



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

July 9, 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**

George Fritsma

**Prelude**

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*

arr. Don Wyrzten

**\*Call to Worship**

George Fritsma

One: In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

Many: **We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.**

One: As we worship, we remember,

Many: **that we are the family of faith together!**

**\* Hymn 837**

*What a Fellowship*

SHOWALTER

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

deNay Kirkpatrick

**O God, you are infinite, eternal and unchangeable, glorious in holiness, full of love and compassion, abundant in grace and truth. Your works everywhere praise you, and your glory is revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior. Therefore we praise you, blessed and holy Trinity, one God, forever and ever. 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**

Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray and make us new to go forth and glorify you. Amen.

**Assurance of Pardon**

# PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

**Prayer of Illumination**

George Fritsma

**First Reading**

**Romans 7:15-25a**

15 I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. 16 Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. 17 But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. 18 For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. 19 For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. 20 Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

21 So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. 22 For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, 23 but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. 24 Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? 25 Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of God for the People of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Hymn of Preparation 288**

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

**Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

16 "But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

17 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

18 For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; 19 the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

25 At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26 yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27 All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

28 "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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**Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

deNay Kirkpatrick

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

### \* Affirmation of Faith

(from the PC(USA) Declaration of Faith)

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record. The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with God's people's response in faith. It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, God's just and loving rule over all. It is the story of the one God, who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own. It forms our memory and our hope. It tells us who we are and what we are to do. To retell it is to declare what we believe.

### Offertory Sentences

#### Offertory

*It Is Well with My Soul*

arr. Bliss/Hamm

### \* 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

#### 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

- \* **Closing Hymn 634** *To God Be the Glory* GOD BE THE GLORY
- \* **Charge and Blessing** deNay Kirkpatrick  
And all God's Children say "**Alleluia! Amen!**"
- \* **Postlude** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name* arr. Holden

*Liturgy provided by The Presbyterian Outlook, written by Tara W. Bulger*

***We welcome Barbara Hazard as our guest organist this morning!***

### ***Mission Opportunities***

Cahaba Springs is currently involved in many mission opportunities. Please contact Haley Crew at 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..."

### ***New Classes***

***New Sunday Morning Class: the way back to Mayberry, Lessons from a Simpler Time*** by Joey Fann. Join us for our All-ages summer Sunday school class beginning at 9:30 in *Harmony Hall*. Head back to Mayberry with us as we watch and discuss the lesson the episode provides!

***Thursdays Together – It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It*** by Robert Fulghum beginning **Thursday, July 20<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. Quoting a man rescued from a burning bed, the title is a clue to the merriment in some of the essays collected here, inviting readers to laugh as they empathize with those who put themselves in absurd situations. These stories remind us that there is a clownish facet in everyone's character, one of the traits that makes us human.

## 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 Hogleund
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		

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

***Knit Wits*** – Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> meeting in the Ladies' Room from 10:00 AM – noon.

***XYZ July Luncheon*** – Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 AM in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a side, salad, or dessert; ham will be provided.

***Stated Session Meeting*** – Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM.

***TEAM Food Collection*** – Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

***PW Monthly Luncheon*** – Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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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