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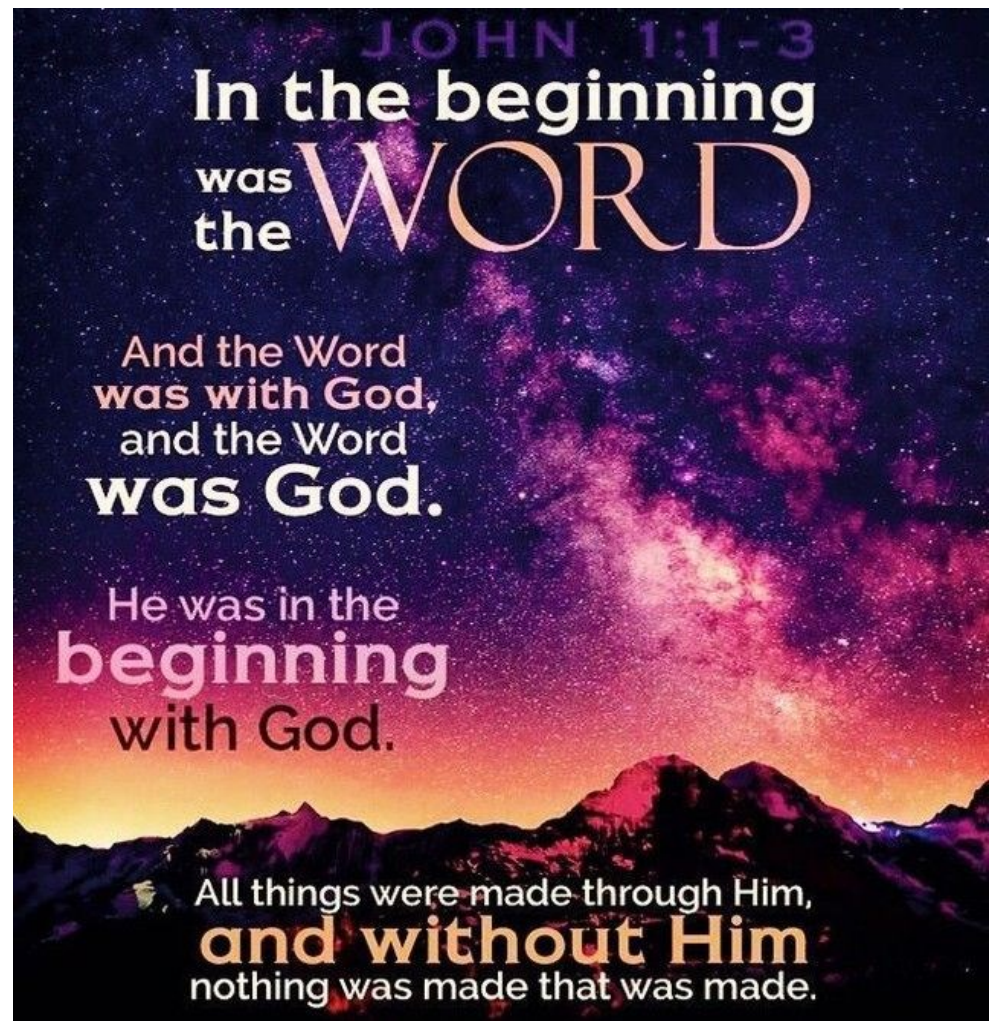
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Sunday, April 7, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church
 Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 7, 2024

2nd Sunday of Easter

Welcome, announcements

Prayers and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch will be out of the office from April 9th through April 15th.

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 "Near the Cross" arr. Howlett

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Jerry Kross, Liturgist

Leader: Into our fears and through our locked doors,

People: Come, Almighty God.

Leader: When we think 'peace be with you,' means no change or disruption,

People: Come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: Amidst our lives that confuse religious entertainment with Easter fulfillment,

All: Come, Holy Spirit.

Leader: For the sake of a community meant to be its best during crisis,

All: Come Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

***OPENING HYMN #377 "Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore"**

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

O Lord our God, we think our best should happen when we are in control. Forgive us for not expecting the risen Christ to show up when we are anxious, content to lock the doors of your house for fear of all that is outside. Forgive us for thinking that church mainly happens inside these walls and not into the world you so love and into which we are sent. Forgive us for looking for your power in all the conventional places but never in places of brokenness, crisis, and defeat. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, repair what we are, and by the power of

COMMUNITY DINNER: We are planning to serve a free hotdog meal to the community on Thursday, April 25 from 5-7 pm. It is to be the first of 3 hotdog meals we have planned for the 4th Thursdays of April, May, and June. The meal will be outdoors in our new picnic area, weather permitting. Everyone is welcome to come and eat, no need to sign up or bring anything. In addition, we will need a few volunteers to help with the meal. A sign-up sheet is located on the table in the back of the sanctuary for volunteers.

CARDS: Join us for card playing on Wednesday, April 10th at 11 a.m. at the Church. Bring your own lunch.

Coming Next Sunday: Rev. Dr. Joseph Gaston, Pulpit Supply Pastor

PRAYER FAMILIES OF THE WEEK: Robbie Herd, Darrell Johnson

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: Jim Stenhouse (04/08), Jan Kross (04/10)

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson, Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Hanson; Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; family of Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother; Robbie Herd; Tina Minnich (daughter of Candie & Joe); Linda Moseley (granddaughter of Jean Kirkland); Beverly Sullivan (friend of Jimmy Cheeks); Everett (sister of Donnett); Debra Datko; Sue Aeillo (friend of Jackie); Lisa Shelf; Hazel Cain (aunt of Linda Marshall); Dixie Suit (sister-in-law of Kitty Shealy); 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 April are canned and jarred spaghetti sauce. As always, we are grateful for all donations. **The Pantry is seeking volunteers to be "shoppers" for necessary items. If you would like to help, please see Candie.**

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.

SESSION MEETING: The Session of SPC will meet on Monday, April 8th at 10:30 a.m. at the Church.

VACATION: Rev. Dr. Mary Ann will be on vacation from April 9th through April 15th. No office hours on April 9th.

MEMORIAL SERVICE: A Celebration of Life for Guydana Holland will be held at the Church at 2 p.m. today. Anyone wishing to attend is welcome.

If you would like to host a fellowship dinner in your home in 2024, please sign up on the sheet on the back table.

Christ's resurrection, raise us up to serve others for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: You are already forgiven, loved, and whole.

All: In Christ, you are a fully flourishing human being; go live like it.

Leader: In the Spirit, you are not an isolated spiritual being, doing Christianity alone, but you are part of a community of faith.

All: By the grace of God, every human being is seen, loved, and made whole; go practice that. Amen.

RESPONSE: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks"

*Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,
Alleluia, Alleluia, give praise to His name.*

HYMN #438 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Psalm 133/1 John 1:1-22

SERMON: "After Easter, Then What?" 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 "Jesus Paid It All" arr. Howlett

*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 #207 "How Lovely, Lord"

*BENEDICTION

*RESPONSE: "He Lives"

*He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

POSTLUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Fillmore

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 Linda Stenhouse. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Bill & Linda Marshall. 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.