

Harpeth Presbyterian Church  
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER  
May 3rd 2020

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Lord be with you....*and also with you.*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP-** *Psalm 22:1-3*

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

***Why are you so far from helping me, from the words of my groaning?***

O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer;

***and by night, but find no rest.***

Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

***Let us worship God.***

**INVOCATION**

**HYMN-** *When Morning Gilds the Sky #487*

***When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries:***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Alike at work and prayer To Jesus I repair:***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find:***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this:***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Let earth's wide circle round In joyful notes resound:***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Let air and sea and sky From depth to height reply:***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Be this, whole life is mine, My canticle divine:***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

***Be this the eternal song Through all the ages long:***

***May Jesus Christ be praised!***

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

***Great God, above all gods, we confess that we have made idols of our rules and ways, our possessions and activities, our nation and loved ones. We have tried to capture you in a tame and predictable religious system in which we come out on top and others are put down. We resist your Saving Presence as you break into our usual patterns to heal our brokenness and set us on new paths. Help us, O God, to recognize our sin and want to turn away from it. Give us the courage to change...(Our prayer continues in silence)***

**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

Because God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another. The peace of Christ be with you! ***And also with you.***

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** -Romans 8:31-39

**SPECIAL MUSIC-** *Be Still and Know* by Steven Curtis Chapman  
Mary & Tucker Biddlecombe

**NEW TESTAMENT READING-** Job 38:1-7, 34-41

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**SERMON-** "Why Do Pandemics Happen to Good People?"  
Rev. Scott Huie

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** -*The Heidelberg Catechism 4.028*

What advantage comes from acknowledging God's creation and providence? ***We learn that we are to be patient in adversity, grateful in the midst of blessing, and to trust our faithful God and Father for the future, assured that no creature shall separate us from his love, since all creatures are so completely in his hand that without his will they cannot even move.***

**OFFERING-** *Lord I Have Seen Thy Salvation* by John D. Cooper  
Mary & Tucker Biddlecombe

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Invitation
- Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer
- Breaking of Bread and Communion of the People
- Communion Prayer

**\*HYMN** - *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past* #210

***Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Our shelter from the stormy blast, And our eternal home:***

***Before the hills in order stood, Or earth received its frame,  
From everlasting Thou art God, To endless years the same.***

***A thousand ages in Thy sight Are like an evening gone;  
Short as the watch that ends the night Before the rising sun.***

***Time, like an ever rolling stream, Soon bears us all away;  
We fly forgotten, as a dream Dies at the opening day.***

*Our God, our help in ages past, Our hope for years to come,  
Be Thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*SENDING-** *Blest Be the Tie That Binds #438*

*Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love; the fellowship of kindred  
minds is like to that above.*