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GREENEVILLE, TN

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WE GATHER

Prelude

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Adapted from Psalm 68 NRSVUE)

Beloved, let us worship God!

Let us give praise to God, the one who rides upon the clouds!

Parent to orphans and Protector of widows,

God gives the desolate a home and leads the imprisoned into prosperity.

As God led the Israelites through the wilderness and provided for them,

we too find our dwelling in God's goodness and provision.

The Rider in the heavens speaks throughout creation;

We gather to listen and ascribe power to God!

Awesome is God in the sanctuary of creation!

Blessed be God! Amen.

Opening Song

"I Sing Praises to Your Name"

TFWS 2037

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,

praises to Your name O Lord,

for Your name is great

and greatly to be praised;

I sing praises to Your name, O Lord,

praises to Your name, O Lord,

for Your name is great

and greatly to be praised.

(repeat)

Peace

Leader: The love and peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you!**

WE PROCLAIM

Preparation for Hearing the Word of God

"He is Lord"

UMH 177

He is Lord, he is Lord!

He is risen from the dead and he is Lord!

Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

First Reading

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

UMH 792

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11

4:12 Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

5:6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. 7 Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. 8 Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. 9 Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. 10 And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

Sermon

The Rev Dr. Cynthia

WE RESPOND

Prayers of the People

Invitation to Prayer:

"Cares Chorus"

"TFWS 2215"

I cast all my cares upon you,
I lay all of my burdens down at your feet,
And anytime that I don't know what to do,
I will cast all my cares upon you.

(repeat)

The Offering and Blessing of Our Gifts

WE GO FORTH

Closing Hymn

"Awesome God"

TFWS 2040

Our God is an awesome God;
he reigns from heaven above
with wisdom, pow'r, and love.
Our God is an awesome God

(Repeat)

Benediction

POSTLUDE

Spiritual Discipline Opportunities

Nurture: Evelyn Murphy Sunday School Class, 9:30 a.m. Chapel

Spring Bible Study: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the chapel.

Mission/Ministry: Food Bank: 24 oz. cooking oil, 2# granulated sugar.

Administration: Leadership Team Meeting: June 4, 11:45 a.m. Bring a lunch. Leadership Team members are asked to complete the work assignment before the meeting.

Worship: Choir Practice: Thursday evening, 5:00 p.m.



Are you giving a tithe each week to the mission and ministry work of Christ UMC? Our work is ongoing and includes such things salary for our Music Director, Ashley Lowe. Ashley is a gift to the church with her smile and concern for all. We are blessed to have someone with her willing spirit and joy to be a part of our weekly worship time.

Consider your tithe carefully as this is one way we can say thank you to those who help us worship each week.

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*Volunteers are needed to water the front yard memorial garden: Please sure to let the pastor know when you are ready to take your turn!



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On-going and special events:

Monday evenings: *Evergreen Woodcarvers meeting

Lowe Baton Classes for children: The Hole

Prayers for: Tom Gregory, Fran Gregory, Joe Culley, Glen Eddington, Shirley Eddington, those with special health concerns, those with unnamed concerns.