



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

July 23, 2023

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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**

Lynda McLean

**Prelude**

*Rock of Ages*

arr. Diane Bish

**\*Call to Worship**

Lynda McLean

One: God's Spirit gathers us

**Many: We are not alone**

One: God's Spirit calls us

**Many: We are to discern together God's will**

One: God's Spirit sends us

**Many: We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior**

**\* Hymn 300**

*We Are One in the Spirit*

WE ARE CHRISTIANS

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

deNay Kirkpatrick

God is here today; as certain as the air we breathe, as certain as the morning that rises, as certain when we sing you'll hear our song. 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**

Master Gardener, weeds and wheat fill the fields of our lives, grow entangled, and are difficult to distinguish. We have not spent the time we should in prayer and study of your Word to help us discern what is evil and against your will. We excuse our complacency and justify our passive faith. Yet we need your truth. We hunger for your harvest. Jesus, forgive us. Deliver us from evil. Clear our path to you. Amen.

**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

Lynda McLean

First Reading

Romans 8:12-25

12 So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — 13 for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. 14 For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. 15 For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” 16 it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

18 I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; 20 for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; 23 and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. 24 For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? 25 But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem

*Great Is Thy Faithfulness*

arr. Stan Pethel

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father, there is no shadow  
of changing with thee. Thou changest not, thy compassions  
they fail not, as thou has been, thou forever will be.

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!**

**Morning by morning, new mercies I see.**

**All I have needed thy hand hath provided.**

**Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, sun moon and  
stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide, strength for today, and bright hope for tomorrow:  
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

24 He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; 25 but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. 26 So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. 27 And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' 28 He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' 29 But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. 30 Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

36 Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." 37 He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; 38 the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, 39 and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. 40 Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. 41 The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, 42 and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 43 Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

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Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

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\* Hymn 442

*There Is a Redeemer*

GREEN

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

\* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

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.

**Call for the Offering**

Offertory

*Sarabande*

J. S. Bach

from the French Suite, no. 6

**\* 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 702**

*Christ Be Beside Me*

BUNESSAN

**\* Charge and Blessing**

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

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**\* Choral Benediction**

*Go Now in Peace*

Don Besig

**\* Postlude**

*Postlude on NEW ENGLAND*

Colin Curtis

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***Mission Opportunities***

Cahaba Springs is currently involved in many mission opportunities. Please contact Haley Crew at [hnsaul1@gmail.com](mailto:hnsaul1@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 Greenberg
Edward Giddens	Serena Jenkins	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Chuck Smith	Betty Quattlebaum
Kay Prevatt			

### *for our extended family...*

Lisa Kraymer Smith	Jennifer Lee	Grayson Pope	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
Colt Corcoran	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
Nancy Carlisle	Bill Little	Kinlee Till	Gene McKean
Andy Lewis			

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## ***July Happenings at Cahaba Springs***

***Presbyterian Home for Children School Supplies*** –today is the last day for collecting school supplies for PW.

***Backpacks for local schools*** – In addition to collecting supplies for the PHFC, the mission committee is collecting NEW school backpacks to distribute to children in need in our community.

***TEAM Food Collection*** -- today. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

***PW Monthly Luncheon*** – today immediately following worship in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a salad or dessert.

***CSPC Book Club*** – Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM. This month's discussion will be on *The Bookkeeper of Aleppo* by Christy Lefteri led by Karen O'Brien.

***All Ages VBS*** – Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-5:00 PM. "Soul Food" – come learn about the significance of food in the Bible and how it relates to our daily walk as Christians. There will be activities for children and adults with a potluck meal at the end of the program. Please bring a side or dessert to share. See Karen Brown if you would like to help or have any questions.

***Rally Day*** – Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9:30 AM. Join us for breakfast in *Harmony Hall* and find out about the upcoming Sunday School and small group options for the 2023-2024 school year. There will be a sign-up sheet in the narthex for the breakfast meal. We will also have Blessing of the Backpacks during worship following the Rally Day breakfast. All students are invited to bring their backpacks as we begin this new school year. There will be additional information provided regarding our support of students at the Presbyterian Home for Children. We will have a report on the Montreat trip during worship also. See Karen Brown if you have questions.

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

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