

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

*I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus-no turning back, no turning back.*

*The world behind me, the cross before me, the world behind me,  
the cross before me, the world behind me, the cross before me-  
no turning back, no turning back.*

\*POSTLUDE            “Praise Ye the Lord”            (Robert J. Hughes)  
Rick Robertson, piano

\*Please stand if you are able

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**Happy Birthday this week to:** (8/5) Rob Cathey, Keirsten Robinson;  
(8/6) Cory D’Angelo.

**Mickey’s SS Class** will be meeting every Sunday in Darden Hall at 9:45  
a.m.. and also via Zoom.

**The Mollie Darden Circle** will be hosting a Dinner & Bible Study at Nut-  
wood Winery on Thursday, August 20 at 6:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Patti  
Knox at 706-594-4951.

**The Noon & Mollie Darden Circles** thank you for all of the yard sale do-  
nations; however, they will not be accepting any more donations during the  
month of August. Instead, they will be hosting a Virtual Yard Sale on  
Facebook. More details forthcoming.

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

**Liturgist:** Sandy Mann

**Elders on Duty:** Sandy Mann, Elliot Lamb

**Loyd Presbyterian Church Program Team:**

Adrienne Hardie, Church Secretary  
Shelley Skinner, Financial Secretary  
Mike Pauley, Youth Director  
Marty Davis, Music Director  
Jo Loyd, Organist  
Rick Robertson, Pianist  
Koren Stapp, Nursery Coordinator  
Pam Darden, God’s Promised Land Coordinator  
Amy Crites, Children’s Choir Director  
Meagan Ferrell, Nursery Worker

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*If you are interested in church membership,  
or have a question about the life and ministry of this congregation,  
please speak with one of our elders.*



# LOYD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

August 2, 2020

11:00 a.m. Worship

9th Sunday after Pentecost

## GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE            “I’d Rather Have Jesus”            (arr. Livingston)  
Rick Robertson, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God made all nations to inhabit the whole earth,

**People: He allotted the times of their existence and the  
boundaries of the places where they would live,**

Leader: So that they would search for God and find him – though  
indeed he is not far from each one of us.

**People: For in him we live and move and have our being.  
For we too are his offspring.**

Leader: Let us together seek God, the divine creator of us all,  
and worship the Lord with true devotion.

\*HYMN #482            “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;  
Join me in glad adoration!*

*Praise ye the Lord, who o’er all things so wondrously reigneth,  
Shelters thee under His wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!  
Hast thou not seen How thy desires e’er have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?*

*Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen Sound from His people again;  
Gladly for aye we adore Him.*

\*PRAYER OF ADORATION

\*THE 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.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PERSONAL AND PRIVATE CONFESSION OF SIN

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus, as your followers, we know you care about the needs of all who look to you for help, about all who suffer in body, heart, mind, or spirit; you care about us. But we confess that, like the crowd around you, we sometimes follow because of what we want you to do for us, not that we may know and respond to what you want us to do for you. And when in your wisdom we are not given what we think we need, not healed or helped as we expect, our faith grows dim. Worthy as every true need is, we confess how often we fail to seek first your will, to wait silently and receptively before you, fully exposed to your Spirit. Forgive us our sin, we pray. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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Hymn #485

“To God Be the Glory”

***Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice!  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory: great things He hath done!***

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 17:1-7, 15

Hear a just cause, O Lord; attend to my cry; give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit. From you let my vindication come; let your eyes see the right. If you try my heart, if you visit me by night, if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me; my mouth does not transgress. As for what others do, by the word of your lips I have avoided the ways of the violent. My steps held fast to your paths; my feet have not slipped. I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words. Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand. As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness; when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

A TIME OF REFLECTION AND PRAYER

“How Great Thou Art”

(arr. Mark Hayes)  
Rick Robertson, piano

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 8: 14-17; 9: 1-5

For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

THE SERMON

Mike Pauley

“Orphaned or Adopted?”

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of  
God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church; the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

\*HYMN #438

“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

***Blest be the tie that binds Our hearts in Christian love:  
The fellowship of kindred minds Is like to that above.***

***Before our Father's throne We pour our ardent prayers;  
Our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, Our comforts and our cares.***

***We share our mutual woes, Our mutual burdens bear,  
And often for each other flows The sympathizing tear.***

***From sorrow, toil, and pain, And sin we shall be free;  
And perfect love and friendship reign Through all eternity.***

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION