



## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

## TIME FOR THE YOUNG AT HEART

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

God sent the prophet Samuel to Jesse in Bethlehem, saying, "I have provided for myself a king among his sons." <sup>6</sup> When the sons of Jesse came before him, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD." <sup>7</sup> But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." <sup>8</sup> Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>9</sup> Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." <sup>10</sup> Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." <sup>11</sup> Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And Jesse said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here." <sup>12</sup> He sent and brought him in. Now David was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." <sup>13</sup> Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward.

*1 Samuel 16:1, 6-13*

<sup>26</sup> Jesus said, "The realm of God is as if a sower would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, and the sower does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once the sower wields the sickle, because the harvest has come." <sup>30</sup> He also said, "With what can we compare the realm of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

*Mark 4:26-32*

SERMON	"Get Your Sickle Ready"	Rev. Martin McGeachy
MEDITATION	"My Lord! What a Morning" Paul Francis, baritone	African American Spiritual

PASTORAL PRAYER

**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, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**BLUE HYMNAL #285** “God, You Spin the Whirling Planets”

1. God, You spin the whirling planets, Fill the seas and spread the plain,  
Mold the mountains, fashion blossoms, Call forth sunshine, wind, and rain.  
We, created in Your image, Would a true reflection be  
Of Your justice, grace, and mercy And the truth that makes us free.
  
3. God, Your word is still creating, Calling us to life made new.  
Now reveal to us fresh vistas Where there’s work to dare and do.  
Keep us clear of all distortion. Polish us with loving care.  
Thus, new creatures in Your image, We’ll proclaim Christ everywhere.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“He Is Exalted”  
Penny Cameron, piano

by Twila Paris  
arr. by Ellen Banks Elwell

*Thank you to our videographers, Alexis and Stephanie Gould.*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- ▶ The Food Pantry can use donations of non-perishable foods, as well as diapers (children & adult), and bags. Leave in the outside bin or call Martin for appointment.
- ▶ Zoom Prayer each Wednesday at 8:30 a.m. The link is in the weekly bulletin email.

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