



Erwin Presbyterian Church
105 N Elm Ave, Erwin, TN 37650
July 2, 2023 | 11:00 AM

Prelude *Improvisation on Two American Hymn Tunes* Ethan Thomas, Organist
arr. Lani Smith

Welcome and Announcements The Rev. Dr. Ramy Marcos

Passing of the Peace

Leader: Jesus said, “My peace I give to you. DO not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid.” May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Please take a moment to greet one another and share the peace of Christ.

Introit *America the Beautiful* Green Hymnbook #799 v4

*Call To Worship – (Based on Psalm 13) Betty Stevens

Leader: Let us sing the LORD’s praise!

All: Our God has been good to us.

Leader: The night was dark, and God’s face seemed hidden.

All: In sorrow and pain, we cried out to God.

Leader: Still we trusted in God’s unfailing love.

All: And now our hearts rejoice in God’s salvation!

*Hymn *Living for Jesus* Green Hymnbook, #605

Call to Confession Betty Stevens

Leader: God's grace has brought us from death to life, transforming us into instruments of righteousness. Trusting that grace, let us confess our sins and the sin of our world.

Prayer of Confession

All: God of Providence, your faithfulness is from everlasting to everlasting, but we fail to trust. You hold all creation in the palm of your hand, but we take our lives into our one grace, forgive us. When we get caught up in our own strivings, relieve us. When we think the word rests on our shoulders, remind us. Call us back to your way. Teach us to turn our lives over to your gracious care. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: As a cup of cold water quenches our thirst, God's grace relives our souls.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

*Gloria Patri

Red Hymnbook, #546

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-10

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Prayer for Illumination

Second Scripture Reading Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

Sermon

Series: Exploring the Kingdom

Rev. Dr. Ramy N. Marcos

The Parable of the Sower: Productive Life

*Declaration of Faith

Leader: Let's confess our faith.

All: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day, he rose again; he ascended in to heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Prayer of the People and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn

Here I am, Lord

Green Hymnbook #589

*Benediction

*Benediction Response

**Shalom to you now, shalom my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

*Postlude

Postlude on "Cwm Rhonda" arr. Lorraine Forsdick

**Please stand, as you are able.*

Offering plate is located at the entrance of the sanctuary.

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