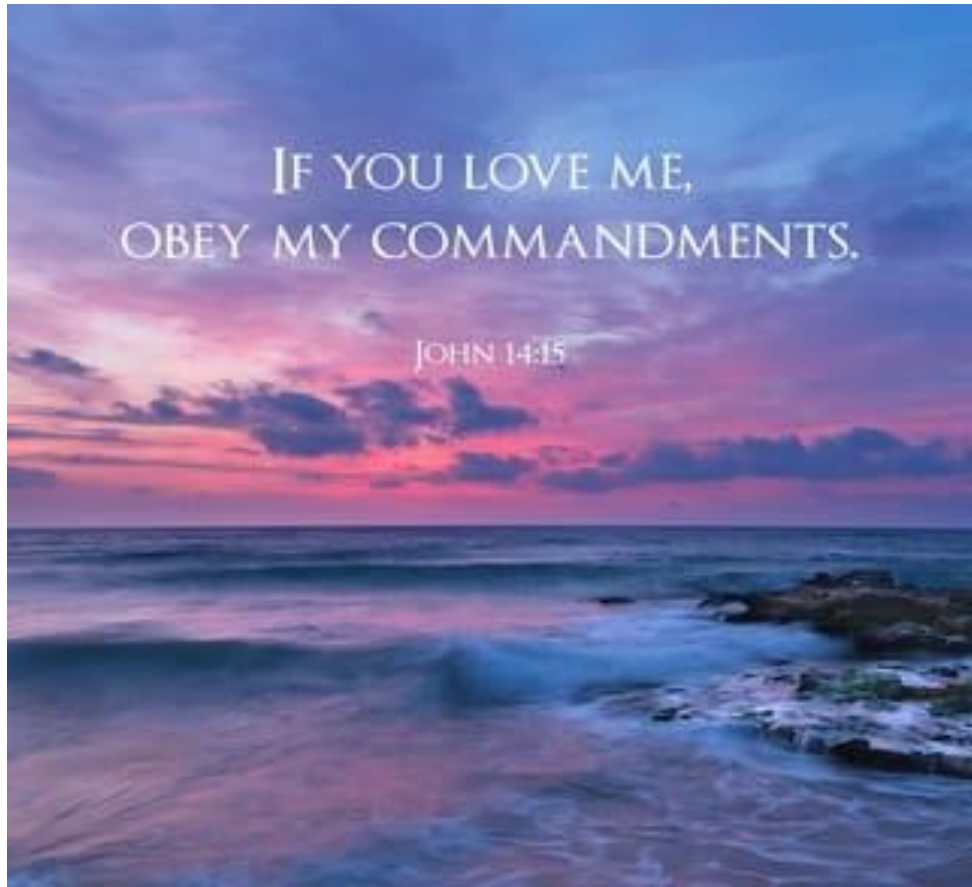


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Sunday, May 14, 2023

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church
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"Growing Together in Faith - Loving and Serving in the World"

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 14, 2023

6th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

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 "Praise the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Loree

*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: Shout with joy to God, all the earth!

People: Sing to the glory of his name; offer him glory and praise!

Leader: Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! So great is your power that your enemies cringe before you.

People: All the earth bows down to you; they sing praise to you, they sing praise to your name."

OPENING HYMN: #260 "A Mighty Fortress is Our God"

*PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Eternal and merciful God, You have loved us with the love beyond our understanding, and You have set us on the paths of righteousness for Your name's sake. Yet we have strayed from Your way; we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, through what we have done and what we have left undone. As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace symbolized in baptism, O God, we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again. Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin, and to rise daily to new life in Christ, who lives and reigns with You, and in whose strong name we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God forgives, restores, and strengthens us through the risen Christ.

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

TEXT: David Gambrell, 2009
MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 186d

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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.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet tomorrow, Monday, May 15th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: An envelope is inserted in today's bulletin for the annual Mother's Day offering. This offering helps ensure that residents of Presbyterian Communities continue to have the quality of care they need and deserve, regardless of their ability to pay due to outliving their resources. Thank you!

DINNER AND A SHOW: Plans for dinner and a show have been finalized for this coming 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). The ticket cost for senior citizens is \$12 PLUS a \$1.50 convenience fee per ticket. Please pay Jackie for the tickets by today.

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.

PULPIT SUPPLY PASTORS:

May 21 & 28: Rev. Jim Caprell

June 4: Rev. Pressley Cox

People: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

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 #263 "Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: John 14:15-21/1 Peter 3:13-22

SERMON: "Hope from Mothers of the Faith" Rev. Dr. Joseph Gaston

***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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living 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.

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 "Is Your All on The Alter?" arr. Renfrow

***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

*CLOSING HYMN "Great God of Every Blessing" (bulletin pg. 7)

*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 "I Am Thine, O Lord" Crosby

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 today are given by Gail West. Thank you.

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.

We welcome to our pulpit today The Rev. Joseph Gaston. Joseph serves as Chaplain of the Foothills Retirement Community of Easley. Prior to being at Foothills he was an associate pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church of Greenville. Joseph and his wife Karen live in Liberty where they are six miles from the house they first lived in forty years ago as newly-weds. They are grateful for their family, especially their three beautiful granddaughters!

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Marie Lansche, Gail West

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Teresa Castleberry (05/17), Linda Marshall (05/20)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch; Jean Kirkland, Marsha Johnson (sister of Darrell); Kitty Shealy, 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 Heffernan (brother of Jackie); Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); Dan Mills (brother of Barb Daugherty—Missionary to Papau New 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.firstpresssimpsonville.com. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."