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**WELCOME J.D. PLANT** as our guest organist today. J. D. Plant has held title of Director of Music Ministries at various churches in Montreal and New York City for 30 years. In addition to playing the organ he has also sung in professional choral ensembles at Lincoln Center and with "The Early Music Foundation" ensemble under the direction of Frederick Renz. Since moving to Middle Tennessee two years ago, Mr. Plant has undertaken the process of composing, arranging, singing and recording his own country music songs.

Rev. Edington is preaching a Summer Sermon Series on the Old Testament books of Ezra and Nehemiah titled *Building God's House*. All sermons are posted each Sunday following worship on [fpclebanon.org](http://fpclebanon.org).

## Ezra/Nehemiah: Building God's House

1. *Cyrus Stirred* - Ezra 1-3
2. *Circle the Wagons* - Ezra 4-6
3. *Past Imperfect* - Ezra 7-10
4. *RE: Building* - Nehemiah 1-3
5. Nehemiah 4-7
6. Nehemiah 8-9
7. Nehemiah 10-13

**Music Notes:** Today's prelude and postlude organ music were written in 1899 by the celebrated blind organist of the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, Louis Vierne. Vierne's compositions are some of the cornerstones of musical literature written for the pipe organ. His works evoke a multitude of spiritual emotions from the sublime to unrestrained joy. During communion, J. S. Bach's *O Lamb of God, Innocent*, melody originates in an early Lutheran hymn first published in 1531 and is written in a very rich 'string-like' character.

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## CALL TO RECONCILIATION

O Lord God of heaven, let your ear be attentive and your eyes open to hear the prayer of your servants confessing the sins of the people.  
We have sinned. We have offended you deeply, failing to keep the commandments, the statutes, and the ordinances that you commanded your servant Moses.  
Redeem us by your great power and your strong hand.  
Let your ear be attentive to the prayer of your servants. Give success to your servants today, and grant us mercy. Amen.

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\* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: From the words of our lips and the utterances of our hearts God hears  
the confessions we offer. Friends, this is the good news:  
People: In the name of Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\*GLORIA PATRI

Hymn No. 579

*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.*

\*THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

THE WORD OF GOD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (unison)

Prepare our hearts, O God, to accept your Word.  
Silence in us any voice but your own,  
that, hearing, we may also obey your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 2:1-8

*Why should my face not be sad, when the city, the place of my ancestors' graves, lies waste,  
and its gates have been destroyed by fire?*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God!**

ANTHEM

*Teach Me, O Lord*

Thomas Attwood

*Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,  
And I shall keep it,  
And I shall keep it unto the end.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

*RE: Building*

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

\*HYMN NO. 357

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

MARYTON

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Draw Nigh and Take the Body of the Lord*

David Halls

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN NO. 489

*Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

UNSER HERRSCHER

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

*Finale (Symphony #1)*

Louis Vierne