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Sunday, May 5, 2024

Simpsonville Presbyterian Church

Simpsonville, SC

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

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 5, 2024

6th Sunday of Easter

Welcome, announcements

Prayers and Concerns

Rev. Dr. Mary Anne Welch has office hours on Tuesdays from 9 a.m.-Noon. Please call 864-963-8854 to make an appointment.

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. Smith

***OUR CALL TO WORSHIP** Linda Stenhouse, Liturgist

Leader: The psalmist encourages us to praise God for all the marvelous things God has done.

People: We join with all creation in praise, for God's love and faithfulness to us is endless.

Leader: We sing because God chooses us out of God's great love.

All: We choose God's love, which bears us in fullness beyond compare.

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

***PRAYER OF ADORATION**

CALL TO CONFESSION

CONFESSION OF OUR SIN (unison prayer)

Tender God, forgive us for our half-hearted faith that loves only when it is easy, and reaches out only to those who are like us, that ignores your less convenient commandments and fails to bear fruit anyone would rejoice in. How can a faith like that conquer the world? Nourish us again, to blossom with whole-hearted faith that abides in your love and shines forth with joy. Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! The only one who could judge us calls us friends.

All: Jesus chose us over his own life, so let us choose Jesus in the life we have now.

SAVE THE DATE: PW Salad Luncheon, Sunday, May 19, following worship.

MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING: This annual offering is the primary way generous congregations assist the PCSC Foundation in providing charitable care to residents who, through no fault of their own, have exhausted their assets for continuing care in Presbyterian communities. Envelopes for this offering will be in the Mother's Day bulletin (May 12th).

PLEASE REMEMBER to sign up to bring flowers, refreshments, or to be a liturgist or usher for Sunday worship. Sign-up sheets are on the back table. Thank you!

Coming Next Sunday:

Scriptures: Psalm 1/John 17:6-19

Sermon: "Prayer is Love: Asking on Their Behalf"

LIFE IN THE CONGREGATION

PRAYER CONCERNS: Jan Johnson, Sam Orr (friend of Linda Marshall); Donnett Hanson; Peter VandeWeghe (brother of Jeff); Joe Vaitkevicius; Jean Kirkland; Alice Grooms; family of Bill Marshall (PA); Sue Marshall's mother; the Herd and McCaslin families; 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); the Fire Dept. of Laurens County. 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 hearty soups and broth (chicken, beef and vegetable). 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.

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

BIBLE STUDY ON FORGIVENESS began this morning and will continue on May 12th, May 19th and June 2nd at 9:15 a.m. If you didn't sign up and would like to attend, please feel free to do so.

STUFFED ANIMAL COLLECTION: We are collecting new stuffed animals for the Police to use to comfort children who have been in accidents or trauma situations. If you would like to donate to this worthy cause, please see a Session member.

Leader: By the power of the Spirit, our sins are washed away, and we are made new.

All: Let us live as God's forgiven children. Alleluia! Amen.

RESPONSE: "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Halle, halle, hallelujah!

Hallelujah, hallelujah!

HYMN #513 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS: Psalm 98/Acts 10:44-48

SERMON: "Feast of Friendship" 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 "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**

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 #439 "In Christ There is No East or West"**

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE: "Go with God"**

May God's grace go before you.
May His love enfold you.
May His mighty arms up hold you, protect you
Til we meet again, go with God.

POSTLUDE "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" Tune ARISE

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 Ron & Judy Lundy. Thank you.

REFRESHMENTS today are given by Jackie Koch. 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: Bill & Linda Marshall, Bill & Sue Marshall

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: None