



A Service of Worship for the Lord's Day
Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

10:00 am



Moyers, Mike. **Israel**, from Art in the Christian Tradition,
a project of the Vanderbilt University Divinity Library, Nashville, TN.



Welcome! Your presence in the worshipping community is a gift! Please be sure to let us know you're here by using your phone's camera to scan the QR code. If you have the Connect app, you may also check in using Realm.

Large print bulletins are available at each entrance.

Hearing devices are available on the table at the back of the sanctuary.

Nursery is available for children through age 5.

At the sign * you may rise in body or spirit.

Bold text is read or sung in unison.

*Please be aware that you may be visible on the livestream camera
at any time during worship.*

We Gather at God's Call

For Silent Meditation

Your unending grace pours over us day by day, drenching us with gifts beyond measure. In response to your love, we have come to offer our hearts and our praise to you, our Giving God. Help us to worship with unbridled joy. Through your extravagant gift to us, even Jesus Christ, your Son. Amen.

Sounding of the Chimes

Pouring of the Water

Welcome and Announcements

John P. Leggett

Prelude

Love One Another

Clay Christiansen

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*Call to Worship

Jenna Coy

The earth belongs to God,

the earth and all its people.

How good it is, how wonderful,

to live together in unity.

Love and faith come together,

justice and peace join hands.

If Christ's disciples keep silent

these stones would shout aloud

Open our lips, O God,

and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

*Hymn 263 (Vss. 1-2, 4)

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

CORONATION

Call to Confession

Jackie Graves

Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,

**like Jacob, we often try and secure our future
by our own wits and efforts.**

**We cling to old hurts, old identities, and old fears,
rather than trusting your promise of newness.**

**We confess that we resist the changes
you seek to work within us.**

We fear the uncertainty of surrendering to your will.

Forgive us for fearing your blessing.

**Give us the courage to entrust ourselves to you,
that we may walk in newness of life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Promise of Forgiveness

The mercy of the Lord is deep and everlasting. The good news is that God forgives our sins and makes us whole.

Thanks be to God! We are free to live as a forgiven people. Amen.

Musical Offering

O Jesus, I Have Promised
Summer Choir

Howard Helvey
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*O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
be Thou forever near me, my master and my friend:
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my guide.
O let me hear Thee speaking in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.
O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow Thee,
that where Thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end.
O give me grace to follow, my master and my friend.*

Children at the Chancel

Jenna Coy

Chil - dren wel - come in the name of Je - sus. Chil - dren wel - come
in the name of love. All are wel - come in the name of
Je - sus. All are wel - come in the name of love.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time on a single staff. It features a melody with lyrics underneath. The lyrics are: 'Chil - dren wel - come in the name of Je - sus. Chil - dren wel - come in the name of love. All are wel - come in the name of Je - sus. All are wel - come in the name of love.' The score ends with a double bar line.

Words and Music by David L. Edwards ©2001

Children Are Invited to W.O.W. (Worship Our Way)

*Children can be picked up on the 3rd floor outside Rooms 300 and 301.
We will complete our worship by 11:00 am.*

We Listen for the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Reading

Genesis 32:22-31

*An Affirmation of Faith

**We believe there is no condemnation
for those who are in Christ Jesus;
for we know that all things work together for good
for those who love God,
who are called according to God's purpose.
We are convinced 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. Amen.**

(Romans 8:1, 28, 38, 39)

*Hymn 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need

RESIGNATION

We Respond to God with Thanksgiving

Concerns and Celebrations

Katherine Redmond

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Offering



*No matter how or where we give, our giving is an act of worship.
You may share your gifts by placing them
in one of the offering plates by each sanctuary door,
mailing them to the church office,
or through the secure online link to give electronically.
Or text 2PRESLEX and any amount to 73256 to give.*

Offertory Hymn 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

*Doxology (A Song of Praise)

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God all creatures here below.
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer (unison)

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.

God Sends Us to the World

*Hymn 81 (Vss. 1-2)	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>	AUSTRIAN HYMN
*Charge and Blessing		John P. Leggett
*Postlude	<i>Arrival of the Queen of Sheba</i>	G. F. Handel arr. Colin Hand ©1995 Kevin Mayhew, Ltd. OneLicense #A-70283



Today's flowers are given in celebration of the **55th Wedding Anniversary** of **Michael and Barbara Hagen**.

2026 Sanctuary Flowers: Donating floral bouquets adds to the beauty of our sanctuary on Sundays and gives you a chance to remember a loved one. You are also welcome to celebrate a birthday, anniversary, wedding, or baptism. Scan the QR code on page 7 to see the Sundays we have open, or contact the church office (859-254-7768).

This Week at Second

Sunday, August 23 9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Lemonade in the Courtyard 11:15 am Youth Fellowship Kick-Off	Thursday, August 27 7:15 pm Covenant Choir Rehearsal Friday, August 28 <i>No events scheduled.</i>
Monday, August 24 9:30 am Coffee and Conversation (Gathering Place)	Saturday, August 29 9:00 am Saturday Book Group (Forum)
Tuesday, August 25 10:00 am Staff Meeting 6:30 pm CROP Walk Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	Sunday, August 30 9:30 am Summer Choir Rehearsal 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Lemonade in the Courtyard 11:20 am Sunday School Teacher Meeting (Campbell Memorial Room) 5:00 pm Downtown Youth Group (Faith Lutheran)
Wednesday, August 26 6:30 am Men's Book Group (Zoom) 12:00 pm Backpack Buddies	

Upcoming Events:

September 6-27: Civil Rights Exhibit (Fellowship Hall)

September 13: Return to Regular Worship Schedule

September 13: Sunday School Kick Off (Fellowship Hall)

Children & Youth Announcements

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Youth Fellowship Kick-Off TODAY: All rising 6th through 12th graders are invited to our first Youth Fellowship of the year today from **11:00-12:30 pm**. We will meet for Lemonade in the Courtyard and then head to the youth room for lunch and fellowship. It will be a great time to connect after summer!

Downtown Youth Group Kick-Off will be held for all 6th-12th graders at **Faith Lutheran** (100 Bates Creek Rd.) next Sunday, August 30th from 5:00-7:00 p.m. Join other youth from local downtown churches for fun and fellowship!

Youth and Children Sunday School Kick-Off: All children, youth, and their parents are invited to join us for our annual Sunday School kick-off on **September 13th at 9:40 am in Fellowship Hall!** We will have breakfast goodies (fruit, muffins, water and juice), parents can turn in the annual registration and release forms and youth and children can meet their teachers! **Come join us as we begin a new year of learning and growing in faith together as followers of Jesus!**

Other Announcements

Sign-ups for all events can be found by scanning the QR code.

Additional information is available on our website.



Lemonade in the Courtyard will take place today following the service. Please exit the sanctuary by the door to your left. An elevator or stairwell will take you to the lower level. This is a wonderful way to get to know others in our church family.

Sing with the Summer Choir! All youth and adults are welcome to join us at **9:30 am in the sanctuary** in preparation for the 10:00 service. Singers will receive the anthem of the day, a choir folder, and a warm welcome. Anthems are chosen to be prepared in a very short time. **Next Sunday will be the final Summer Choir Sunday of the year.**

Coffee & Conversation: Join Pastor John, various staff members, and unknown others from the congregation each **Monday morning from 9:30-10:30 am** (or so) in the Gathering Place.

The Covenant Choir has resumed weekly Thursday evening rehearsals **from 7:15 to 8:30 pm.**

During the summer months, remember to bring your non-perishable food items on Sunday, or during office hours, and place them in the **God's Pantry Blue Barrel,** located at the bottom of the steps near the youth entrance.

Faith and Justice in the 1960s: an exhibit about the role of churches in the civil rights movement to be on display in the Fellowship Hall throughout the month of September. It includes banners from the Presbyterian Historical Society, as well as from the Lexington Herald-Leader and church archives. On **Sunday, September 13th,** the public is invited to an open house from **12:00 to 3:00 pm.**

Church Prayer List: Please contact the church office if you would like to add yourself or someone else to our prayer list. To keep the congregation's prayer list focused on immediate prayer concerns, we will ordinarily remove names and causes after three weeks. You may also contact the church office if you wish to have a name or cause on our prayer list for an extended period.

Women's Saturday Discussion Group meets each Saturday at 9:00 a.m. in the Forum Room. Contact Amy Palmer (859-825-8703) for details.

Men's Book Group meets each Wednesday (6:30-7:30 a.m.) by Zoom. Contact Shawn Caudill (timothy.caudill@uky.edu or 859-608-6662) for Zoom instructions and details.

Blue bins are available at each sanctuary exit for you to **recycle your bulletin.**

Prayer Concerns

In Our Church Family

Pennilu Gerard	Jorene Terry
Julia Leopold	Dwight Carpenter
Libby Messer	Kenny Leatherman
Robbie Messer	David Porter
Carol Karutz (Cathy Rogers's mother)	

Global Concerns

You may keep up with the most recent and ongoing responses of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance from the link on our church website, or by going directly to the denomination's website at www.pcusa.org. Your gifts support good and important work.

We Celebrate with...

...**AliceAnn Sanders**, who celebrated her 96th birthday on August 21st.

Church Staff

Gary L. Anderson, Director of Music and Covenant Choir
Martha Anderson, Organist
Katie Baird, Assistant Director of Children and Youth
Jenna Coy, Director of Children and Youth
Jackie Graves, Parish Nurse
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