



*SERVICE for the LORD'S DAY*

**Graduating Seniors Recognition Day, May 2, 2021**

*Dr. Dawson Harmon, Guest Minister*

**Everyone is welcome in God's house.**

*"Jesus said, 'Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I am humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.'" (Matthew 11:28-29)*



*This symbol indicates that everyone who is able should stand.*

## **GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE**

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**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*Laura Reichert,  
Liturgist*

## OPENING PRAYER

Descend upon this time of worship, O God. Let your Name be praised, and your ways honored. Let love be present in every greeting. Let our hearts be eager to feel your embrace. Let music touch the depths of our souls. Let your Word feed our spiritual hunger and direct our paths. Let us leave this place, our burdens lightened, and our spirits lifted. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

**PRELUDE:** *Almighty*

*arr. Cindy Berry*



## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, brothers and sisters in Christ, sense and experience the holiness of this day.

**People: It is a day like no other.**

Leader: The work of our Creator is visible.

**People: Let us respond with praise.**

Leader: The example of Jesus is apparent.

**People: Let us respond by following.**

Leader: The wind of the Spirit is blowing.

**People: Let us respond with joy.**

Leader: The Word of God goes forth.

**People: Let us hear and respond.**

Leader: For this is a day unlike any other.

**People: For this is the day our creator has made; Let us rejoice and be oh, so glad in it!**

**INSTRUMENTAL HYMN:** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*  
Andrew Carter, bass tuba

*CWM RHONDDA*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, who brooded over the world when it was created and now broods over your children until we are shaped in the image of Christ. We confess our daily sins: the word sharply spoken, the praise withheld, the embrace not given, the hurt disguised, the envy felt, the self-indulged, the need neglected. Receive us now broken, penitent, wishing it were otherwise. Enfold us in the arms of love and forgiveness and assist us as we journey towards**

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holiness. Grant us unity and peace and make us one with you, with ourselves, with each other, and with our world. Let your name be magnified, let Christ be glorified, let the Holy Spirit be intensified in our words and through our actions, this day and forevermore. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

## THE PATH AHEAD

*Rhianna Helmers*

## PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLES

*Rhianna Helmers and Andrew Carter*

*Lynda McLean*

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

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## PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

*Laura Reichert*

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:** Hebrews 12:1-3

**INSTRUMENTAL ANTHEM:** *Step by Step*  
*with Lead Me, Lord*

*Strasser/Schram*

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you,  
I will seek you in the morning,  
and I will learn to walk in your ways,  
and step by step you'll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my days.  
Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness;  
make your way plain before my face.  
Lead me, Lord, lead me in your righteousness;  
make your way plain and step by step you'll lead me  
and I will follow you all of my days.  
I will seek you in the morning,  
and I will learn to walk in your ways,  
and step by step you'll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my days.  
Lead me, Lord, and step by step you'll lead me,  
and I will follow you all of my days.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:** Romans 12:9-13

**SERMON:** *Make a Difference*

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## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

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**ANTHEM:** *The Wonder of You*

Julie Helmers and Kay Carter

Lord, when I think of who You are,  
I'm amazed at the wonder of You.

And, Lord when I gaze upon the stars  
I'm in awe of what You've done.

With Your heart You formed me as Your own,  
With Your love You blessed my soul;

For my joy You have made all these wonderful things,  
I'm in awe of what You've done.

So I'll praise You for all You've done,  
and I'll love You for who You are.

Lord, when I think of who You are,  
I'm amazed at the wonder of You.

And, Lord when I gaze upon the stars,  
I'm amazed at the wonder of You.

*Amy Bowen*



**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Enter Every Trembling Heart**

**I believe in God Almighty, who sets life before us as a course to be run and gives us bodies and minds with which to run it;**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, who has shown us what it is to run with commitment and has revealed in his resurrection the reward to those who finish the course;**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, who breathes into us the strength to run long distances, the wisdom to pace ourselves, and the love to respect all other runners;**

**I believe in the Church Universal; that gives us a sense of fellowship as we run, and the feeling that if anything happens on the course we shall be supported by those who care;**

*by John Killinger*

**I believe in the Life Everlasting, where the course we have run in this life gives way to a course finer than any we have ever known, and where our spirits shall run with a grace and beauty we have not yet experienced;**

**I believe--and because I believe, I run better. Amen**

**OFFERTORY:** *The Gift of Love*

Andrew Carter, bass tuba

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

*arr. Hal Hopson*

## **SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

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 **HYMN: 697** *Take My Life*

(verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

*HENDON*

**CHORAL BENEDICTION:** *Go Now in Peace*

*Don Besig*

**CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**POSTLUDE:** *Rondeau*

*Jean Joseph Mouret*

## ***What's Happening at Cahaba Springs***

**Today** we will be recognizing our graduating seniors: ***Rhianna Helmers and Andrew Carter***. We will continue our celebration with a covered dish luncheon following worship. Rhianna will be graduating from Jefferson County International Baccalaureate School and is planning to attend Auburn University. Andrew is graduating from Hewitt Trussville High School and is planning to attend the University of Alabama.

**PHFC Work Day:** Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. We will meet at 7:45 in the Home Depot parking lot near Jim 'N Nicks and head straight from there to the Home, planning to arrive around 8:30, back home by 3. Please confirm your availability to George Fritsma.

**CSPC Book Club:** Tuesday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 pm at CSPC led by Karen O'Brien. May's discussion will be on *Paula* by Isabell Allende.

**PW Monthly Luncheon & Study:** Sunday, May 16<sup>th</sup> immediately following worship. We will study Lesson 9 of *Into the Light, finding Hope Through Prayers of Lament* by P. Lynch Miller led by Joan Creighton. Please bring a salad or dessert. We will also be taking up money for our birthday offering.

**Stated Session Meeting:** Tuesday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

**TEAM Food Collection:** Sunday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> we will be collecting nonperishable items for TEAM. Please remember those in need.

**Three Hots & Cot Collection:** Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting coffee (no decaf, please) and paper products for our veterans.

**Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>** we will welcome Rev. John Brock and Richard Martin both from First Presbyterian, Eufaula. There will be a covered dish luncheon after worship at which time Mr. Martin will provide updates regarding the Living Waters mission in the Dominican Republic. Please bring your favorite dish, as usual meat will be provided.

# PRAYER CONCERNS

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## *For our church family...*

George McLean	John Holcomb	Laura Reichert	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Arnold Reichert	Nellie Songer	John Giddens
Al Greenberg	Vernon Clark	Steve Mannich	James Gillespie
Margaret Linville			

## *For our extended family...*

Grace Miller	Bill & Julie Wills	Garry Vincent	C. J. Fonte
Kennon Little	Donnie Bates	Clara Beach	Trent Schindler
Zoe	Jessica Watkins	Heather Odell	Fred Esleck
Mary Hammett	Margaret Stallings	Deborah Waldron	Fran Skiroock
Debra Jackson	Dave McGlasson	Morgan Ford	Hunter Ford
Rebecca Mueller	Jackson Hough	Ronnie Eades	George Fluke
Caitlin Lindsey	Lakelyn Claire Smith	Derek & Lauren Webber	

## ***Upcoming Pulpit Supply:***

May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Jeff Hayes
May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dr. Jeff Hayes
May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Dr. Jeff Hayes
May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Rev. John Brock
June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Westfall, General Presbyter

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