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| <b>SERVING THE CHURCH<br/>This Week</b>   | <b>SERVING THE CHURCH<br/>Next Week</b>                                       |
| Liturgist: Jackie Koch<br>Sound:<br>Ushers: Jackie Koch<br>Linda Stenhouse                    | Liturgist:<br>Sound:<br>Ushers: Ronnie Storch<br>Linda Stenhouse              |
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**Sunday, July 16, 2023**

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



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# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

July 16, 2023

7th Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome, announcements

Joys and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch has office hours on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.—  
Noon. For an appointment, please call the Church office.

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 "Come, Thou Almighty King:" arr. Larson

**\*OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jackie Koch, Liturgist

Leader: The very word of God is a light to our feet,

**People: a lamp to our path.**

Leader: We gather this day to hear the Word of God,

**People: to offer prayers and sing songs of praise.**

Leader: We gather this day,

**All: to worship God!**

**OPENING HYMN: #455 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vs. 1-4)**

**#293 "This is My Father's World"**

**\*PRAYER OF ADORATION**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**CONFESSION OF OUR SIN** (unison prayer)

**O God, we are quick to say, "We didn't know." "We didn't mean to."  
"We didn't expect that to happen." But we have not tended the soil of  
our lives. We let it stay shallow and rocky by not learning from the ex-  
periences of others. We let it be riddled with thorns by succumbing to  
our own prejudices. Life-giving God, help us to tend our soil. Open us  
to being challenged, enable us to learn, so that your word will take root  
and bear good fruit in our lives. Amen.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear the good news!

**All: There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus!**

**BIBLE STUDY:** Acts: Catching Up With The Spirit, written by Matthew L. Skinner began this morning.

**SESSION MEETING:** The Session of SPC will meet tomorrow, Monday, July 17th, at 1:30 p.m. at the Church.

**CHURCH FAMILY BULLETIN BOARD:** We will be making updates to our Church Family Bulletin Board. Jackie will be contacting you if a new photo is needed.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43/Genesis 28:10-22

Sermon: "Stairway to Heaven"

Leader: Know you are forgiven and be at peace.

**All: Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**RESPONSE: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me"**

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.*

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.*

*I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,*

*Singin' Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!*

**HYMNS #40 "Joy to the World"**

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 55:10-13/John 15:1-11

SERMON: "I AM the True Vine" Rev. Dr. Mary Ann Welch

**\*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 “Nothing But the Blood/O the Blood of Jesus/Are  
You Washed in the Blood?” arr. Callaway

**\*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 #339** “Be Thou My Vision”

\*BENEDICTION

\*RESPONSE: “**God Be With You Till We Meet Again**”

***God be with you till we meet again;  
Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
May the Shepherd’s care enfold you;  
God be with you till we meet again.***

POSTLUDE “I Will Sing the Wondrous Story” Tune WONDROUS STORY

**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](http://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 Linda Stenhouse. 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:** Jimmy Cheeks, Barb & Roger Daugherty

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:** Candie Vaitkevicius (07/17)

**LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION**

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Jean Kirkland, Jason Koch (son of Jackie); Kitty Shealy, Sue Marshall’s mother, Everett (sister of Donnett); Michael Kolmer (Sue Marshall’s brother); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)’s father); the May family; Debbie Ramsdell (sister-in-law of Ronnie); Hector & Susan Medina; Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); Candie & Joe’s daughter, Heather; Jan Johnson; 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](mailto: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 July are cereals. 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.simpsonvillepres.com](http://www.simpsonvillepres.com). Click on “Videos” in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right.”

**HOT DOG ROAST AND YARD GAMES:** Join us on Friday, July 28th, at 5:30 p.m. on the Church grounds for an evening of food and fellowship. Enjoy Hot Dogs and fixins’, salads and desserts and then join in a game of corn hole and other yard games. We are asking attendees to bring a dessert, side dish or salad to share. There is a sing-up sheet on the back table. Friends and family are welcome. Please indicate how many are attending and what you would like to bring. Thank you.