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*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*

Words and Music by Stuart Townsend

When we put our foot upon the threshold of glory, and pass through the gate of pearl to the golden pavement of the heavenly city, the last step will be as much taken through the grace of God, as was the first step when we turned unto our great Father in our rags and misery. Left by the grace of God for a single moment, we would perish. We are dependent as much upon grace for spiritual life as we are upon the air we breathe for this natural life.

Charles Spurgeon

God is not glorified if the foundation of our gratitude for the gospel is the worth of its gifts and not the value of the Giver. If gratitude for the gospel is not rooted in the glory of God beneath the gift of God, it is disguised idolatry. May God grant us a heart to see in the gospel the light of the glory of God in the face of Christ. May he grant us to delight in him for who he is, so that all our gratitude for his gifts will be the echo of our joy in the excellency of the Giver!

John Piper

from *God Is the Gospel*

# RIVERWOOD PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## T U S C A L O O S A , A L A B A M A

August 8, 2021 • 11:00 Worship Service • Rev. Jeff Pate, Pastor

### Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

11:00am

Leader In Worship: Assisting Elder Gene Martin

Linda Graham, piano

### WELCOME

*Program all communication devices to be in silent mode. Thank you.*

### PRELUDE

*Please use this time for prayer and meditation as we prepare to go before the living God in worship.*

## PRAISE

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### CALL TO WORSHIP: *from Psalm 107*

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

People: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

Leader: For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.

People: Let them extol him in the congregation of the people,  
and praise him in the assembly of the elders.

Leader: Let all consider the steadfast love of the Lord.  
Come, let us worship!

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**HYMN: 76** “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven”

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;  
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and swift to bless;  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Fatherlike, he tends and spares us; well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes;  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, widely as his mercy goes.

Frail as summer's flow'r we flourish, blows the wind and it is gone;  
but while mortals rise and perish, God endures unchanging on.  
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the High Eternal One.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,  
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.

**PRAYER OF PRAISE AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

# CONFESSION

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## SCRIPTURE READING: *Deuteronomy 6:1-15*

<sup>1</sup>“Now this is the commandment—the statutes and the rules—that the LORD your God commanded me to teach you, that you may do them in the land to which you are going over, to possess it, <sup>2</sup>that you may fear the LORD your God, you and your son and your son's son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be long. <sup>3</sup>Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them, that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the LORD, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>4</sup>Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. <sup>5</sup>You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup>And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup>You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup>You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup>You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.”

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
All: Thanks be to God!

## CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN:

All: O Lord, when we read these words, we know that everything flows from them. We know that you are One, that you came to us when we couldn't come to you, and that your Holy Spirit has called us to be your people. We know that you sent your Son, your only Son, to die in our place for our redemption. We know these wondrous things, and yet we fail daily to act toward you in love and obedience. God of love and endless mercy, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and love our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections often turn away from you: turn from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Dear Lord, have mercy on us. Forgive our sins against you. Forgive even the sins of blindness when we are unaware that we sin against you. Cause us to order our lives by your holy Word. Give us the desire to make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus so that we may be a light to others for your glory. Amen.

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## SILENT REFLECTION AND CONFESSION

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD: *from Romans 8:38-39*

**Pastor:** “For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.” Through Jesus Christ alone, we have received grace and are at peace with God. May His peace be with you.

**People:** **And also with you.**

### HYMN: 131 “Children of the Heavenly Father”

Children of the heav’nly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.

God his own doth tend and nourish, in his holy courts they flourish;  
from all evil things he spares them, in his mighty arms he bears them.

Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.

Praise the Lord in joyful numbers, your Protector never slumbers;  
at the will of your Defender ev’ry foeman must surrender.

Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne’er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

More secure is no one ever than the loved ones of the Savior;  
not yon star on high abiding nor the bird in home-nest hiding.

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

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Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

### DOXOLOGY (Hymnal, page 731)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heav'nly host:  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:

From the *Westminster Confession of Faith*  
Chapter II - God and the Holy Trinity, Part 1

Leader: What do we believe about the one living and true God?  
All: **There is only one living and true God, who is infinite in being and perfection, a completely pure spirit, invisible, without body, parts, or emotions, unchangeable, immensely vast, eternal, limitless, almighty, completely wise, completely holy, completely free, and completely absolute. He works everything according to the purpose of his own unchangeable and completely righteous will for His own glory. He is completely loving, gracious, merciful, and long-suffering. He overflows with goodness and truth. He forgives wickedness, transgression, and sin, and rewards those who diligently seek Him. His judgments are completely just and awesome; He hates all sin and will not acquit the guilty.**

RESPONSE: “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.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

HYMN: “How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,  
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss - the Father turns His face away,  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life - I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;  
But this I know with all my heart - His wounds have paid my ransom.

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HYMN: 44 "How Great Thou Art"

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
thy pow'r thro'out the universe displayed.

*Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

When thro' the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin.

## RESPONSIVE READING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION:

Pastor: With these words our Lord commands all believers to eat this broken bread  
and to drink this cup in true faith and in the confident hope of his return  
in glory.

**All: In this supper God declares to us that our sins are completely forgiven  
through the one sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which he himself finished on  
the cross once for all.**

Pastor: He also declares to us that the Holy Spirit grafts us into Christ, who is  
bodily now in heaven at the right hand of the Father.

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Riverwood Presbyterian uses wine in the celebration of Holy Communion. If you would prefer non-alcoholic grape juice, please take a  
cup from the inner circle of the tray.*

# BENEDICTION

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HYMN: 44 “How Great Thou Art”

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art.

*Chorus:*

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:  
how great thou art, how great thou art!

BENEDICTION

DISMISSING HYMN: 263 “Lift High the Cross”

*Refrain:*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
till all the world adore his sacred name.

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

*(Refrain)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAYS

August 9 Mike Zheng  
August 10 Katherine Odom  
August 14 Michael Henry  
August 14 Ed Kidder

## LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; Ephesians 4:25-5:2; John 6:35, 41-51

## SESSION & DIACONATE MEETING

The elders and deacons will meet this Wednesday, August 11 at 6:30pm in the Administration Building for their monthly meeting.

## PROMOTION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, August 15, all Sunday School classes will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:45am for a period of prayer and thanksgiving for the new Sunday School year. At this time, we will recognize our Sunday School teachers for their faithful service and introduce the teachers for this year. The children will then move up to their new Sunday School class.

## COVENANT KIDS RESUMES

Covenant Kids Club will resume next Sunday, August 15 from 5:00-7:00 with a Pool Party & Cookout for parents and children at the Staggs home. Parents, check your email for more information.

## TEACHERS AND AIDES NEEDED FOR CATECHISM

We still need a couple of teachers for Catechism on Wednesday afternoons. To learn more, please contact Joann Williams.

## YOUTH GROUP

Riverwood Sunday night Youth Group will start back on August 22 when we will begin our study "With Jesus in the Upper Room."

## FINANCIAL REPORT

*Through July 2021*

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| Operating Income:      | \$251,430.93  |
| Operating Expense*:    | \$279,168.71  |
| Net Income:            | (\$27,737.78) |
| Designated gifts:      | \$54,333.00   |
| Building loan balance: | \$671,189.02  |

*\*Includes the minimum monthly building loan payment*