



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee

Pentecost Season

August 4, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Psalm 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped; my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And, also, with you!

Our help is in the name of the LORD.

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth.

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples!

For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 7: "From All That Dwell below the Skies"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† Congregation stands, if able

* Seating for latecomers at this time

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GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Psalm 32:1-5

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.

Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.

For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer.

I acknowledged my sin to you,
and I did not cover my iniquity;

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin.

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before you, our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned against you, in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us. Teach us to hate our errors and cleanse us from our secret faults. Forgive us for every failure; help us to follow You in every way, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 8:37-39

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

† GLORIA PATRI (with hands lifted)

**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.**

†* **HYMN OF PRAISE:** "How Deep the Father's Love for Us" (printed on page 8)

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 20

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: James 1:19-27

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Mark 7:14-23

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

† **HYMN NO. 34:** "The God of Abraham Praise"

READING OF GOD'S WORD: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Message of 1 Thessalonians, Sermon II
When the Gospel Takes Root

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic* church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic=universal*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY (with hands lifted)

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

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

+ SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

+ SANCTUS

Sung in unison

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full__of your Glo - ry. Ho

9

san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he__ who_ comes__

17

in__ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Song: No. 689 "Be Still, My Soul" v. 1-2

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song: No. 689 "Be Still, My Soul" v. 3-4

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 598: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

† **BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

(as published by Capitol CMG Publishing)

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VERSE

♩ = 54

D Em D/F# G D/F# D/A A

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that
 (2. Be) hold the Man up - on a cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -
 (3. I) will not boast in an - y - thing: No gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But

3 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D

He should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ: His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why

5 Em D/F# G D/F# Bm A

great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But

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How Deep The Father's Love For Us - 2

TURNAROUND

7 D Em D/F# G D/F# A D *Fine*



wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.

10 G/B D/A D G2 *D.C. al Fine*



2. Be
 3. I