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| SERVING THE CHURCH This Week | SERVING THE CHURCH Next Week |
| Liturgist: Bill Marshall (PA) Sound: Ushers: Linda Marshall Bill Marshall (NS) | Liturgist: Candie Vaitkevicius Sound: Ushers: Gail West Kitty Shealy |
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| Bill Marshall (NS) | Jackie Koch |
| Ronnie Storch | Candie Vaitkevicius |

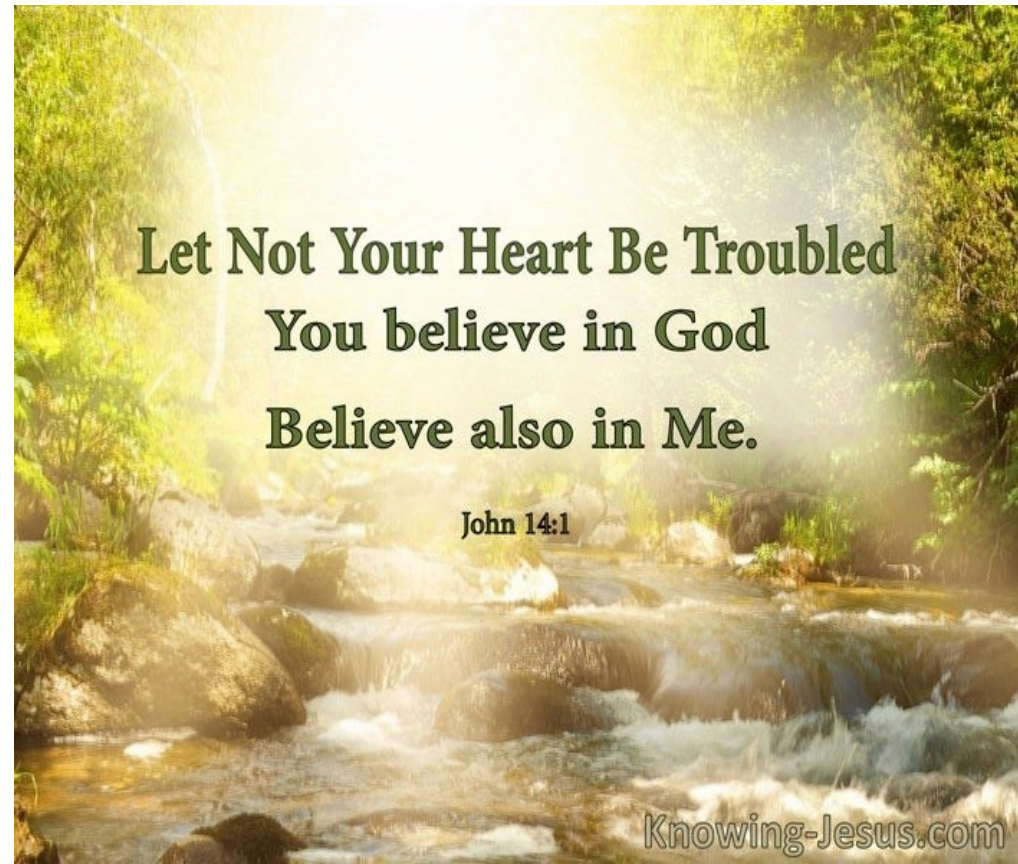
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Sunday, May 7, 2023

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

"Growing Together in Faith - Loving and Serving in the World"

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 7, 2023

5th Sunday of Easter

Welcome, announcements

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch will be out of the office from Sunday, May 14th through Sunday, June 4th. Please note that the wearing of masks during service and singing hymns is optional. NOTE: This service may be video recorded.

Please stand if you are able where asterisk.

PRELUDE "Singing I Go" arr. Sewell

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Bill Marshall (PA), Liturgist

Leader: Gather us, O God.

People: There is room for us all.

Leader: Dwell with us, O God.

People: Show us the way.

Leader: Guide us, O God.

All: We give thanks and praise for Christ as our way, truth and life.

OPENING HYMN: "Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters" (bulletin pg. 7)

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Christ, our way, our truth, our life, you have shown us the way, so clearly and fully. You have not simply told us how to live, you have shown us. But we still don't get it. We do not believe all you have said to us; we do not trust the way you have shown us. Help us, O God. Forgive us. Open our ears to your truth, open our eyes to your way, and lead us into new life. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, once you were not a people, but now you are God's people;

People: once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

BAPTISM

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Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B^b

1 Wash, O God, your sons and daugh-ters, new - born crea - tures
 2 Ev - ery day we need your nur - ture; by your milk may
 3 O how deep your ho - ly wis - dom! Un - i - mag - ined,

(D) F (Bm) Dm

of your womb. Num-ber them a - mong your peo - ple, raised like
 we be fed. Let us join your feast, par - tak - ing cup of
 all your ways! To your name be glo - ry, hon - or! With our

(G) B^b (D) F (A) C

Christ from death and tomb. Weave them gar - ments bright and
 bless - ing, liv - ing bread. God, re - new us; guide our
 lives we wor - ship, praise! We your peo - ple stand be -

(Bm) Dm (F#m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B^b (A) C (D) F

spark-ling; com-pass them with love and light. Fill, a - noint them;
 foot - steps, free from sin and all its snares, one with Christ in
 fore you, wa - ter - washed and Spir - it - born. By your grace, our

(Bm) Dm (G) B^b (D) F

send your Spir - it, ho - ly dove and heart's de - light.
 liv - ing, dy - ing, by your Spir - it, chil - dren, heirs.
 lives we of - fer. Re - cre - ate us; God, trans - form!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text incorporates many of the images associated with the water of baptism in the Thanksgiving the Water in *The Book of Common Worship*, especially nourishment, the calling forth of life, cleansing renewal, freedom from bondage, and sharing in Christ's resurrection.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1987, rev.

MUSIC: *The Sacred Harp*, 1844; harm. James H. Wood, 1958

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Guinea); Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Helen Guthrie; the Grooms family; The Bell family; Roger Edney (relative of Barb & Roger Daugherty). Do not hesitate to call or email the Church Office (office@simpsonvillepres.com) about any pastoral concerns.

SCHEDULES AND EVENTS

FOOD PANTRY: Your continued prayers and giving hearts allow us to keep this mission to our neighbors going. Suggestions for the month of May are child friendly items such as juice boxes, small packages of cookies or candy, etc. As always, we are grateful for all donations.

VIDEO RECORDINGS: Video recordings of services that have been previously recorded are available on the Church's website: www.firstpressimpsonville.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

NOTE: Rev. Dr. Mary Anne will be off beginning Sunday, May 14th through Sunday, June 4th for surgery. Pulpit supply pastors will be preaching for those four Sundays. She will also not have office hours during this time.

DINNER AND A SHOW: Plans for dinner and a show have been finalized for Friday, May 19th. The dinner will be at Shortfields Restaurant at 5:45 p.m. We have a private room reserved in Jackie's name. The show (Love, Loss and What I Wore) begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Simpsonville Arts Center. Dinner is pay as you go. Tickets for the show have been purchased for those signed up as of 4/16). Today is the last day to sign up. I will purchase additional tickets as needed. The ticket cost for senior citizens is \$12 PLUS a \$1.50 convenience fee per ticket. Please pay Jackie for the tickets by Sunday, May 14th.

PW SALAD LUNCH: The Presbyterian Women will host their annual Salad Luncheon today after the worship service. There will be great food and a wonderful time of fellowship. Please plan to attend and support this Fund Raising event (love offering).

MAY FELLOWSHIP DINNER: Candie and Joe Vaitkevicius will host the May dinner on Wednesday, May 31st at 5 p.m. The main course will be a chicken and stuffing casserole. Guests are asked to bring salads and desserts. A sign-up sheet is on the back table.

Leader: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

All: Alleluia. Amen.

RESPONSE: "Lord, Send a Revival" (chorus)

*Lord, send a revival; Lord, send a revival;
Lord, send a revival; And let it begin with me.*

HYMNS #5 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

SILENT PRAYER: A few moments of silent communication with God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Acts 7:55-60/John 14:1-7

SERMON: "The Way, the Truth, and the Life" Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the People and The Lord's 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,
For ever and ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF OFFERING AND PRAYER (the offering plate is located on a back table in the sanctuary just inside the back double doors.)

OFFERTORY "Offertory On DUNCANNON" arr. Livingston, Jr.

***The Doxology**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the LORD!

Let us give thanks to the LORD our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

THE SHARING OF THE MEAL

As the trays are passed please serve your neighbor with the words, "The Body and blood of Christ, given for you."

The Communion wafer is not gluten free. It is our tradition to take the bread individually and to hold the wine to drink together.

***CLOSING HYMN #388 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE: "The Lord Bless and Keep You"**

*The Lord bless and keep you,
The Lord make his face to shine on you
And be gracious, gracious.*

*The Lord bless and keep you,
The Lord lift his countenance on you
And give peace, give you peace.*

Amen, Amen.

POSTLUDE "Take the Name of Jesus with You" Tune PRECIOUS NAME

WELCOME TO SIMPSONVILLE PRESBYTERIAN! Whether you are a long-time member or first time visitor, we are glad you are here. If you would like to learn more about the Simpsonville Presbyterian community, we invite you to contact us through our website www.simpsonvillepres.com, or by calling the church office at (864)963-8854.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS AND REFRESHMENTS today are given by Sue Seidel. Thank you.

BIBLE STORY BAGS are available for children during worship. See an usher if you would like one for your child to use. Please return the bag to an usher after worship.

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Darrell Johnson, Donna Aycock

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Sue Marshall's mother, the Stenhouse and Clark families; Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall's brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father); Hector & Susan Medina; Robert Polenta (friend of Jackie Koch); Tom Hefernan (brother of Jackie); Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papau New