High School Seniors Recognition Sunday

CALL TO WORSHIP BELL PEAL

GREETING

PRELUDE "Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor"

+HYMN 89 "Jovful, Jovful, We Adore Thee"

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, opening to the sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away. Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began; love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span. Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife: joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Rev. Kathleen McMurray

Rev. Jay Clark

HYMN TO JOY

arr. Richard Jeffrey-Gray

God of the Past, the Present and the Future, you fulfill your promise to always be with us. Forgive us for ignoring your presence and not loving you with our whole heart. We confess we have denied your love and have not shared your love with others. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

+WORDS OF PARDON AND THE SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

God always hears the honest prayers of the community of faith,

God cares for us as parents care for their children.

God will have mercy upon us, and deal with us

in loving-kindness.

God will forgive our sin and restore us to a

warm relationship. Amen.

In the same spirit of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

let us say to one another, the peace of Christ

be with you.

The peace of Christ be with you.

Amen, Amen.

+SUNG RESPONSE 560 vs. 1

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us; teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace. Be present, Lord, among us, and bring us to believe we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

SOLO "A Simple Song" Mass

Leonard Bernstein

ACCEPTANCE

Ollie Burrow, Baritone Ollie is a student at Pace University in New York City and the recipient of the Stanley and Arminta Berry Music and Arts Scholarship in 2017. 11:00 A.M. SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Richard Bennett Blank, child of Laura and Richard Blank

With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you into Christ's holy church, for we are all one in Christ Jesus, our Lord. We promise to love, encourage, nurture and support you, and to help you know and follow Christ.

All singing Hymn 611, vs. 1 as the family returns to their seat.

Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;

With this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

+GOSPEL John 15:1-8

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE "Connection"

BLESSING OF THE HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS Rev. Clark

CONGREGATION RESPONSE

God of truth and knowledge, by your wisdom we are taught the way and the truth. Bless these members of the Class of 2018 as they finish this course of study. We thank you for those who taught and worked beside them, and all who supported them along the way. Walk with these graduates as they leave and move forward in life. Take away their anxiety and confusion of purpose. Strengthen their many talents and skills, instill in them a confidence in the future you plan, where energies may be gathered up and used for the good of all people; for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

Gentry Agar Noah Darr Sophie Sanders Teddy Jones Collier Allison Mary Margaret Lankford Cecelia Schneider **Ethan Dobing** Hannah Magann Sydney Bain Peyton Foster Sam Stansberry Libby Borkowski Caroline McKelvey Sarah Tennille Riley Foster Will Bowman III Jonathan Franks Hartley Meyer Matthew Thompson Annie Burrow Kate Graham Pete Newbern Scottie Traylor Meredith Campbell Henry Vale Harrison Phoebe Raborn Wilson Trulock Hattie Cooper Natalie Huckabay Keaunna Rummel Turner Wickliffe Landon Runion-Driskel Jack Currence Mary Kathryn Hyde Rachel Wilbourn John Logan Darr Lance Jones **Phoebe Sanders** Lily Williamson

RECOGNITION OF THE 2021 STANLEY AND ARMINTA BERRY MUSIC AND ARTS SCHOLARSHIP

AND JIMMY FAULKNER BASKETBALL SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

arr. Moses Hogan

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Rev. McMurray

Beverly Villines

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. McMurray

OFFERTORY "Give Me Jesus"

Tania Kelley, Soprano Tania will be entering the University of Central Arkansas in Conway this fall.

She is the 2021 Stanley and Arminta Berry Music and Arts Scholarship recipient.

+PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS WITH DOXOLOGY 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

(all singing) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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... as we proclaim the mystery of faith. (all singing) Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

... all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever. (all singing) **Amen, amen, amen.**

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Rev. Clark

THE ASH GROVE

+HYMN 664 "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing, the people of God from this dwelling take leave. The service is ended, O now be extended the fruits of our worship in all who believe. The seed of the teaching, receptive souls reaching, shall blossom in action for God and for all. God's grace did invite us, and love shall unite us to work for God's kingdom and answer the call.

With praise and thanksgiving to God ever living, the tasks of our everyday life we will face.
Our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring, embracing God's children of each tribe and race.
With your grace you feed us, with your light now lead us; unite us as one in this life that we share.
Then may all the living with praise and thanksgiving give honor to Christ and that name which we bear.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS Rev. McMurray

RESPONSE FOR NEW MEMBERS

We rejoice to recognize you as a member of Christ's holy church and we welcome you to Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. With you we renew our vows to uphold it with our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service and our witness.

+BENEDICTION Rev. Clark

+BENEDICTION RESPONSE 143 "On Eagle's Wings"

ON EAGLE'S WINGS

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

POSTLUDE "Bread of the World" arr. Craig Phillips

Assisting in Worship: Organist: Stanley Cox

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