

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH DUNCANVILLE

The Parable of the Sower



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10:30 AM

543 E Freeman Street, Duncanville

INTROIT I AM ON THE BATTLEFIELD FOR MY LORD

CALL TO WORSHIP

All: Lord, we come before You, aware of how easily the worries of life and the desire for more can crowd out Your Word in our hearts. Clear away the thorns that distract us, and help us focus on what truly matters. As we worship today, prepare our hearts to receive Your truth and bear fruit for Your glory.

Amen.

SONGS OF PRAISE HOLY IS THE LORD

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He
And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown
Together we sing
And everyone sing

Holy is the Lord, God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord, God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty
Holy, holy
(REPEAT x2)

YES I WILL

I count on one thing
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now
You won't fail me now
In the waiting
the same God who's never late
Is working all things out,
Is working all things out.

Yes, I will lift You high in the lowest valley.
Yes, I will bless Your name.
Oh, yes, I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy.
All my days, oh yes, I will.

I count on one thing
The same God that never fails
Will not fail me now,
You won't fail me now.
In the waiting

All my days, oh yes, I will.
For all my days, oh yes, I will.

(And) I choose to praise
To glorify, glorify the name of all names
That nothing can stand against
(REPEAT x4)

And yes, I will lift You high in the lowest valley
Yes, I will bless Your name.
Oh yes, I will sing for joy when my heart is heavy.
All my days, oh yes, I will.
For all my days, oh yes, I will.
For all my days, yes, I will.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Gracious God, we confess that we often let the worries of this world and the desires of our hearts distract us from You. We chase after things that do not last, and we neglect Your Word that gives us life. Forgive us, Lord. Clear away the thorns in our hearts, and help us seek You first in all we do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SONG

WORDS WE'LL SING FOREVER

We could fill a thousand books
With stories of Your goodness
And still it couldn't capture who You are
You've been faithful every age

Singing holy, worthy
Singing glory in the highest, in the highest

Since before the dawn of time
You've had endless choirs of angels
All singing out Your praises on and on
So let our worship sound like Heaven
Singing words we'll sing forever
And let every living creature join the song

Singing holy, worthy
Singing glory in the highest, in the highest

Praise the Father, praise the Spirit, praise the Risen One
He who was, He who is, He who is to come
Praise the Lion, Praise the Lamb
For all He is and all He's done
We'll sing these words forever
(REPEAT)

We'll sing these words forever
We'll sing these words forever

Singing holy; You are worthy
Singing glory in the highest, in the highest

You are holy, worthy,
Glory in the highest, in the highest
In the highest, in the highest.
Amen.

OFFERING

(7) Other seeds fell among the thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants.

(22) The seed that fell among the thorns represents those who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life and the lure of wealth, so no fruit is produced.

SERMON

“It Looks Good, Tastes Good, but Is
It?” -

Min. Jeff Thorpe

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SONG OF RESPONSE HOLY FOREVER

A thousand generations
Falling down in worship
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb.
And all who've gone before us
And all who will believe
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb.

Your name is the highest,
Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.

And the angels cry, Holy!
All creation cries, Holy!
You are lifted high, Holy!

Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
If you walk in freedom,
And if you bear His name,
Sing the song forever to the Lamb.
We'll sing the song forever and amen.

And the angels cry, Holy!
All creation cries, Holy!
You are lifted high, Holy!
Holy forever!

Hear Your people sing, Holy!
To the King of kings, Holy!
You will always be Holy!
Holy forever!

(Jesus,) Your name is the highest,
Your name is the greatest,
Your name stands above them all.
All thrones and dominions,
All powers and positions,
Your name stands above them all.
(REPEAT)

And the angels cry, Holy!
All creation cries, Holy!
You are lifted high, Holy!
Holy forever!

Hear your people sing, Holy!
To the King of kings, Holy!
You will always be Holy!
Holy forever!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Next week, the Rev. Dr. Richard Selby will be joining us to preach on John 3.**
- **Sandwiches for the Austin Street Center are due Monday, February 23, by 6:45pm.**
- **Join us for our Lenten Study as we reflect on Jesus' suffering and death. We are going through Adam Hamilton's book, *24 Hours that Changed the World*, and we will next meet on Wednesday, February 25, at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall.**

Sermons are available online at www.fpcd.org/sermons.
The "W" stands for Hymnal for Worship & Celebration.
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Welcome Guests and Visitors!

We want to get to know you! If it's your first time here, please fill out a visitor card from the seat back in front of you and place it in an offering plate, located throughout the sanctuary.

Sunday School and Children

Sunday school for adults and children meets at 9:15 AM in the Education Building. During the service, nursery is provided for ages 0-4 in the Education Building. Children are welcome to stay with you during the service, and are invited to come forward during the Children's Moment. If your child needs something to keep them busy, kids' activity boxes are available in the entry hall!

