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GATHERING

PRELUDE: To God Be the Glory

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PASSING OF THE PEACE

Liturgist: The peace of Christ be with you

People: And also with you.

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: Joel Reese

Liturgist: We gather before the God whose mercy has carried us through our own failures.

People: We give thanks for grace we have received and could never earn.

Liturgist: God calls us to rejoice when that same mercy restores another person's life.

People: Free us from resentment, O God, and teach us to welcome your generosity.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#619 · Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven · *LAUDA ANIMA*

CALL TO CONFESSION

God did not abandon Jonah in his anger, and God does not abandon us. Trusting the mercy that calls us to repentance, let us confess where we have failed.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we welcome your grace for ourselves yet resent it when others receive it. We remember their failures while forgetting our own need for forgiveness. We have mistaken another person's relief for

our loss, and wished them hardship because we have struggled. Forgive us. Teach us to protect those who are harmed, seek justice without cruelty, and welcome genuine repentance. Free us to rejoice when another life is restored, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God's generosity does not diminish when it reaches someone else. In Jesus Christ, God meets our sin with forgiveness and calls us into new life. Friends, believe this good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE & MERCY

#582 · Glory to God Whose Goodness Shines on Me · *GLORY TO GOD*

WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gracious God, open our hearts to your Word. Through Jonah and Jesus' parable, uncover our resentment and teach us to rejoice in mercy, even when it reaches those we would exclude. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING:

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them, and he did not do it. But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. He prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning, for I knew that you are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment. And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the Lord said, "Is it right for you to be angry?" Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. The Lord God appointed a bush and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort, so Jonah was very happy about the bush. But

when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?" And he said, "Yes, angry enough to die." Then the Lord said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left and also many animals?"

Jonah 3:10–4:11 (NRSVue)

Liturgist: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM: Psalm 150

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NEW TESTAMENT READING:

"For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for a denarius for the day, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace, and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around, and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked

only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ But he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?’ So the last will be first, and the first will be last.”

Matthew 20:1–16 (NRSVue)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: The Mercy We Resent.....Rev. Daniel Coffey

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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; 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 catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN OF RESPONSE: # 351 All Who Love and Serve Your City**

PRAYERS OF PEOPLE & OUR 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

OFFERTORY: Choral, Moderato

Music: Flor Peeters.

DOXOLOGY: #607

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Christ all people here below, Praise Holy Spirit evermore, Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN: # 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: I Will Arise and Go To Jesus

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CHURCH FAMILY IN OUR PRAYERS

Leona Bryant, Pauline Craig, Mary Davis, Betty Nicora, Bev Skinner, Ernie Stroup, Carrol Walker, Gene & Cindy Schirmacher, Scott Barnett, Ken Roberts

FAMILY AND FRIENDS IN OUR PRAYERS

Robert Lee Austin, Tommie Gayle Blankenship, Linda & Ervin Bradshaw, Kathy Byrkit, Peter Casturao, Annie Croon, Laura Dixon, Larry Dowler, Kathy Edwards, Sanders Elliot, Noelle Franklin, Laverne Funderburk, Jack Giordano, Ken Gragg, Johnny Greene, Allen Hennessee, Brad & Dottie Herman, Pat Hollar, Elaine Kirby, Christy & Beverly Knight, Larry MacDonald, Lizzy Mullinax, Collette Murphy, Wanda Neely, Gene Payne, Sharon Pennington, Lou Perry, Bill Pientka, Wanda Prince, Noah, Patricia Reynolds, Sandy Rich, Steve Robbins, James Dale Shehan 3rd (Aydee's grandson 10yr old, he was in a car wreck and broke both hips, head, liver and lung injury), Jeffrey Smith, Keith Smith, Mike Taylor, Doug Thompson, Erin Taylor, Cecil Triplett, Jeffrey Bosch, Marie West, Paul Wesley, Oscar & Debra Weston, Joyce White, Lynnleigh White, Will White, Kristine Williams, Karen Whitener, Rocky Wright, Tonia Wright, Karen Ann Yates

NEIGHBORS NEAR AND FAR

Iglesia Presbiteriana Genezareth in Guatemala, Guatemalan Microloan Projects, Men in the Mirror Program and Prayer Partner: Victorina Ramos & family, Countries experiencing the effects of war and disasters, World Leaders. Those impacted by all natural disasters and war. Rescue and Assistance Personnel, Military and Volunteers

IN CARE MEMBER

Pauline Craig; at Shaire Center
Gene Gray, Raleigh
Betsy Humphreys; Grace Ridge
Bev Skinner; Springs of Catawba
Leona Bryant; at Home
Linda Jenkins; at Home
Betty Nicora; at Home
Gene Schirmacher; Cadwell
Ken Roberts; Brookdale
Mary Davis; Shaire Center

THOSE IN THE ARMED FORCES

Kaitlin Clark; Air Force
- Dallas, TX
Dylan Conlon; Army
- Savannah, GA
Kyle Conway; Marine
- Okinawa, Japan
Shaun Sprouse; Army
- Fort Hood, TX
Jonathan Wallace; Army
- Fort Riley, Kansas

THIS WEEK'S PRAYER PARTNER CHURCH

✠ First Presbyterian, Highlands, SC

HOUSEHOLD OF THE WEEK

✠ Candace Triplett

MOWERS FOR THE WEEK

✠ TOM GIBSON 10/11 – 10/17

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

✠ Jimmy Harrison 10/09

✠ Pauline Craig 10/10

✠ Judy Forbes 10/17

✠ Anna Neal 10/26

✠ Lauren Brittain 10/30

CALENDAR

✠ THURSDAY 10/8 FOOD PANTRY 9AM – NOON

✠ THURSDAY 10/8 BAND IN CLC

✠ MONDAY 10/12 TRANQUILITY THREADWORKS 1PM (CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED)

✠ WEDNESDAY 10/14 YOUNG @ HEARTS NOON

✠ WEDNESDAY 10/14 CHOIR 5PM

✠ THURSDAY 10/15 BEEKEEPERS MEETING IN CLC

✠ SUNDAY 11/01, PASTOR DANIEL REQUESTS THAT YOU BRING PHOTOS OF FRIENDS OR FAMILY WHO HAVE PASSED AWAY TO THE MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE. THERE WILL BE A TABLE SET UP IN THE SANCUARY TO PLACE YOUR PICTURE FRAME TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US. YOU MAY BRING MULTIPLE IF YOU WISH.

MISSION STATEMENT:

THE MISSION OF GREENWAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IS TO GROW GOD'S KINGDOM BY: PROCLAIMING GOD'S LOVE FOR ALL TO ALL AND LIVING AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST AS WE ARE GUIDED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR MINISTRY.

Bold print indicates congregational participation.

* indicates all that are able, to please stand in body or spirit.

Rev. Daniel Dean Coffey, Supply Minister

Candace Triplett, Director of Music

Office Hours: 10am – 3pm

