” Preaching in September

DATE	SCRIPTURE PASSAGE	THEME
September 6	Matthew 18:1-14	True Greatness
September 13	Matthew 18:21-35	Forgiveness
September 20	Matthew 20:1-16	The Laborers in the Vineyard
September 27	Matthew 21:23-32	The Authority of Jesus Questioned

These scripture texts are provided in advance so you can read God’s Word as part of your preparation for worship. Please pray for Dr. Phil and our congregation as we hear God’s Word read and proclaimed in September.

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- * **Welcome back** to in-person worship!
- * **Today** we receive our quarterly (March, June, September, December) P.A.T.H. (Presbyterian Answer to Hunger) offering. This offering supports the Hunger Program of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina, which provides funding for children’s feeding programs in Malawi and Haiti and for congregational food ministries such as our own Helping Hands Food Pantry. Thank you for your generous contributions.
- * **The church office** will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.
- * **There will be no Monday night Zoom Bible Study this week.**
- * **Please join** the minister for a Zoom Bible study on Matthew 18:21-35 on Wednesday, September 9 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. We will talk about Peter’s question for Jesus, “If another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” What do you think?



The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are given in honor of Effie Mobley's 86th Birthday (on September 8) by Glenda Mobley. Happy Birthday!!

