



## **Service for the Lord's Day**

May 21, 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**

**Prelude**

*Prelude on HURSLEY*  
"Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

arr. Garrett Parker

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Sing to God.

Many: **Sing praises to God's name.**

One: Sing to God O kingdoms of the earth.

Many: **Sing praises to the Lord. Let us worship God.**

**\*Hymn 667**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

LAUDES DOMINI

**\*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)**

deNay Kirkpatrick

God of all glory, on this first day you began creation, bringing light out of darkness. On this first day you began your new creation, raising Jesus Christ out of the darkness of death.

On this Lord's Day grant that we, the people you create by water and the Spirit, may be joined with all your works in praising you for your great glory.

Through Jesus Christ, in union with the Holy Spirit, we praise you now and forever. 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)**

We confess, O God, that too often we have our head in the clouds. We are more comfortable with dreaming of the world as we wish it would be instead of working with you to bring that wish to reality. At times, we find it difficult to claim the power you have given us. Surely you have others more capable to be your witnesses? And so, we continue to gaze heavenwards. Jolt us out of our complacency, O God. Remind us to get a move on. Remind us we have work to do with you. Give us your energy, courage, and vision to be your witnesses to the end of the earth.

**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**

George Fritsma

**First Reading**

Acts 1:1-14

1In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning 2until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. 3After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. 4While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; 5for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" 7He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. 8But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." 9When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. 10While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. 11They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

12Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. 13When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. 14All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem**

*The Wonder of You*

Amy Bowen

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.

**Gospel Reading**

John 17:1-11

1After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, 2since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. 3And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. 4I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. 5So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

6"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. 7Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; 8for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. 9I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. 10All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. 11And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

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**Sermon**

*The Ascension of the Lord*

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\* **Hymn 694**

*Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

**RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE**

\* **Affirmation of Faith (Unison)**

**(from a Declaration of Faith)**

**We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God. We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden. The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from the fear of all lesser lords who threaten us. We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord! He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

**Offertory Sentences**

**Offertory**

*Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

**\* 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. Amen.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

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**Prayers of the People**

**Silent Prayers**

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**SENDING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

**\*Hymn 619**

*Praise My Soul, the King God of Heaven*

LAUDA ANIMA

**\* Charge and Blessing**

And all God's Children say "**Alleluia! Amen!**"

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**\* Choral Benediction**

*Go with Us, Lord*

TALLIS' CANON

**\* Postlude**

*Fugue in G minor*

J. S. Bach

## **May Happenings at Cahaba Springs**

**PW Monthly Luncheon & Study** – Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> immediately following worship in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a salad or dessert. We will study Lesson 9 of *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechetl. We will also collect our annual birthday offering.

**CSPC Book Club** – Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This month's discussion will be on *Sensible Shoes* by Sharon Brown led by Karen O'Brien.

**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.

**TEAM Food Collection** – Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

**Pentecost Celebration** – Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. We will celebrate the birth of the church with a special Pentecost service followed by birthday cake in the narthex to celebrate the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of Cahaba Springs.

**Church Office Closed** – Monday, May 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

### **Mission Opportunities**

Cahaba Springs is currently involved in many mission opportunities. Please contact Haley Crew at [hnsPaul1@gmail.com](mailto:hnsPaul1@gmail.com) if you are interested in serving on the Missions Committee.

1 Peter 4:10: "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace..."

## PRAYER CONCERNS

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*for our church family...*

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

*for our extended family...*

Lisa Kraye Smith	Jennifer Lee	Dan Southern	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Mary Hammett	Leslie Speakman
Crystal Holcomb	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Ronnie Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Allison Solomon	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Laura Stalls
Laura Rainey	C. J. Fonte	Debbie Lambert	Deborah Braswell
Tommy Robbins	Carol Bos	Amy Baughman	Virginia Yarbrough

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