

# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

OCTOBER 14, 2018

Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

—Mark 10.29-31

## GATHERING AT GOD'S INVITATION

MUSIC FOR GATHERING

Marietta Mobley *piano*

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Harrison Rose

OPENING SENTENCES

Rev. Alan Sherouse

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

*Ron Boud*

*Serve the Lord with Gladness*  
Baker Lawrimore, Ministry Fellow *organ*

†INVOCATION

Lindsey Pegram

In you, eternal Father, and through your son, Jesus Christ, we find the beginning and end of all things. In him we find hope, forgiveness, and courage for new beginnings.

**Let then, O God, the fresh winds of your Spirit sweep into our lives this day, so that this act of worship and the week to follow may become a time of renewal and rededication to your service. Amen.**

†HYMN

*Serve the Lord with Gladness*  
(please see insert)

LEE

†WORDS OF FRIENDSHIP

Rev. Courtney Willis

A TIME FOR CHILDREN

Christina McCord

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

During the musical interlude, children, ages four through first grade, may attend **Junior Church** and return to the sanctuary after the sermon.

CHORAL PRAYER

*Mark Hayes*

*You Are Mine*  
Youth Choir

*Cynthia Hartis accompanist, Renee Fila flute*

*I will come to you in the silence, I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice, be still and know I am here.*

*I am home for all who are hopeless, I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night I will be your light, come and rest in me.*

*Do not be afraid, I am with you. I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me, I will bring you home; I love you and you are mine.*

*I am strength for all the despairing, I am healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and all will know my name.*

*I am the Word that leads all to freedom, I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name embracing all your pain. Stand up, now walk, and live!*

—David Haas (from Psalm 46, Isaiah 43, and John 14)

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO PRAYER

Dr. Steve Sumerel

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin.

**Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.**

—Hebrews 4.14-16

# HEARING GOD'S WORD

OPENING OF GOD'S WORD

C. J. Rainey

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Rev. Willis

Mark 10:17-31

SERMON

Rev. Sherouse

Upside Down | Where the Last Are First

# RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†HYMN OF RESPONSE 648

ANGEL'S STORY

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

MUSICAL INTERLUDE

SERVE WITH GLADNESS

Lindsey Pegram

CHORAL OFFERING

*Rollo Dilworth*

*Serve the Lord with Gladness*

High School Choir

Anna Hartis and Graham Bland *soloists*

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; \_\_\_\_\_

Praise God all crea - tures high and low; \_\_\_\_\_



## SENDING INTO GOD'S WORLD

†BENEDICTION

Rev. Sherouse

†ORGAN DISMISSAL

Ron Boud

*Serve the Lord with Gladness*



**Guests** are warmly welcomed today. There are several ways during the worship hour that we can become better acquainted.

During the **Words of Friendship** we will share a personal greeting with those sitting around us. You will find a **Connection Card** in the bulletin that can be filled out and dropped in the offering plate as it is passed in the service. **Ministers** will be greeting worshipers at each exit door after the service.