

SENDING INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

“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.*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

*We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
and together we’ll spread the news that God is in our land:*

Refrain:

*And they’ll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;
yes, they’ll know we are Christians by our love.*

*POSTLUDE

“Wonderful Words of Life”

(arr. David Miller Williams)
Rick Robertson, piano

*Please stand if you are able

TODAY’S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Liturgist: John Darden

Elders on Duty: Jim Allen Bradfield, Roxann Quintana

We welcome Dr. Harry Barrow as our guest pastor today. Dr. Barrow earned his B.S. from LSU in 1971, his Master of Divinity from Columbia Seminary in 1974 and then his Doctor of Ministry from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary in 1985. Dr. Barrow was formerly an Associate Pastor of Raleigh Presbyterian Church in Memphis, Tn. from 1974-1978, after which he served as Director of Admissions at Columbia Theological Seminary in Decatur, Ga. from 1978-1984. Most recently, Dr. Barrow served as Senior Pastor of Newnan Presbyterian Church from 1984-2016. He and his wife, Madeline Harris Barrow, who is a writer and editor, have two children, Anne and Leland, and four grandchildren.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Happy Birthday this week to: (9/7) Will Darden; (9/8) Wade Moore, Maddie Kirkwood; (9/9) Hayden Bradfield

Noon Circle will meet Wednesday, September 16 at 12:00 in Darden Hall to begin a new Bible Study.

A Congregational Meeting will be held Sunday, September 20th (at the end of worship) to elect an at-large member to the elder nominating committee.

New PW Officers will be installed Sunday, September 20 during the worship service.

The Session will meet Sunday, September 20 at 12:15 in Darden Hall.

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

September 6, 2020

11:00 a.m. Worship

14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRELUDE “His Eye is On the Sparrow” (arr. Gary Norian)
Rick Robertson, piano

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Lord, who may dwell in your places of refuge?

People: Those who are blameless, who do what is right.

Leader: Lord, what sort of people do you favor?

People: Those who speak the truth from their heart.

Leader: Lord, we want to be like you, and follow in your ways:

People: Neither speaking nor doing ill, but being people who think about your words and deeds; and most of all, being people who worship you.

*HYMN

“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

*Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the church in one;
Holy Zion’s help forever, And our confidence alone.*

*Laud and honor to the Father, Laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, Ever three and ever one;
One in might and one in glory While unending ages run.*

*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

How easy it is to give lip service to your ways, O God, and how difficult it is to follow them. We confess that we are quicker to speak than we are to listen. We are all too ready to express anger toward others when we ourselves offend your righteousness and justice. We point fingers to draw attention to others' failures in serving you when fingers should be pointed at us in accusation. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

“Thou Art Worthy”

*Thou art worthy, thou art worthy, thou art worthy, O Lord,
to receive glory, glory and honor, glory and honor and power.
For thou hast created, hast all things created;
thou hast created all things.
And for thy pleasure they are created;
thou art worthy O Lord.*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 43: 1-13

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, “Give them up,” and to the south, “Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth—everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.” Bring forth the people who are blind, yet have eyes, who are deaf, yet have ears! Let all the nations gather together, and let the peoples assemble. Who among them declared this, and foretold to us the former things? Let them bring their witnesses to justify them, and let them hear and say, “It is true.” You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me. I, I am the Lord, and besides me there is no savior. I declared and saved and proclaimed, when there was no strange god among you; and you are my witnesses, says the Lord. I am God, and also henceforth I am He; there is no one who can deliver from my hand; I work and who can hinder it?

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8: 26-39

Then they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”— for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the

demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

THE SERMON

Dr. Harry Barrow

“The First Great End of the Church—Go and Tell”

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.**