

Sunday, September 19, 2021 – 10:45 a.m.

Chiming of the Hour

Paul Ferington, organist

Voluntary

“Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”
JoySound Orchestra; Patsy Wade, director

arr. Camp Kirkland

A Word of Welcome

Rev. Adam Jones

Congregational Invocation

Rev. Adam Jones

Feed us with Your Word, O Lord.

**With new perspectives,
and a vision of Your presence,
refresh our hearts this day.**

**Be present in our midst this hour,
that we might hear Your voice
and respond to your call. Amen.**

Processional Hymn 139

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”

LOBE DEN HERREN

Affirmation of Faith 887

Rev. Adam Jones

Leader: Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
Shall tribulation or distress, or persecution or famine, or nakedness or peril or sword?
People: **No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loved us.**
We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities,
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.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

Gloria Patri 70

“Glory Be to the Father”

MEINEKE

Baptismal Covenant

Dr. Davis Chappell with Rev. Adam Jones to assist

Prayer for the Holy Spirit: The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Congregational Covenant: With God’s help, we will so order our lives after the example of Christ that Rowan Davis, surrounded by steadfast love, may be established in the faith, and confirmed and strengthened in the way that leads to life eternal.**

***Response Hymn 611**

“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”

STUTT GART

**Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit’s sign;
with this water God has sealed you unto love and grace divine.**

**Child of God your loving Parent, learn to know whose child you are.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.**

Pastoral Prayer & Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Adam Jones

Scripture Reading: Acts 9:1-9 (NRSV)

Judy Zartman

1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" 5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. 6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." 7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. 8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. 9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

Sermon	"Empowered to Change" Empowered, Part 7	Dr. Davis Chappell
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Rev. Adam Jones

Offertory	"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart" Chancel Choir; Mark Edwards, director	by David Schwoebel
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Dr. Davis Chappell

Closing Hymn	"We Are Called to Be God's People"	AUSTRIAN HYMN
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**We are called to be God's people, showing by our lives His grace,
One in heart and one in spirit, sign of hope for all the race.
Let us show how he has changed us, and remade us as His own,
Let us share our life together as we shall around his throne.**

**We are called to be God's servants, working in His world today;
Taking His own task upon us, all His sacred words obey.
Let us rise, then, to His summons, dedicate to Him our all,
That we may be faithful servants, quick to answer now His call.**

**We are called to be God's prophets, speaking for the truth and right;
Standing firm for godly justice, bringing evil in to light.
Let us seek the courage needed, our high calling to fulfill,
That we all may know the blessing of the doing of God's will.**

Benediction		Dr. Davis Chappell
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Choral Benediction (Acolytes & Pastors depart)	"Rejoice, Give Thanks, and Sing" Chancel Choir; Mark Edwards, director	by David Schwoebel
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Postlude	Postlude on "Austrian Hymn" Paul Ferington, organist	arr. Don Hustad
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Paraments: GREEN - The color green is employed during this time to symbolize a season of growth and maturity.

Acolytes: Grace Hamilton & Callie Fields

The chancel flowers are presented to the glory of God in loving memory of Judith Humphreys given by Jim and Anita Humphreys and their children, Rob, Clark, Pace, Alicia, and Andrew, and their eleven grandchildren.

SERMON REFLECTION

1. What are my biggest take-aways from the sermon?

2. What is God teaching me?

3. What from the sermon can I apply to my life this week?

4. When did I feel most uplifted?

5. When did I feel most unsettled?
