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# God's People Gather for Worship

November 15, 2020

10:30 AM

By God's grace alone and to his glory alone, we exist to worship God in his greatness and his holiness with Gospel-drive passion and integrity..." (excerpted from FPC Rome Mission Statement)

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## Preparing our Hearts

Prelude

Grace Garnett, piano

Invocation

## Declaring God's Praise

Responsive Call to Worship

Philippians 2:5-11

*Leader: The Scriptures call us to "have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,*

*ALL: who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.*

*Leader: And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.*

*ALL: Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father."*

Hymn No. 450

"Lift High the Cross"

CRUCIFER

*(refrain)*

Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

Come, Christians, follow where our Savior trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

*(refrain)*

O Lord, once lifted on this glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

*(refrain)*

Set up Thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

(refrain)

For Thy blest cross which doth for all atone,  
Creation's praises rise before Thy Throne.

## **Affirming Our 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.

## **Remembering God's Faithfulness**

"The Weaver"

*By David Schwoebel*  
Chancel Choir

*Commissioned in honor of the Rev. Jeff Chadwick and his wife, Donna  
upon his retirement as faithful shepherd of the people of God  
at First Presbyterian Church, Rome GA.*

## **Confessing Our Sin and Embracing Our Forgiveness**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

Hymn No. 157

"The Love of God"  
LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater far  
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;  
It goes beyond the highest star,  
And reaches to the lowest hell;  
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,  
God gave His Son to win;  
His erring child He reconciled,  
And pardoned from his sin.

(refrain)

Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!  
How measureless and strong!  
It shall forevermore endure

The saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away  
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,  
When men who here refuse to pray,  
On rocks and hills and mountains call,  
God's love so sure shall still endure,  
All measureless and strong;  
Redeeming grace to Adam's race—  
The saints' and angels' song.

*(refrain)*

Could we with ink the ocean fill  
And were the skies of parchment made,  
Were every stalk on earth a quill  
And every man a scribe by trade,  
To write the love of God above  
Would drain the ocean dry;  
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,  
Tho' stretched from sky to sky.

*(refrain)*

## **Offering Our Gifts and Thanks**

Welcome and Announcements

Reflections of a Grateful Man

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"Find Us Faithful"

*arr. Jay Rouse*

Chancel Choir

Orchestra

Dr. Aaron Rice, director

Ms. Faye Kesler, piano

## **Hearing God's Word**

Scripture Reading

Romans 10:13-17

*Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.*

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

"Remember What Good Ol' What's  
His Name Used to Say? pt 3..."

*"Growing Faithful, Fruitful Followers  
Among All the Peoples of the  
World"*

Rev. Jeff Chadwick

# Scattering as Christ's Church

Hymn of Response

"Facing a Task Unfinished"

*Original Words by Frank Houghton*

*Music by Samuel Wesley*

*New Words and Music by Keith and Kristyn*

*Getty, Ed Cash, Fionan de Barra*

Facing a task unfinished,  
That drives us to our knees.  
A need that, undiminished,  
Rebukes our slothful ease.  
We, who rejoice to know Thee,  
Renew before Thy throne  
The solemn pledge we owe Thee—  
To go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee  
Hold their unhindered sway;  
Where forces that defied Thee,  
Defy Thee still today.

With none to heed their crying  
For life, and love, and light,  
Unnumbered souls are dying  
And pass into the night.

We go to all the world,  
With kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord.

We bear the torch that, flaming,  
Fell from the hands of those  
Who gave their lives proclaiming  
That Jesus died and rose.

Ours is the same commission,  
The same glad message ours;  
Fired by the same ambition,  
To Thee we yield our powers.

We go to all the world,  
With kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord.

O Father who sustained them,  
O Spirit who inspired,  
Saviour, whose love constrained them  
To toil with zeal untired.  
From cowardice defend us,

From lethargy awake!  
Forth on Thine errands send us  
To labour for Thy sake.  
We go to all the world,  
With kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord.  
We go to all the world,  
His kingdom hope unfurled.  
No other name has power to save  
But Jesus Christ The Lord.

## Commissioning and Benediction

### Choral Benediction

"Now Unto Him"

*Olive Wood*

Now unto Him that is able to keep  
Able to keep you from falling,  
And present you faultless before the presence of His glory  
with exceeding joy,  
To the only wise God, our Savior  
Be glory and majesty,  
dominion and power,  
Both now and forever. Amen.

### Postlude

Ms. Grace Garnett, piano



## Today's Scripture

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### Romans 10:13-17 NIV

<sup>13</sup> for, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

<sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

<sup>16</sup> But not all the Israelites accepted the good news. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed our message?" <sup>17</sup> Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

### Romans 10:13-17 The Message

<sup>13</sup> "Everyone who calls, 'Help, God!' gets help."

<sup>14-17</sup> But how can people call for help if they don't know who to trust? And how can they know who to trust if they haven't heard of the One who can be trusted? And how can they hear if nobody tells them? And how is anyone going to tell them, unless someone is sent to do it? That's why Scripture exclaims,

*A sight to take your breath away!*

*Grand processions of people*

*telling all the good things of God!*

*But not everybody is ready for this, ready to see and hear and act. Isaiah asked what we all ask at one time or another: "Does anyone care, God? Is anyone listening and believing a word of it?" The point is: Before you trust, you have to listen. But unless Christ's Word is preached, there's nothing to listen to.*

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