



Service for the Lord's Day

April 16, 2023

Pastor deNay Kirkpatrick

Cahaba Springs . . .

Is a church where all people
are welcomed and cared for,
empowered to grow spiritually,
and equipped to serve God
and each other in meaningful ways

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

**Please stand, as you are able*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements

Karen Rainwater

Prelude

I Worship You, Almighty God

arr. Cindy Berry

***Call to Worship** *from Rev. Rachel G. Hackenberg*

Karen Rainwater

One: O people, blessed are you who come in the name of the One who was and will be.

Many: **In death, in life, in renewal the Promise says to the mourner: "Peace be with you even when the wounds seem to suggest peace is not possible."**

One: O people, blessed are you who come in the name of the faithful Testimony.

Many: **In hope, in awe, in frustration the Teacher says to the disciple: "Peace be with you though you strive after answers that can only be known in living."**

One: O people, blessed are you who come with a song for the Victor and Healer.

Many: **In persistence, in resistance, Holy Joy says to the doubter: "Peace be with you through desperation and triumph, until neither one remains."**

One: O people, blessed are you who come with love for the One who frees.

Many: **With breath, with forgiveness, Freedom says to the restless: "Peace be with you until at last you understand it has already been found."**

One: O people, blessed are you who come in the name of the chief Cornerstone.

Many: **At a glance, with a touch, In a moment, the First-and-Last says to the fearful: "Peace be with you with every marker you place along the way to reassure one another."**

One: O people, blessed are you who come in the name of the Spirit of Peace.

***Hymn 246**

Christ Is Alive!

TRURO

***Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

Prayer of St. Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek
to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love.
For it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.
Amen.

A Moment with the Children

Children may choose to go to Junior Church after Children's Sermon

CONFESSING TO GOD

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Almighty God: you alone are good and holy. Purify our lives and make us brave disciples. We do not ask you to keep us safe, but to keep us loyal, so we may serve Jesus Christ, who, tempted in every way as we are, was faithful to you. O God, deliver us from cowardice that dares not face truth; laziness content with half-truth; or arrogance that thinks we know it all. O God, deliver us from cynicism about others; from intolerance or cruel indifference. O God, deliver us from being satisfied with things as they are, in the church or in the world; from failing to share your indignation about injustice. O God, deliver us from token concern for the poor, for lonely or loveless people; from confusing faith with good feeling, or love with wanting to be loved. For everything in us that may hide your light; O God, light of life, forgive us.

Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Prayer of Illumination

Karen Rainwater

First Reading**Acts 2:14a, 22-32**

14aBut Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,
 22“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know — 23this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. 24But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. 25For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me,
 for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken;
 26 therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced;
 moreover my flesh will live in hope.

27 For you will not abandon my soul to Hades,
 or let your Holy One experience corruption.

28 You have made known to me the ways of life;
 you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

29“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. 30Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. 31Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades,
 nor did his flesh experience corruption.’

32This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Instrumental Anthem*The Majesty and Glory of Your Name*

Tom Fettke

Joe Carter, organ Kay Carter, piano

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers,
 the moon and stars suspended in space.

O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of Your name,
 transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name, Alleluia!

Second Reading**Gospel John 20:19-31**

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.
31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Peace be with you!* deNay Kirkpatrick

Hymn 630 *Fairest Lord Jesus* CRUSADER'S HYMN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

*** Affirmation of Faith (Unison) 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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory *Prayer* Conradin Kreutzer

*** The Doxology**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above ye heavenly host,
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

* Prayer of Dedication

deNay Kirkpatrick

*Prayers of the People & 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.

SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

* Hymn 305

Come Sing, O Church in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148th

* Charge and Blessing

And all God's children say:

Alleluia! Amen!

deNay Kirkpatrick

* Choral Benediction

Go in His Name

Cindy Berry

* Postlude

Fugue in C major

Johann Eberlin

Weekly Classes & Events:

Inter-Generational Sunday Morning Class --Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Ladies' Room studying *The Gospel According to Dr. Seuss*.

Reel to Real -- Sundays at 9:30 AM in the Conference Room led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically.

Birmingham Youth Group -- Sundays, meeting at 4:20 PM at CSPC and traveling to Southminster Presbyterian Church. This is a gathering of youth from several Presbyterian Churches as a way to connect, socialize, and learn. Transportation and dinner are provided. Contact Karen Rainwater for additional information.

Thursdays Together --Thursdays at 10:00 AM in Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We are studying *Why Faith Matters* by David J. Wolpe which reveals just how important faith is in today's modern society.

Chancel Choir – Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Chordmakers -- Fridays at 5:30 PM in *Harmony Hall*. Please join us for good food, fun, fellowship and of course music.

April Happenings at Cahaba Springs

PW Monthly Luncheon & Study – today immediately following worship in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a salad or dessert. We will study Lesson 8 of *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechtel.

XYZ Monthly Luncheon – Tuesday, April 18th at 11:00 in *Harmony Hall*. We will have a light lunch and then move to the Conference Room to watch *A Man Called Otto*. Please bring sandwiches, snacks or dessert.

TEAM Food Collection – Sunday, April 23rd. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville. Please remember those in need.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, April 25th at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. This month's discussion will be on *If I Were the Boss of You* by Melinda Rainey Thompson.

3 Hots & Cot Collection – Sunday, April 30th. We will be collecting coffee (no decaf, please) and paper products for our vets.

Session Retreat—Sunday, April 30th from 12:30 -4:30.

Coming Soon

CSPC Yard Sale – May 26-27; rain date June 2-3. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider bringing your gently used clothing, household items, and small furniture for our huge yard sale! Items may be brought to the church now during normal business hours or on Sunday. We will need lots of volunteers to do the pricing, staging, etc. prior to the sale & many others the days of the sale. Please see Lynda McLean or Karen O'Brien for any other information. All proceeds go towards the general fund.

Pentecost Celebration – Sunday, May 28th. Details to follow.

PRAYER CONCERNS

for our church family...

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Joan Lowery	Al Greenburg
Edward Giddens	Laura Reichert	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Chuck Smith	Haley Crew
Betty Quattlebaum			

for our extended family...

Lisa Kraye Smith	Jennifer Lee	Dan Southern	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Mary Hammett	Leslie Speakman
Debbie Collins	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Mac & Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Ronnie Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Allison Solomon	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Susie Abbott
Laura Rainey	Joy Martin & family	Debbie Lambert	Deborah Braswell
Tommy Robbins	Carol Bos	Amy Baughman	Laura Stalls

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