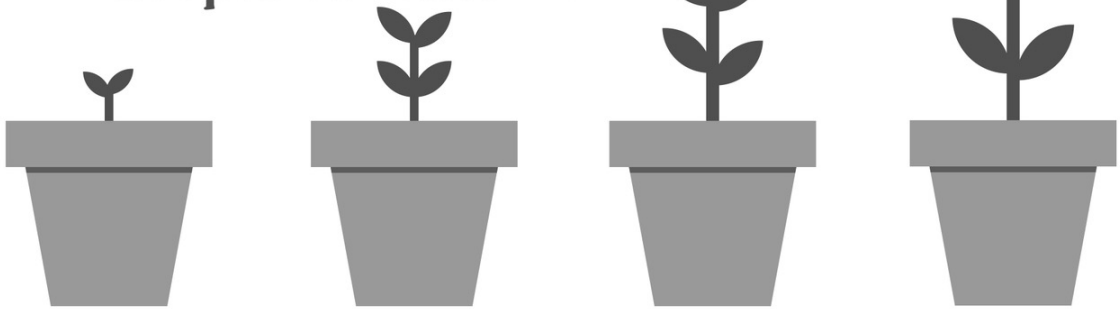




Stories of Growth

Parables from the Gospel of Luke



8:30 service + September 23, 2018

Worshiping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and the presence of children is a gift to the church.

All are welcome here. Other options for children include nursery (ages 8 weeks — 2 years), the cry room, and children's worship during the sermon at the 8:30 service (ages 3 — 1st grade).

Ushers or greeters can give you directions.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Mark 10:14)

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Ben Tzeng

Themes and keywords: humble/humility, serve

Prelude

Abide With Me

arr. Dan Marvin

Brass Choir

Bridget Boyle, accompanist

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Revelation 15:3-4

Liturgist: Come and worship the Lord God Almighty
for great and amazing are all his deeds!

All: *Just and true are all his ways!*

Liturgist: Who will not fear the Lord, and glorify his name?
For he alone is holy.

**All: *All nations will come and worship him,
for his righteous acts have been revealed.***

We praise God

We Come, O Christ, to You
Hymnal #117

Text: Margaret Clarkson
Tune: John Darwall

We pray for God to help us worship

Pastor: Christ is risen!

**All: *He is risen indeed!
He died for us that we might live for him.***

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God calls us to confess our sin

from John 10:14-15; Matthew 11:28-30

Liturgist: Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own, and my own know me, and I lay down my life for the sheep. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

We confess our sin

Lord, Have Mercy

from Parish Presbyterian Church, Franklin, TN

Text: Ancient Greek prayer

Tune: Gregory Wilbur 2009

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -cy, have mer- cy, Lord.
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -cy, have mer- cy, Lord.

Liturgist: Gracious Father, you give us hospitality at your table
and pursue and serve the suffering with humble steadfast love.

**All: *But we have not loved our neighbors as you have loved us.
Forgive us for neglecting people in need
whom we can serve with your love.
Forgive our closed eyes that do not see or seek people who are suffering.
Forgive our closed hands when we extend our affection and concern
only to the circle of friends like us
and exclude those who need your welcome.
Forgive us for closed hearts
that make us more proud than humble,
more apathetic than active,
more callous than compassionate.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.***

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Father, give us the humble heart of Jesus by your Spirit
that we might seek and serve the neglected,
welcome others as we have been welcomed by you,
comfort others as we have been comforted by you,
and build up others as we have been strengthened by you.

Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer -cy, have mer- cy, Lord.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God declares our forgiveness

from Ephesians 2:13-14, 16

Liturgist: In Christ Jesus, you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace and has reconciled us to God in one body through the cross.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God


See, the Conqueror Mounts in Triumph

Text: Christopher Wordsworth 1862

Tune: Henry Smart 1868

1. See, the Conqu-'ror mounts in tri-umph. See the King in roy - al state,
2. Who is this that comes in glo - ry, with the trump of ju - bi - lee?
3. Now our heav'n - ly Aar - on en - ters with his blood with - in the veil.
4. You have raised our hu - man nat - ure in the clouds to God's right hand.

rid - ing on the clouds, his char - iot, to his heav'n - ly pal - ace gate.
Lord of bat - tles, God of ar - mies, he has gained the vic - to - ry.
Jo - shua now has come to Ca - naan, though the kings a - gainst him rail.
There we sit in heav'n - ly pla - ces; there with you in glo - ry stand.



Hark! the choirs of an - gel voi - ces joy - ful al - le - lu - ias sing,
 He who on the cross did suf - fer, he who from the grave a - rose,
 Now he plants the tribes of Is - rael in their pro - mised rest - ing place.
 Je - sus reigns, a - dored by an - gels, man with God is on the throne.

and the gates on high are o - pened to re - ceive their heav'n - ly King.
 he has van - quished sin and Sa - tan. He by death has spoiled his foes.
 Now our great E - li - jah of - fers dou - ble por - tion of his grace.
 Migh - ty Lord, in your a - scen - sion, we by faith be - hold our own.

SEATED

They'll Know We Are Christians
 Chancel Choir

Text and music: Peter Scholtes
 arr. Mark Hayes

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord.
 And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain:

And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
 Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other; we will walk hand in hand
 And together spread the news that God is in our land. (refrain)

We will work with each other; we will work side by side.
 And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. (refrain)

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
 And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son.
 And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. (refrain)

We greet one another with the peace of Christ

SEATED

God instructs us in scripture reading

Luke 14:12-24
(pew Bible p. 874)

God instructs us in preaching

“The Great Banquet”
Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

My Worth Is Not in What I Own

Text and music: Keith and Kristyn Getty,
Graham Kendrick
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| 1. My worth is not in what I own, | not in the strength of flesh and bone, |
| 2. My worth is not in skill or name, | in win or lose, in pride or shame, |
| 3. As sum-mer flow'rs we fade and die, | fame, youth, and beau - ty hur - ry by, |
| 4. I will not boast in wealth or might, | or hu - man wis - dom's fleet ing light, |
| 5. Two won - ders here that I con - fess: | my worth and my un - wor - thi - ness. |



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| but in the cost - ly wounds of love | at the cross. (verse 2) | I re - joice in my re - deem - er, great - est |
| but in the blood of Christ that flowed | at the cross. (chorus) | |
| but life e - ter - nal calls to us | at the cross. (verse 4) | |
| but I will boast in know - ing Christ | at the cross. (chorus) | |
| My val - ue fixed, my ran - som paid, | at the cross. (chorus) | |



treasure, well spring of my soul. I will trust in him, no o - ther. My soul is sat - is - fied in him a - lone.

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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.*

We praise God

You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim

Text: Charles Wesley 1744
Tune: Joseph Martin Kraus 1784

1. You ser - vants of God, your mas - ter pro - claim,
2. God rules us on high, al - migh - ty to save,
3. Sal - va - tion to God who sits on the throne!
4. Then let us a - dore, and give him his right,

and pub - lish a - broad his won - der - ful name.
and still he is nigh - his pre - sence we have.
Let all cry a - loud and hon - or the Son.
all glo - ry and pow'r, and wis - dom and might,

The name, all vic - tor - ious, of Je - sus ex - tol
The great con - gre - ga - tion his tri - umph shall sing,
The prais - es of Je - sus the an - gels pro - claim
all hon - or and bless - ing, with an - gels a - bove

His king - dom is glor - ious, and rules o - ver all.
as - crib - ing sal - va - tion to Je - sus, our King.
fall down on their fac - es and wor - ship the Lamb.
and thanks nev - er ceas - ing for in - fi - nite love.

God blesses us and sends us out

Pastor: And all God's people said . . .

All: **Hallelujah! Amen.**

Doxology

Text: Thomas Ken 1709

Tune: Louis Bourgeois, *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures here be - low;
Praise Him a - bove, ye heavn' - ly hosts; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and
Ho - ly Ghost. A - men, A - men, A - - - men.

Postlude

Postlude on DARWHALL'S 148th

C. Callahan

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