

Response	Percentage
Yes	100%

SAVE THE DATE: The Annual Church Picnic will be held on Wednesday September 19 at 6:00 p.m. at Don Fox Community Park. Wednesday Fellowship Meals will resume September 26.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS: The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Catherine Batcheler, beloved daughter, sister, granddaughter, and choir member by her Nonna, Robin Emmert.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ORGANIST J.D. PLANT: J. D. has held title of Director of Music Ministries at various churches in Montreal and New York City for 30 years. He has also sung in premier professional choral ensembles at Lincoln Center and with "The Early Music Foundation" ensemble under the direction of Frederick Renz.

J. D. has both Bachelor's and Master's Degrees in Organ Performance from McGill University and postgraduate studies at Boston Conservatory. He is a member of the Nashville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists (AGO.)

THE **4 CENTS A MEAL** offering will be received today. Please use the yellow pew envelope.

SUMMER SERMON SERIES: Rev. Edington is preaching a 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.

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. *Double Duty* - Nehemiah 4-7
6. *This Is the Word of the Lord* - Nehemiah 8-10
7. *Nehemiah 11-13*

LEBANON, TENNESSEE

August 26, 2018

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 a.m.

To Glorify God and Enjoy God Forever

PRELUDE

Fugue in G Minor

J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 119)

Leader: Happy are those whose way is blameless.

People: Happy are those who walk in the law of the Lord.

Leader: Happy are those who keep his decrees.

People: Happy are those who seek him with their whole heart.

Leader: With my whole heart I seek you.

People: I treasure your word in my heart.

*HYMN No. 482

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord of the Community, You bring us from sin to salvation,
yet we confess that we are not always attentive to your Word.

We ignore your calls to be holy.

We choose to go our own way.

We are not blameless.

Forgive us, we pray. Help us to realign our lives with you.

Help us to walk in your Law. Bind us into a community that places you at the center. Make us attentive to your Word. Amen.

SILENT PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

* Those who are able are invited to stand.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The promise of God is our salvation. Friends, believe the Good News.
People: In Jesus Christ our Savior, 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)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word
that we may truly understand;
that, understanding, we may believe,
and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience,
seeking your honor and glory in all that we do. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Nehemiah 8:1-12

They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses.
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter

*For the beauty of the earth, For the beauty of the skies,
For the love from our birth Over and around us lie:
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth, and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:
Lord of all, to thee we raise This our joyful hymn of praise.*

TIME FOR THE CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward.

SERMON

This Is the Word of the Lord

Rev. Sherard Edington

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

*HYMN NO. 327

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH

*STATEMENT OF BELIEF *(see insert)*

FROM NEHEMIAH 9

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Recitative on Chromhorne

F. Couperin

*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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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SENDING FORTH

*HYMN NO. 229

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LAST UNS ERFRELIEN

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Prelude in G Minor

J.S. Bach