

BIG CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Rensselaer, MO

September 12, 2021 11:00 a.m.

Prelude

***Hymn of Praise #21** *"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"*

*Prayer of Invocation

***Call to Worship** *(from Psalm 71)*

*Leader: O God, I proclaim Your might to another generation,
Your power to all those to come. Your righteousness, O God,
reaches the high heavens.*

PEOPLE: You who have done great things, O God, who is like You?

*Leader: You who have made me see many troubles and
calamities will revive me again; from the depths of the earth
You will bring me up again.*

PEOPLE: You will increase my greatness and comfort me again.

*Leader: We will praise You for Your faithfulness, O my God. Our
lips will shout for joy, when we sing praises to You.*

***Hymn #376** *"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"*

Prayer of Confession (in unison):

Father, forgive us. We think Your truth too high, Your will too hard,
Your power too distant, Your love too free. But they are not!
Heal our **confused minds** with Your Word, heal our **warring wills**
with Your law, heal our **troubled souls** with Your love, heal our
fickle hearts with Your presence. For we are as fleeting as the dew
of the morning, but You are as sure as the dawning sun. By the
everlasting mercy of Christ, save us and let us return to the LORD.

Private Prayers (silently before God)

Words of Assurance *Matthew 9:10-13*

***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.

***Affirmation of Faith** (printed on insert): *Apostles' Creed*

Welcome & Announcements

(Children may remain with parents in the sanctuary, nursery, or upstairs.)

Sharing of Needs and Mercies

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer (printed in insert)

Worshiping God with Tithes & Offerings: *Frontier Fellowship*

***Doxology** 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 Dedication

***Hymn #302** *"Have Thine Own Way, Lord!"*

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Message Hosea 6:1-11
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***Sending Hymn #339** *"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

*Benediction & Response

The LORD heals. Hallelujah!

*Postlude

** Please stand, if you are able and it is comfortable for you.
Assistive listening devices are available upon request.*

*Rev. Nathan Markley, Pastor
Rebecca McElroy, Pianist
All Members, Ministers*

***Hymn of Praise #21** *“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”*

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 Mortals, join the happy chorus Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sun-ward In the triumph song of life. Amen.

***Hymn #376** *“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross”*

1 Jesus, keep me near the cross; There a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream—Flows from Calvary's mountain.

Refrain:

*In the cross, in the cross,
Be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

2 Near the cross, a trembling soul, Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning Star Shed its beams around me. [Ref.]

3 Near the cross! O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day With its shadow o'er me. [Ref.]

4 Near the cross I'll watch and wait, Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand Just beyond the river. [Ref.] Amen.

***Hymn #302** *“Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”*

1 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Thou art the Potter; I am the clay.
Mold me and make me After Thy will,
While I am waiting, Yielded and still.

2 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Search me and try me, Master, today!
Whiter than snow, Lord, Wash me just now,
As in Thy presence Humbly I bow.

3 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Wounded and weary, Help me, I pray!
Power— all power—Surely is Thine!
Touch me and heal me, Saviour divine!

4 Have Thine own way, Lord! Have Thine own way!
Hold o'er my being Absolute sway!
Fill with Thy Spirit Till all shall see
Christ only, always, Living in me! Amen.

***Sending Hymn #339** *“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

1 Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more. (2x)

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my Strength and Shield. (2x)

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee. (2x) Amen.

Announcements

- 1) Our offering **today** will go to Frontier Fellowship, which seeks to share the Good News of Jesus with the world's 6,500 distinct ethnic groups who still have little or no access to the gospel message.
 - 2) Mark your calendars: A carry in dinner/shower is planned on **October 24th** to celebrate the upcoming wedding of Emma Foreman to Hunter Baggett. Donations for a gift for the couple may be given to Paula Hulse.
 - 3) Wednesday Eve Bible Study continues **each Wednesday** from 7:00-8:30 p.m. through November 10 as we explore the Journeys of Apostle Paul.
- 1) The Young Ladies Zoom Bible Study meets the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of each month from 8:30-9:30 p.m. using *Fervent* by Priscilla Shirer. Contact Susan Humphrey for an email link.
 - 2) Feel free to take home any produce from the Big Creek Community Garden on the kitchen table downstairs.

A note to parents:

We're always glad when kids join us in the sanctuary to worship God! While nursery services are still on hold for health safety, parents may keep kids with them in the sanctuary, in the downstairs nursery space, or in the balcony upstairs any time during the worship service.



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;¹
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 catholic² church;
The communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting. Amen

¹ While we believe in an eternal place that Scripture calls Hell, the word which has historically been translated as "hell" here means that Jesus really, truly died.

² The catholic ("little c") church consists of all believers in Christ's church and is not a particular reference to the Roman Catholic Church.