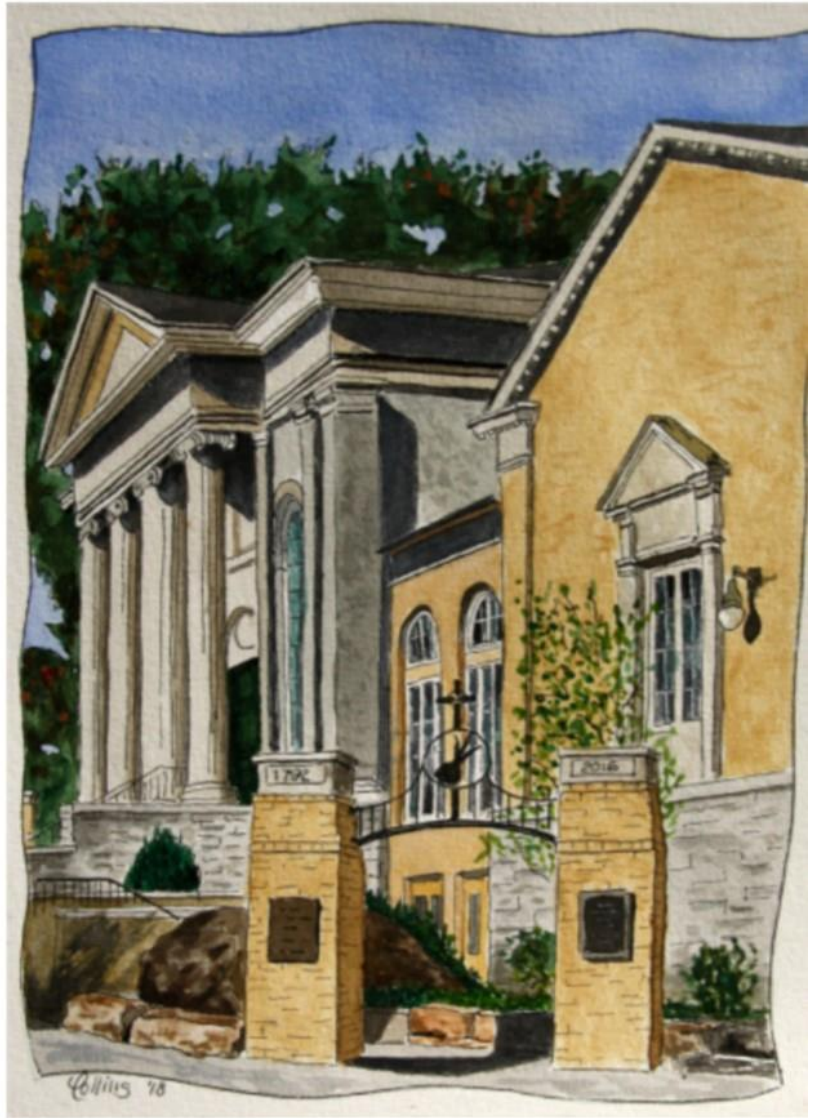


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The Rev. Mark R. Curtis, Senior Pastor
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Mr. Mark Pace, Organist/Choirmaster

ORDER OF WORSHIP
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
JUNE 26, 2022
✦ **THE PREPARATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE** ✦

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed is God, who created us and loves us beyond measure.

Blessed is God, who calls us to stop measuring out our love.

Blessed is God, who speaks and tells us stories about ourselves.

Blessed is God, who reveals to us who we are and who we could be.

Blessed is God, whose compassion is poured out on every single person.

Blessed is God, who gives us compassion to share with all. Let us worship God!

† OPENING HYMN 837

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

Showalter

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *[Refrain]*

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. *[Refrain]*

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, we come to worship you, aware that none of us ever perfectly fulfills the call of discipleship. Forgive us for the times we go too fast, and miss your voice speaking. Forgive us for the times we sit too still, and ignore the needs and the neighbors around us. Teach us the balance between hearing and doing. Help us to find the right measures of worship and service, of self-care and self-giving, of faith and hope and love, as we seek to follow the example of Jesus...

(a moment for silent confession)

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

† MUSICAL RESPONSE 581

Glory Be to the Father

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

† PASSING OF THE PEACE

✦ **THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD** ✦

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Kings 19:19-21

Bill Myers

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him.

²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

SPECIAL TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 9:51-62

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; ⁵³ but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." ⁵⁹ To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." ⁶⁰ But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." ⁶¹ Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." ⁶² Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

SERMON

"Are You In Or Out?"

Rev. Mark R. Curtis

✠ THE RESPONSE OF GOD'S PEOPLE ✠

† HYMN OF RESPONSE

Will the Circle Be Unbroken?

1. I was standing by the window
On a cold and cloudy day
When I saw the hearse come rolling
To carry my mother away.
2. I said to the undertaker,
"Undertaker, please drive slow
For this body, you are carrying,
Lord, I hate to see her go." [Refrain]
3. Well, I followed close behind her
Tried to hold up and be brave
But I could not hide my sorrow
When they laid her in the grave. [Refrain]
4. I went home, Lord;
That home was lonesome
Since my mother she was gone.
All my brothers and sisters crying.
What a home so sad and alone! [Refrain]

Refrain:

Will the circle be unbroken?
By and by, Lord, by and by.
There's a better home awaiting
In the sky, Lord, in the sky.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Meredith Loftis

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.

RECEPTION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You may place your offering in the offering plates when they are passed or you are invited to mail in your tithes and offerings to the church office or give online at www.fpcknox.org/donate.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jehovah Jireh (The Lord Will Provide)

by Chris McAdoo

The musical score is written on three staves in 4/4 time. The lyrics are: "Jeh - o - vah Ji - reh The Lord will pro - vide, and all our earth - ly bur - dens are cast a-side. Mer - cy for all and grace from on high. Jeh - o - vah Ji - reh, The Lord will pro - vide, The Lord will pro - vide." Chords are indicated above the notes: C, F, C, F, C, Am, G, C, F, C, F, C, Am, G, C, Am, G, C.

1. Won't you take your fears
And worries and lay them
At our savior's feet?
He walked on water
And calmed the sea,
Carried the cross,
And died for us on calvary
For us on calvary.

Refrain:

**Jehovah Jireh,
The Lord will provide,
And all our earthly burdens
Are cast aside.
Mercy for all
And grace from on high.
Jehovah Jireh,
The Lord will provide.
The Lord will provide.**

2. Buildings will crumble,
And flowers will fade.
Our faith will falter,
But his love will remain.
Life everlasting,
Far beyond the grave,
From sin to salvation,
Our debts have all been paid.
Our debts have all been paid.

[Refrain]

[Instrumental refrain]

[Refrain]

† DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION 606 *Old Hundredth*

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

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The 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 HYMN

I'll Fly Away

1. Some glad morning when this life is o'er,
I'll fly away;
To a home on God's celestial shore,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

2. When the shadows of this life have gone,
I'll fly away;
Like a bird from prison bars has flown,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away). *[Refrain]*

Refrain

I'll fly away, Oh Glory,
I'll fly away; (in the morning)
When I die,
Hallelujah, by and by,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away).

3. Just a few more weary days and then,
I'll fly away;
To a land where joy shall never end,
I'll fly away (I'll fly away). *[Refrain]*

† CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

† - *Please stand if you are able.*