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September 30, 2012



## Serving the Lord with Gladness

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Please silence your mobile devices.*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Beach Spring" . . . American Folk Tune, arr. Allan Mahnke

"Open wide our hands in sharing, as we heed Christ's ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming, Serving you by loving all."

Robert Edwards

*Shelly Sublett, oboe  
Lenora Morrow, organ*

SOLO INTROIT: "Serve the City" . . . . . Ephie Johnson

Serve the city, serve the city, serve the city, serve.  
For of God we are fellow workers meeting needs through Christ's love.  
We're making a difference, meeting the challenge,  
Willing to share our lives.  
For the cause of Jesus Christ, we will serve.

There's no time to be idle. There's so much work to be done.  
It can't be delayed; we must work as well as pray!

*Ephie Johnson, soloist  
Neighborhood Christian Centers*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Ronald G. Sadlow

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 441 "Jesus Shall Reign" . . . . . DUKE STREET

♠PROPHETIC READING: Jonah 4:5-11 . . . . .Howard Eddings, Jr. (8:15)  
*Memphis Leadership Foundation*

Roy A. Campbell (11:00)  
*Eikon Ministries*

Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city  
and made a booth for himself there.  
He sat under it in the shade,  
till he should see what would become of the city.

**Now the Lord God appointed a plant  
and made it come up over Jonah,  
that it might be a shade over his head,  
to save him from his discomfort.  
So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant.**

But when dawn came up the next day,  
God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered.  
When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind,  
and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint.

**And he asked that he might die and said,  
"It is better for me to die than to live."**

But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?"  
And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die."

**And the Lord said,  
"You pity the plant, for which you did not labor,  
nor did you make it grow,  
which came into being in a night and perished in a night.  
And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city,  
in which there are more than 120,000 persons  
who do not know their right hand from their left,  
and also much cattle?"**

**We have a gospel to proclaim,  
Good news for Memphis and the earth,  
God's saving love in Jesus' Name:  
We sing His glory and His worth.**

**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.**

♣ PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

GOSPEL READING . . . . . Matthew 9:9-13  
(page 814 in pew Bible)

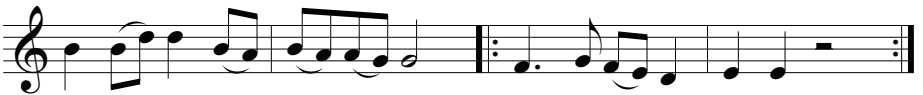
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF SUPPLICATION: "Jesus, with Thy Church Abide" . . . C. Miner, T. B. Pollock



1. Je - sus with Thy church a - bide, be her sa - vior, Lord and Guide,  
2. May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost un - til she find,  
3. May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear a - loft its light  
4. Arm her sol - diers with the cross, brave to suf - fer toil or loss,  
5. May she ho - ly tri - umphs win, o - ver - throw the hosts of sin,



while on earth her faith is tried:  
and the bro - ken - heart - ed find:  
through the realms of dar - kened night: We be - seech Thee, hear us.  
count - ing earth - ly gain but dross:  
ga - ther all the na - tions in:

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Servant Song" . . . . . David Schwoebel

*If anyone would be first, they shall be last of all.  
They shall be the last, be the servant of all.*

We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;  
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christlight for you in the nighttime of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.

I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)*  
*Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE .....ST. THOMAS

**Rise up, O Church of God! Have done with lesser things;  
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.**  
**Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where His feet have trod;  
As foll'wers of the Son of Man, Rise up, O Church of God!**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

## Hearing the Lord with Faith

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)..... Timothy E. Jewett  
*Su Casa Family Ministries*

INTRODUCTION OF OUR CITY SERVANTS..... Edward J. Foster  
*Mission Memphis Director*

A VIEW OF THE CITY: "Theme from "The Mission"" ..... E. Morricone

EPISTLE READING..... Romans 16:1-27  
(page 950 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (*Isaiah 40:6b, 8*)

SERMON                      *Couldn't Do It Without You*                      Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF MISSION: "We All Are One in Mission" .....AURELIA

**We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.  
A single, great commission compels us from above  
To plan and work together that all may know Christ's love.**

**We all are called for service to witness in God's Name;  
Our ministries are different, our purpose is the same:  
To touch the lives of others by God's surprising grace  
So every folk and nation may feel God's warm embrace.**

**We all behold one vision, a stark reality;  
The Author of salvation was nailed upon a tree.  
Yet resurrected Justice gives rise that we may share  
Free reconciliation and hope amid despair.**

**Now let us be united and let our song be heard.  
Now let us be a vessel for God's redeeming Word.  
We all are one in mission, we all are one in call,  
Our varied gifts united by Christ, the Lord of all.**

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot".....arr. Barbara Harbach

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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