

Morning Worship Service

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

July 3, 2022

9:00 & 11:00 A.M.

The purpose of this sermon will be to explore what it means to be the “Israel of God.”

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS OF THE CHURCH

PRELUDE

Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness

Johannes Brahms

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Seek the Lord while He may be found;

People: **call on Him while He is near.**

Leader: Let the wicked forsake their way and the evil person their thoughts.

People: **Let us turn to the Lord, and He will have mercy on us and to our God, for He will freely pardon.**

Leader: Let us worship God.

*HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 507

I Come With Joy

PRAYER OF APPROACH AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: O Lord, our God! We come into Your presence with the heartfelt request that You will accept us, granting us no rest until we are willing to rest in You; that You would fight against us and for us until Your peace reigns in our hearts, our thoughts, and conversation, in our very being and in our living together. Without You we can do nothing; with You and in Your service we can do all things. Help us to do all things in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior, whose prayer we joyfully lift up to You this day, praying...

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

Leader: If we claim we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy and justice, You turn mourning into dancing, darkness into light, sorrow into joy. Yet we look to our own wisdom to guide us; we rely on our own strength to protect us. In mercy, forgive us. Empower us by Your Holy Spirit to entrust ourselves fully to Your way, that we may faithfully display and proclaim the good news of Your abundant mercy and love, through Jesus the Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The Psalmist writes, “Sing praises to the Lord, O you His faithful ones, and give thanks to His holy name, for His anger is but for a moment; His favor is for a lifetime.” (Psalm 30:4-5a) Know that in repenting of your sins, your sins have been forgiven. This is God’s gift to us in Christ Jesus. Be at peace.

*RESPONSE – No. 579

“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.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

ANTHEM

Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ

Bradley Ellingboe

Let us talents and tongues employ, reaching out with a shout of joy!

Bread is broken, the wine is poured, Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one, at the table He sets the tone.

Teaching people to live to bless, love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in, sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,

Gives us love to tell, bread to share: God, Immanuel, everywhere!

Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again, pass the word around: loaves abound!

SCRIPTURE LESSON

[Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

SERMON

The Israel of God

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd

*UNISON PROFESSION 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.

*HYMN OF AFFIRMATION NO. 386 *O For a World*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERING

What an honor and privilege it is to come before God and offer to Him our various gifts and offerings. As we do so, let us give with a generous and cheerful heart.

OFFERTORY

Let Us Break Bread Together

Dale Wood

*DOXOLOGY – No. 592

*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.*

*UNISON PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Heavenly Father, You invite us to dine at Your table. We come to Your banquet of eternal redemption with gifts befitting our new life in Jesus. Receive them as signs of our commitment to be Your faithful stewards. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*CLOSING HYMN NO. *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*
(See Insert)

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

*Congregation standing as able

WELCOME TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Are you looking for a church home? If so, please speak to our minister following worship.

As a courtesy to those around you, please turn off or silence cell phones and personal communication devices.

Large print bulletins and hymnals are available from the ushers. You may also view the bulletin by visiting our website at www.firstprestupelo.org. See the bulletin link at the top of the homepage.

Nursery Care is available for newborns through four-year-olds. Please ask an usher for directions to the nursery if you are visiting for the first time.

After the 11:00 Children's Sermon, preschoolers and kindergarteners are invited to attend **"Wee Kirk."** This is a time of fun childcare with age appropriate songs and games. However, all children are welcome in worship! If you excuse yourself and your child, you can hear the service over speakers in McFadden Hall (directly behind the Sanctuary).

The Flowers are placed in the sanctuary today to the glory of God and in honor of Garra and Hank Owens' fiftieth wedding anniversary by Kevin, Liz, Lilee, and Walt Rose and Ariel Owens.

Ritual of Friendship—Members and Visitors: Please sign the black attendance register every Sunday and pass it down your pew. Please read the names, greet one another, and meet new members and visitors.

We care about you as we care about each other. If you would like to submit a prayer request, you may use the blue cards in the pews or in McFadden Hall, and our pastoral staff and prayer partners will pray for you.

Leading the worship service today: Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Dr. Bob Taylor, Dr. Ray Harris

Liturgist: 9:00-Trey Leeke; 11:00-Doyce Deas

Greeters: 9:00-Sarah Helen & Ana Morgan Beckham, Neil & Jill White

11:00-Glen & Bonnie Davidson, Margaret Parker, Lisa Nichols

The service is live streamed and available for viewing on [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) by those unable to be with us this morning. Search *firstprestupelo*. We also invite you to visit our website at www.firstprestupelo.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are having our usual two worship services at 9:00 A.M. and 11:00 A.M. today. There is no Sunday school, but classes resume on Sunday, July 10.

The church office will close on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day.

All adult Sunday school classes are meeting as one class this summer, every Sunday in June and July (with the exception of July 3—No adult or children's classes that day). We meet in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00 A.M. until 10:45 A.M. The study is *"Feasting on the Word,"* a weekly study that follows the Lectionary. All adults are welcome!

Scheduling a meeting? If your Bible study, committee, or other group plans to meet at the church, please be sure to schedule it with the office so the calendar is kept current. Notifying the office will also help us to avoid over-scheduling rooms and ensure the room will be air-conditioned. Thank you for your assistance!

Join our team to assist at Helping Hands Food Pantry on Saturday, July 9, from 9:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. The team will help stock shelves and bag groceries for neighbors in need. We do this every four weeks. Children are welcome. Helping Hands Food Pantry is located at 314 South Church Street, Tupelo, MS and is an extension of First United Methodist Church of Tupelo. For more information, contact Rick Jones at 662-213-1520 or rickjones2525@gmail.com.

Fellowship Committee will not meet in July.

St. Luke UMC Food Pantry has asked us for volunteers for Thursday, July 7 to assist in distribution. This food bank meets the needs of 400-450 families each first Thursday. There are two time slots—7:45 A.M.-10:00 A.M. and 9:45 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. St. Luke specifically needs at least two or three able-bodied folks to help with the loading of boxes (The loaded boxes weigh roughly 40 lbs.). If you are interested or need more information, call or text Sally Kate Collins at (662) 871-3761.

THE CHURCH AT WORSHIP AND WORK

SUNDAY, JULY 3

9:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary
No Sunday School
11:00 A.M. Worship Service, Sanctuary

MONDAY, JULY 4

Church Office Closed, Independence Day

TUESDAY, JULY 5

7:30 A.M. CASA
9:00 A.M. T'ai Chi Chih
10:00 A.M. Staff Meeting, Library
7:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

7:30 A.M. CASA

THURSDAY, JULY 7

St. Luke Food Pantry, 7:45 A.M.-10:00 A.M. or 9:45 A.M.-12:00 P.M.
7:30 A.M. CASA
8:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast, Hilton Garden Inn

FRIDAY, JULY 8

7:30 A.M. CASA
12:00 P.M. A.A. Meeting

SATURDAY, JULY 9

9:00 A.M. Helping Hands Food Pantry

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Weekly Budget: \$16,837 Amount Received 6/26/22: \$15,696
YTD Budgeted Income: \$459,397 YTD Income Received: \$546,048

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

9:00 A.M.: 49 11:00 A.M.: 70

PRAYERS FOR THIS WEEK

Cancer Treatments: Sam Pace, Julie Seiler

Homebound: Grace Stamps, Annette Thornton, Bob Batte

College Students: Carli Hillhouse, Emma Kantack, Bennett Mark

Service Members: Patrick Hastings, Andrew Ray

THE SESSION

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Moderator

Clerk of the Session, Lisa Nichols

Class of 2023
Kirk Biddle
Susan Boone
Amy Fagan
Mitzi Moore
Aubrey Patter
Grayson Robb
Debra Robiso

Class of 2024
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Cindy Faucette
Leslie Geoghegan
Michael Gratz Jr.
Chauncey Godwin
Alice Rogers

Class of 2025
Richard Hastings
Trey Leeke
Lucy Nash
Chris Rogers
Mary Stubbs
Glenn Thomas
Presly Wallace

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Taylor Todd, Interim Pastor

Rev. Dr. Ron Richardson, Parish Associate for Pastoral Care
Melissa McDuffie, Director of Youth and Christian Education

Dr. Bob Taylor, Director of Music

Dr. Ray Harris, Organist

Seth Shelnut, Audio/Visual Technician

Danielle Frerer Ratliff, Director of Elementary and Youth Choirs

Margaret Anne Murphey, Music Librarian

Helen Curtis, Church Secretary

Kay Stanford, Financial Secretary

Debbie Merritt, Receptionist

Eddie Baker, Maintenance Superintendent

Rev. M. McCoy Franklin, Pastor Emeritus

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly 509



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho-ly man-na is our bread.
 2 All who hun-ger, nev-er strang-ers, seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er; Je-sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der-ness and wan-dering. Here, in truth, we will be fed.
 Come from rest-less-ness and roam-ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone-li-ness and long-ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a-round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com-mu-nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.



The United Church of Canada minister who wrote this text was introduced to shape note tunes at the 1990 Hymn Society conference in Charleston, South Carolina. Afterwards she vacationed with friends nearby and worked out this text while humming this tune as she walked up and down the beach.

TEXT: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1990
 MUSIC: William Moore's *Columbian Harmony*, 1825
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 (alternate harmonization, 396)