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Sunday, September 3, 2023

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Sept. 3, 2023

14th 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. NOTE: Rev. Mary Anne will have office hours on Monday, 9/11 from 9 a.m.-Noon instead of Tuesday, 9/12.

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 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus" arr. Englert

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Candie Vaitkevicius, Liturgist

Leader: We gather hoping to see God,

People: here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.

Leader: We can see God

People: when we show one another honor,

Leader: when we pursue hospitality to strangers,

People: when we live in harmony with one another,

Leader: when we rejoice in hope.

All: Let us worship the visible God amongst us.

OPENING HYMN: #393 "Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said"

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Sometimes it sounds too hard: deny ourselves, take up our crosses, lose our lives? Forgive us, Savior, but we'd rather you do it for us. Forgive us, Christ, but we are overwhelmed with what you ask of us. We long to see you come in glory but fear the road we must take. Have mercy on our weakness. Be patient with our stumbling. Do not leave us behind, even when we are slow to follow, and lead us in your ways of peace. Amen.

(~\$15,000). We will run this campaign through the end of 2023 to provide the opportunity for folks to give when considering year end gifts to the Church. The actual roof project will start close to the end of September.

3. The Fellowship Hall remodel project is scheduled to start with a "demo" of the interior (except for restrooms), on Monday September 11 @ 8am. The remodel contract has been signed and a retainer check has been provided to Husky Builders from Fountain Inn. They have multiple crews and plan to be on-site daily Monday-Saturday. SPC and LOG teams have begun cleaning out the Hall in preparation for the 11th. We have a dumpster and storage container scheduled to land beside the hall by Sep 7. We have our AA friends scheduled to come and help us with the physical move on Saturday, Sep. 9 at 10am. We must have the hall completely cleaned out that day. If you are able, please plan on helping box up the good stuff and throw out that which is broken or no longer needed.

4. Groups who use the Fellowship Hall will be displaced to the main building and schedules have been worked out. These displacements are expected to last 6-8 weeks.

5. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call on Joe V., or either of the two Bills.

Coming Next Sunday:

Scripture: Exodus 12:1-14/Matthew 18:15-20

Sermon: "Off the Island"

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Bill & Linda Marshall, Hector & Susan Medina

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Allan Castleberry (09/04), Bill Marshall NS (09/06), Helen Guthrie (09/09), Ron Lundy (09/09)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jean Kirkland, Linda Marshall's mother; Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother, Everett (sister of Donnett); Bob Marshall (Bill Marshall (PA)'s father); the May family; Nicole Plante; the Ramsdell family (family of Ronnie); Hector & Susan Medina; Scott Hatfield (son-in-law of Candie & Joe); Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); Anna Smith; Jimmy Cheeks; Helen Guthrie; 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 September are canned corn, canned green beans, and dried beans other than black beans. 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. Click on "Videos" in the menu at the top or click on the picture of a worship service in the lower right."

SEPTEMBER FELLOWSHIP DINNER: The September Fellowship Dinner will be held at Jackie Koch's home on Friday, September 15th, at 5:30 p.m. Italian food will be served. Anyone wishing to bring something is asked to bring a salad or dessert. A sign-up sheet is on the back table. Jackie's address is 201 Odie Drive, Simpsonville.

BUILDING & GROUNDS CAPITAL PROJECT UPDATE:

1. We have elected to delay our parking lot resealing project until after the Fellowship Hall remodeling and roof replacement is complete.
2. The Fellowship Hall roof replacement was unexpected and as such we are conducting a short capital campaign to help with the costs

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Christ does not abandon us, but died for us, was raised for us, and loves us still.

All: This is the good news that prevails!

Leader: In Jesus' life, death, and resurrection, we are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

RESPONSE: "Rain Down"

Rain down; Rain down;

Rain down your love on your people.

Rain down; Rain down;

Rain down your love, God of life.

HYMNS #516 "Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON:

Matthew 16:21-28/Exodus 3:1-12

SERMON:

"Where's My Burning Bush?" Rev. Dr. Mary Ann 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 "Break Thou the Bread of Life" arr. Larson

***The Doxology (Note: New words)**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. 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 #263 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE: "Lord, Make Us More Holy"**

Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Lord, make us more loving;
Until we meet again.
Loving, loving, loving;
Until we meet again.

POSTLUDE "Our Father God, Thy Name We Praise" Payne

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 Ronnie Storch. 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.