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We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"

Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound; to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found:

That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

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***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***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** "A Clare Benediction" (John Rutter)
Rick Robertson, piano

***Please stand if you are able**

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday this week to: (8/17) Corrine Crites; (8/18) Will Pauley; (8/19) Justyn Olson; (8/20) John Darden; (8/22) LaRhonda Bailey

The Mollie Darden Circle will be hosting a Dinner & Bible Study at Nutwood 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 donations; 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: Maggie Brown

Elders on Duty: Pat Briggs, Chris Hester

We welcome Elizabeth Arena as our guest musician today

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
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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 16, 2020

11:00 a.m. Worship

11th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE "Morning's Promise" (Rick Robertson)
Rick Robertson, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From the deepest, darkest places we cry out to you, O Lord.

People: **Hear our prayer, loving God.**

Leader: We hunger and thirst for your forgiveness.

People: **We watch and wait for you.**

Leader: We wait in hope, for God's steadfast love and redeeming power renews and restores us.

People: **Let us sing praise to God and rejoice in God's love.**

***HYMN #376** "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

*Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, All Thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, Enter every trembling heart.*

*Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit Into every troubled breast!
Let us all in Thee inherit, Let us find the promised rest;
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, Set our hearts at liberty.*

*Come, Almighty to deliver, Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, Nevermore Thy temple leave.
Thee would be always blessing, Serve Thee as Thy hosts above;
Pray, and praise Thee without ceasing, Glory in Thy perfect love.*

*Finish, then Thy new creation; Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation Perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, Till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.*

*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

God, we try to act out of love, but all too often we fail. Our own needs and desires, our own fears and failures get in the way of treating others with love and respect. We ignore you and the way you teach us to go; we avoid our responsibility to care for others and the world you made; we turn too often to violence and hate. Forgive us, O God, and bring us into a right relationship with you and with our neighbors. Amen

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Hymn #2272

“Holy Ground”

*We are standing on holy ground,
and I know that there are angels all around;
let us praise Jesus now;
we are standing in his presence on holy ground.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Hosea 3:1-5

The LORD said to me again, “Go, love a woman who has a lover and is an adulteress, just as the LORD loves the people of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love raisin cakes.” So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer of barley and a measure of wine. And I said to her, “You must remain as mine for many days; you shall not play the harlot, you shall not have intercourse with a man, nor I with you.” For the Israelites shall remain many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or teraphim. Afterwards the Israelites shall return and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; they shall come in awe to the LORD and to his goodness in the latter days.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC

“O Divine Redeemer”

Gounod

Elizabeth Arena, soprano

*Ah! Turn me not away, receive me tho' unworthy; Hear Thou my cry,
Behold, Lord, my distress! Answer me from thy throne. Haste Thee,
Lord to mine aid, Thy pity shew in my deep anguish! Let not the sword
of vengeance smite me, Though righteous thine anger, O Lord! Shield
me in danger, O regard me! On Thee, Lord, alone will I call. O Di-
vine Redeemer! I pray Thee, grant me pardon, And remember not, re-
member not my sins! Forgive me, O Divine Redeemer! Night gathers
round my soul; Fearful, I cry to Thee; Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Haste Thee, Lord, haste to help me!*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 7:45– 8:11

The officers then came to the chief priests and Pharisees, and they said to them, “Why did you not bring Him?” The officers answered, “Never has a man spoken the way this man speaks.” The Pharisees then answered them, “You have not also been led astray, have you? No one of the rulers or Pharisees has believed in Him, has he? But this crowd which does not know the Law is accursed.” Nicodemus (he who came to Him before, being one of them) said to them, “Our Law does not judge a man unless it first hears from him and knows what he is doing, does it?” They answered him, “You are not also from Galilee, are you? Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee.” Everyone went to his home.

But Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. Early in the morning He came again into the temple, and all the people were coming to Him; and He sat down and began to teach them. The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman caught in adultery, and having set her in the center of the court, they said to Him, “Teacher, this woman has been

caught in adultery, in the very act. Now in the Law Moses commanded us to stone such women; what then do You say?” They were saying this, testing Him, so that they might have grounds for accusing Him. But Jesus stooped down and with His finger wrote on the ground. But when they persisted in asking Him, He straightened up, and said to them, “He who is without sin among you, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.” Again He stooped down and wrote on the ground. When they heard it, they began to go out one by one, beginning with the older ones, and He was left alone, and the woman, where she was, in the center of the court. Straightening up, Jesus said to her, “Woman, where are they? Did no one condemn you?” She said, “No one, Lord.” And Jesus said, “I do not condemn you, either. Go. From now on sin no more.”

THE SERMON

Dr. John Hardie

“When God Forgives”

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 #2196

“We Walk by Faith”