

# CELEBRATION FOR THE LORD'S DAY

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM • Internet/radio AM 850 and FM 92.5 at 11:00 AM

JANUARY 28, 2018 • FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Rev. Dr. Larry Michael

-from Ps. 124:8, 118:24, & Ps. 95:1, 2  
Words in **bold text** are spoken in unison by the congregation.

In confession we acknowledge honestly before God who we are... sinners in need of God's forgiving grace.

Please sign the Friendship Pad located in the pew, and pass it down the row.

\*Those able may stand.  
†\*Waiting worshipers may be seated at this time.

**WELCOME & PRELUDE** "Be Thou My Vision" Healey Willan

## CHORAL INTROIT

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Our help is in the name of the LORD,  
**who made heaven and earth.**  
This is the day that the LORD has made;  
**let us rejoice and be glad in it.**  
O come, let us sing to the LORD  
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!  
**Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,**  
**singing joyful songs of praise.**

†\***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #150** (blue)  
"Come, Christians, Join to Sing" MADRID  
*Entrance of the Word and the Light*

### \*PRAYER OF ADORATION

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.**

### \*DECLARATION OF GRACE & FORGIVENESS

\***RESPONSE** "Gloria Patri" GLORIA PATRI  
*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.*

†\***PEACE OF CHRIST** The peace of Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

## CELEBRATIONS

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

**CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE** "Jesus Loves Me!" Jesus Loves Me  
*Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong;  
they are weak, but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!  
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 1:14-20 page 42

**EPISTLE LESSON** 1 Thessalonians 5:12-25 page 250  
This is the Word of the LORD.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SOLO** "I'd Rather Have Jesus" arr. David Parker and Duane Ream  
*I'd rather have Jesus than silver or gold I'd rather be his than have riches untold  
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or land  
Yes I'd rather be led by his nail pierced hands  
Than to be the king of a best domain and beheld in sins dread sway  
I'd rather have Jesus than anything this world affords today.  
I'd rather have Jesus than worldly applause I'd rather be faithful to his dear cause  
I'd rather have Jesus than world wide things I'd rather be true to his holy name.*

\***OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** 1 Samuel 7:1-17 pages 310-311  
This is the Word of the LORD.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\***HYMN #356** (blue) "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON  
Stanzas 1 & 2

**SERMON** "Here I Raise My Ebenezer! What's That?"  
#3 A Faith For All Seasons (Adult)  
*"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Jeshanah, and named it Ebenezer; for he said, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'" 1 Samuel 7:12*

\***HYMN** "Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON  
*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be! Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee: prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.*

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
The Apostle's Creed (Traditional) page 14 (blue)

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/LORD'S PRAYER

**OFFERING OF OURSELVES & OUR GIFTS TO GOD**  
**Offertory Anthem** "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Tom Fettke  
*When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;  
The moon and stars suspended in space. Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?*

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Ramey Harrell - Children come forward.

Children ages 3-5 may leave the Sanctuary for Enrichment after this time.

Lay Readers:  
Melinda Harden- 8:30  
Ken Laney - 11:00

Our worship centers around the reading and interpretation of Scripture.

Kathryne Overturf, mezzo soprano

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An Affirmation of Faith summarizes our belief and trust.

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In our offering we give back to God not only our money but our whole lives in joyful commitment.

You have given man a crown of glory and honor, And have made him a little lower than the angels. You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field, The birds of the air, The fish of the sea. Oh, what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?  
O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name transcends the earth and fills the heavens. O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly, and so would we. And so would we. Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**\*DOXOLOGY AT THE PRESENTATION**

OLD HUNDREDETH

*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*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

**\*HYMN #339 (blue)**

“Be Thou My Vision”

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**\*CHALLENGE & BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

“Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

NETTLETON

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**POSTLUDE**

“Let Us All Sing Praises to God, our Lord”

Healey Willan

**THE RADIO BROADCAST TODAY** is given to the glory of God and in honor of Keith & Maxine by Glenn and Chris Davis.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO** Hayley McDonald and Caleb Zorn who were married in our sanctuary on Saturday, January 27, 2018. Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley and T. L. Holt officiated the ceremony. **THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY** are given to the glory of God and in grateful friendship and wonderful ministry of Gayle and Ed Hurley by the McDonald family.

**LENT SMALL GROUPS** - Lord, Teach Us To Pray will begin soon. Please see the separate insert for sign up and place in the offering plate.

*The Voyage of Life is a series of paintings created by Thomas Cole in 1842, representing an allegory of the four stages of human life: childhood, youth, manhood, and old age. The paintings depict a voyager who travels in a boat on a river through the mid-19th century American wilderness. In each painting the voyager rides the boat on the River of Life accompanied by a guardian angel. The landscape, each reflecting one of the four seasons of the year, plays a major role in conveying the story. With each installment the boat's direction of travel is reversed from the previous picture. In childhood, the infant glides from a dark cave into a rich, green landscape. As a youth, the boy takes control of the boat and aims for a shining castle in the sky. In manhood, the adult relies on prayer and religious faith to sustain him through rough waters and a threatening landscape. Finally, the man becomes old and the angel guides him to heaven across the waters of life.*

**NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE FROM,  
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*The Voyage of Life: Manhood*

*“Samuel was a combination prophet, judge and one-man band. When the old curmudgeon wasn't out in the field trying to fight off the Philistine guerrillas, he was riding his circuit trying to keep the tribes of Israel honest, and when he wasn't doing that, he was giving them Hell for cheating on Yahweh every time a new fertility god showed up with a come-hither look in his eye.”*

~Frederick Buechner



**SOUTH HIGHLAND  
PRESBYTERIAN**

Rev. Dr. Ed Hurley

With the Benediction we are sent forth to serve God in the world.

ALL MEMBERS AND VISITORS are invited to stop by after the 11:00am Worship Service to enjoy light refreshments and each other at our SUNDAY CELEBRATION in the Waters' Atrium at the bottom of the staircase.

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