

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude

P: The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

*Prayer of Invocation

*Hymn 147 (blue) *Blessing and Honor*

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

*Congregational Response 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 Time

*Hymn 307 (blue) *Fight the Good Fight*

Old Testament Reading Jonah 3:10-4:11

Anthem *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Prayer of Illumination

New Testament Reading Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon Grumpy Prophets and the Kingdom of Heaven Rev. Matt Samson

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 arose 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.

Prayers of the People followed by The Lord's Prayer

Call for the Offering / Offertory

*Doxology
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 413 (blue) *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

SENDING OUT IN GOD'S NAME

*Charge and Benediction

*Choral Response

*Postlude

*Please stand, as able

Prayer Concerns: David Beggs, friend of Chris Shepherd; Chuck Conner; Ramona Davis; Alexander Elliott, grandson of Tommy Wilson; Greg and Bobby Hunt, brothers of Debbie Butler; Laura Lyles, friend of Wendy Rohleder; Danetta Robinson, former member; Sherry Singleton, friend of Barbara Smith; Clyde Smith; Gene Stewart, friend of Ken Bostick; Art and Margaret Thompson; Kennette Watkins, daughter-in-law of Neal and Trudy Watkins; Jackie White; Dwight Williams

Flowers are given to the glory of God and in remembrance of George LeVander by Tony and Martha Anderson.

Worship Assistants - Acolyte: Mila Adcock; Children's Church and Nursery: Taylor Page and Kason Jurczyk; Greeter: Karen Brewer; Head Usher: Martha Richardson

Special thanks to Matt Samson for preparing and delivering our message today. Matt Samson is a professor of anthropology at Davidson College. He studied at Louisiana State University, Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, and the State University of New York at Albany. Matt's research and teaching are centered on Indigenous culture and religious change in Latin America, particularly Guatemala, as well on the connections between human rights and environmental justice. Matt enjoys introducing students to ethnographic approaches to reading the social landscape in which we find ourselves. He is the author of *Re-enchanting the World: Maya Protestantism in the Guatemalan Highlands* (University of Alabama Press, 2007) and several articles grounded in humanistic approaches to religious and ethnic pluralism in Mesoamerica.

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