

### **Call for Offering**

Leader: As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

### **Offertory O God Beyond All Praising**

*G. Holst*

### **\*Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost**

### **\*Prayer of Dedication**

**All: We dedicate these gifts, O God, for the work of your kingdom. Use all that we have and all that we are for your service. Amen.**

### **\*Hymn #444 I Love To Tell The Story**

I love to tell the story of unseen things above,  
Of Jesus and His glory, of Jesus and His love.  
I love to tell the story, because I know 'tis true;  
It satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain:

I love to tell the story, 'twill be my theme in glory,  
To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His love.

I love to tell the story; more wonderful it seems  
Than all the golden fancies of all our golden dreams.

I love to tell the story, it did so much for me;  
And that is just the reason I tell it now to thee. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story; 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems,  
Each time I tell it, more wonderfully sweet.  
I love to tell the story, for some have never heard  
The message of salvation from God's own holy Word. [Refrain]

I love to tell the story, for those who know it best  
Seem hungering and thirsting to hear it like the rest.  
And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the new, new song,  
'Twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long. [Refrain]

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### **\*Charge and Benediction**

### **\*Congregational Benediction**

**Make us one, Lord, make us one;  
Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let your love flow so the world will know  
we are one in you**

### **Postlude March from Floridante**

*G. F. Handel*

### **Greeters**

**Carl Snow, Cindy Snow**

### **Ushers**

**Don Grogan, Denna Grogan, Dana Lamb, Mike Lamb**

### **Liturgist**

**Lyn Oakley**

### **Music**

**Ethan Hogan, Nancy Wells, FCPC Choral Ensemble**

### **Bridge Interim**

**Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins**

*Lyn Oakley*

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### **Prelude Blessed, Jesus, We are Here**

*J. S. Bach*

*Nancy Wells*

### **Word of Welcome**

*Lyn Oakley*

### **Call to Worship**

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: At the presence of God, we rejoice:

**All: glorifying the One who is Parent of all orphans.**

Leader: In the presence of Jesus Christ, we listen:

**All: to the Voice who calls us to humbly serve others.**

Leader: Through the presence of the Holy Spirit, we speak:

**All: making God's love known to the world-forsaken in our midst**

### **Prayer of the Day**

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: Almighty God, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended into heaven to fulfill all things. Give us now the faith to trust his promise, that he abides with us to the end of time. Both now and forever. Amen.

### **\*Hymn #43 All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name**

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.  
Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all.

Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,  
Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all.  
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Let every kindred, every tribe on this terrestrial ball,  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.  
To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.  
We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all.

### **Ritual of Friendship**

*Lyn Oakley*

*Members and Guests – Please sign and pass the friendship register  
located on the center aisle under the pew in front*

### **Call to Confession**

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: Our hearts long for God, and we know we fall short of God's glory, so let us now confess to God the ways we have individually and collectively fallen short of God's Grace.

### ***Prayer of Confession***

*Lyn Oakley*

**All: Almighty God, we confess that we let our fears get the better of us. At times we feel frozen, stuck right where we are, not only physically, but mentally and spiritually. We end up focused on the wrong things, looking back instead of looking forward. Remind us that we are not alone. Remind us that You are always present with us. Remind us that Your perfect love casts out fear. Restore us, O God, so that we may know Your steadfast love endures forever. Amen and Amen.**

*(Time for Silent Confession)*

### ***Assurance of Forgiveness and Peace***

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: God is on the move. God is in our hearts. God is by our side. God is with us. Know that God's love enfolds you, and covers you, and is with you always. You are God's beloved child. You are forgiven and restored. Share the good news. Share God's love and forgiveness. Amen.

### ***\*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.***

### ***\*Passing the Peace***

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: Since we are reconciled to God in Christ, let us share the sign of peace with one another. May the peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you!**

### ***Prayer of Illumination***

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light we may see light, in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### ***Psalm Reading Psalm 68: 1-6***

*Lyn Oakley*

### ***Anthem I Am Bound For The Kingdom***

Sing the wondrous love of Jesus, Sing His mercy and His grace.  
In the mansions bright and blessed He'll prepare for us a place.  
I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

While we walk the pilgrim pathway Clouds will overspread the sky.  
But when traveling days are over, Not a shadow, not a sigh!  
I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Let us be then be true and faithful, Trusting, serving ev'ry day;  
Just one glimpse of Him in glory Will the toils of life repay.  
I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord! I am bound for the kingdom,  
Will you go to glory with me? Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

Onward to the prize before us! Soon His beauty will behold;  
Soon the pearly gates will open, We shall tread the streets of gold.  
I am bound for the kingdom, Will you go to glory with me?  
Hallelujah, praise the Lord!

### ***New Testament Reading Acts 1:6-14***

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

### ***Sermon Between the Times***

*Rev. Dr. Scott Rollins*

### ***\*Affirmation of Faith from Philippians 2:5-11***

*Lyn Oakley*

**All: Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death— even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen**

### ***\*Hymn #571 Trust And Obey (1,2,3,5)***

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,  
What a glory He sheds on our way!  
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,  
And with all who will trust and obey.  
Refrain:  
Trust and obey, for there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.  
Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,  
But His smile quickly drives it away;  
Not a doubt nor a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,  
Can abide while we trust and obey. [Refrain]  
Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share,  
But our toil He doth richly repay;  
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross,  
But is blessed if we trust and obey. [Refrain]  
Then in fellowship sweet we will sit at His feet.  
Or we'll walk by His side in the way.  
What He says we will do, where He sends we will go;  
Never fear, only trust and obey. [Refrain]

### ***Living Into the Covenant & The Lord's Prayer***

*Lyn Oakley*

Leader: There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling,

**ALL: one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.**

Leader: Obeying the word of our Lord Jesus, and confident of his promises, we baptize those whom God has called. In baptism God claims us, and seals us to show that we belong to God. God frees us from sin and death, uniting us with Jesus Christ in his death and resurrection. By water and the Holy Spirit, we are made members of the church, the body of Christ, and joined to Christ's ministry of love, peace, and justice. Let us remember with joy our own baptism, and at baptism we are joined to one another as siblings. We are also called to nurture, love, pray for and with one another as siblings. The mentoring program at Fountain City Presbyterian Church is a deliberate space created to foster spiritual friendships. As a sign of the commitment of each mentor and youth we will commission them to these sacred relationships.

Leader: **Susan, Joe Ben, Charline, and Nan** will you, by your prayers and witness,

Leader: Promise to nurture and deliberately create space to foster spiritual friendships with your mentor?

**Mentors: I will.**

Leader: **Emma, Charlie, Maggie, and Laurel** will you, by your prayers and witness, promise to nurture and deliberately create space to foster spiritual friendships with your mentor?

**Youth: I will.**

Leader: Do you, as members of the church of Jesus Christ and siblings knit together by the Holy Spirit, promise to pray for and encourage Susan and Emma, Joe Ben and Charlie, Charline and Maggie, Nan and Laurel with love and prayer?

**Congregation: We Do.**

Leader: Trusting in Jesus who taught us to pray:

**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**