

# Red Clay Creek *Presbyterian Church*

Sunday | August 15, 2021

9:00 am (In-Person) and 10:30 am (In-Person & LiveStream)

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## COVID Friendly Reminders As We Resume In-Person Worship

We're excited that the pandemic is ebbing and the country is re-opening as more and more people are being vaccinated; but, in concern for the safety and comfort level of all who come into the church, we are still maintaining basic COVID safety guidelines.

- Worshippers must **REMAIN AT LEAST 3 FEET FROM THOSE WHO DO NOT LIVE IN THEIR OWN HOUSEHOLD**, regardless of vaccination status.
- AT OUR 9:00 AM "COVID SENSITIVE WORSHIP SERVICE"**: *ALL must wear masks covering nose and mouth through the entire service, regardless of vaccination status. (The only exception will be for worship leaders, while they are speaking or singing in the chancel.)*
- AT OUR 10:30 AM "HYBRID WORSHIP SERVICE"**: *Masks covering nose and mouth are required for those who are partially vaccinated or unvaccinated, and encouraged for everyone.*
- Balcony seating will be closed except to the media production team.
- At the conclusion of services, please leave the sanctuary promptly. Fellowship is encouraged outside the building near the doors of Founders Hall.
- Do not attend if you or a member of your family have COVID symptoms or if you have been in contact with someone with symptoms. And, **IF YOU OR SOMEONE IN YOUR FAMILY SHOULD TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19 AFTER ATTENDING WORSHIP, PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH IMMEDIATELY** so that we can contact everyone who attended worship that day.

*Thank you for joining us this morning! Welcome back!*

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# Calling the Community to Worship

## CHIMING OF THE HOUR

## SHARING OF OUR LIVES

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

*If you are worshipping in the sanctuary, please fill out the Friendship Pad located at each end of every pew. If you are worshipping online, please let us know you connected with us at [www.rccpc.org/connect](http://www.rccpc.org/connect).*

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*A time to center ourselves for worship.*

“Our wisdom, insofar as it ought to be deemed true and solid wisdom, consists almost entirely of two parts: the knowledge of God and of ourselves.”

–John Calvin Institutes of the Christian Tradition

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: For us there is only One God and Father  
from whom streams all creation  
and for whom we exist.

People: **Praise God! I will give thanks to God  
with my whole heart.**

Leader: And we have one Master  
through whom all things are made new  
and for whom we exist.

People: **I will give praise among fellow believers,  
I will join with the congregation.**

Leader: And we have one Holy Spirit,  
by whom the church is serviced  
and for whom we exist.

People: **Great are the works of our Triune-God!  
To be over-awed is the beginning of wisdom.  
May our praise go on forever!**

O God of all the nations, your ancient prophets saw  
 That kings and institutions are not above the law.  
 Integrity is precious, and truth will one day stand;  
 Your way is peace and justice, and love is your command.

We pray they'll gather wisdom and lift up high ideals,  
 To guide our struggling nation along a path that heals.  
 We pray they'll have the vision to value each good law,  
 To put aside ambition, to seek the best for all.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-knowing God, we are your children,  
 but we have turned away from your wisdom and walked in our own ways.  
 We have lived carelessly and squandered time.  
 We have been foolish and failed to understand your will.  
 We have been drunk with the wine of this world  
 and debauched in our own desires.  
 Purge us from evil and fill us with your Spirit.  
 Clear our minds from clutter  
 that we may discern what is right  
 and walk in your ways. Amen.

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

#### PASSING OF THE PEACE

*We will remain in our seats and share the peace of Christ with a wave or hand gesture.*

## Proclaiming the Word

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### SCRIPTURE READING

*1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14*

Then David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast

love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

SERMON

*Understanding*

Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke

## Responding to the Word

MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*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 and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO GENEROSITY & PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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## Going Forth to Serve in Christ

HYMN\*

*Be Thou My Vision*, vss. 1,2,4 (see next page)

BENEDICTION

*Please exit the sanctuary while maintaining social distancing. You are welcome to greet worship leaders and fellowship with one another outside the building, near the doors of Founders Hall.*

# Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) (G) (D/F#) (A7) (D)  
 Eb Ab Eb/G Bb7 Eb



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;

4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,


(A) (D) (G) (A)  
 Bb Eb Ab Bb



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;

may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!


(G) (D) (F#m7) (G) (A)  
 Ab Eb Gm7 Ab Bb



thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;

Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) (D/F#) (G) (D)  
 Cm Eb/G Ab Eb



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.

still be my vi - sion, O Kul - er of all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.



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## CHILDREN'S MOMENT

As we transition to hybrid services of worship, with a restricted maximum number of in-person attendees and LiveStream options, the Children's Moment will be available as a stand alone video at [www.vimeo.com/rccpc](http://www.vimeo.com/rccpc).



The flowers displayed in the chancel today are given for the Glory of God.

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## WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Associate Pastor:	Rev. Eric Koenig-Reinke
Lay Readers:	Hank Smithies (9:00 am) & Anne Ceres (10:30 am)
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