



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

August 20, 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

Cindy Brackenbury

Prelude

*Holy Manna*

arr. David Kidwell

\*Call to Worship

Cindy Brackenbury

One: Turn us, O God,

**Many: away from the world's temptations and distractions.**

One: Return us, O God,

**Many: to the quiet calm of your presence.**

One: Restore us, O God,

**Many: to the path you call us to follow.**

One: Orient us, O God,

**Many: to the hope of all that is possible through you.**

\* Hymn 694

*Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

\*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 (Unison)

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness. 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

Cindy Brackenbury

#### First Reading

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2a God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

... 29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. 32 For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

#### Anthem

*Jesus, My Lord, My Life, My All*

Bob Burroughs

Jesus my Lord, my life, my all, hear me blest Savior,  
when I call; hear me and from Thy dwelling place,  
pour down the riches of Thy grace.

Jesus, too late I Thee have sought; How can I love Thee  
as I ought? And how extol Thy matchless fame,  
the glorious beauty of Thy name?

Jesus, of Thee will be my song; to Thee  
my heart and soul belong; all that I have or  
own is Thine, and Thou, O blessed Savior  
Thou art mine. Jesus, my Lord, I Thee adore,  
O make me love Thee more and more.

**Gospel Reading****Matthew 15:10-20, 21-28**

10 Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: 11 it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." 12 Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" 13 He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. 14 Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." 15 But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." 16 Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? 17 Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? 18 But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. 19 For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. 20 These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

21 Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. 22 Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." 23 But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." 24 He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." 25 But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." 26 He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." 27 She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." 28 Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

deNay Kirkpatrick

**Hymn 697**

*Take My Life*  
(verses 1, 2, 3 and 5)

HENDON

## **RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE**

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

(from a Brief Statement of Faith)

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. Amen.**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

*I Love Thee*  
from Ingalls' Christian Harmony, 1805

arr. Martha Sobaje

**\* 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**

One: ... Lord, in your mercy.

Many: Hear our prayer.

**Silent Prayer**

**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 761**

*Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

BEECHER

**\* Charge and Blessing**

And all God's children say,  
"Alleluia! Amen!"

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**Choral Benediction**

*Three-fold Amen*

Traditional

**\* Postlude**

*Fugue in C major*

Johann Ernst Eberlin

## ***Welcome to Cahaba Springs***

*We warmly welcome you* to worship this morning at Cahaba Springs! To learn more about our worship, learning, fellowship, and service opportunities, please pick up a copy of our calendar in the entryway or visit us online at [cspchurch.org](http://cspchurch.org). We encourage you to participate in any opportunity that interests you and hope you will return often.

**Children:** We welcome children of all ages in worship. Childcare is also available for infants through age three in our Nursery, staffed by experienced workers. During the 11:00 am service, children are invited forward for a special message during our *Time for Children*, then may continue to worship with their family or go to Junior Church. Worship bags for children are available in the Narthex.

**Communion:** All are welcome at the table as we celebrate the Lord's Supper on the first Sunday of each month. If you prefer to remain seated during communion, an elder will be glad to bring the elements to you.

**Offering:** Offerings may be placed in the offering plates that will be passed around during the offertory, or you may give securely online through eOffering - an information sheet on eOffering is on the table in the entryway.

## 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	David Perry	Tom Lowery	Christy Little

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

Lisa Kraymer Smith	Jennifer Lee	Grayson Pope	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Virginia Yarbrough	Leslie Speakman
Joy Martin	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Gene 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	Andy Lewis
Nancy Carlisle	Bill Little	Howard Newman	Gene McKean
Don McCants	Shelley Easterling		

### ***August Happenings at Cahaba Springs***

***Congregational Meeting*** – today immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to elect an Office Nominating Committee and 3 trustees for Cahaba Springs.

***CSPC Book Club*** – Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. This month's discussion will be on *The Boys from Biloxi* by John Grisham led by Karen O'Brien.

***PW Fall Gathering*** – Saturday, August 26<sup>th</sup> at South Highland Presbyterian Church from 10:00 AM-noon. Please call Liz Hughins if you are interested in attending.

***TEAM Food Collection*** – Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

***Presbyterian Women are joining Knit-Wits*** -- Sept 9th at 10:00 AM in *Harmony Hall*.

Clara Christopher will join us and have a workday cutting, sewing and assembling feminine products for young women in Africa. Don't sew? Well, there is plenty to do in other areas. We will have lunch brought in from (Subway?) or feel free to bring your own. We need any color of patterned fleece, flannel and terry cloth. Bring us your old beach towels!!

***If you need someone to drive you to doctor appointments or other necessary places, please call the church office. We have a list of people that will be glad to assist you.***

*Contributions may be made electronically by using [myeoffering.com](http://myeoffering.com)  
There are flyers located in the narthex for more detailed instructions*



### ***Upcoming Mission Opportunities:***

***Presbytery of Sheppards & Lapsley 2023 Habitat House:*** Construction starts Sept 14. Volunteers aged 14+ are needed on Thursdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. There is plenty to do so no construction experience is necessary! We will find out where the home is this month. Please contact Haley Crew for more information and watch for sign-up sheets in the Narthex coming soon!

***Presbyterian Home for Children:*** The next workday at the home/thrift store is scheduled for September 13. Please contact George Fritsma to join the team on a workday!

Donations to the thrift store including usable furniture, furnishings, items, and gently used clothing, etc. can be dropped off at the following locations:

Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church parking lot: third Friday of each month from 9:00 am–12 pm.

Southminster Presbyterian parking lot: first Saturday of each month from 9:30 am–12:30 pm.

***Living Waters for the World*** empowers everyday people to change lives through clean water. They train, equip and support volunteers in forming global, clean-water mission partnerships. These mission partnerships empower international communities to install and sustain water purification systems and health education programs that transform lives.

Cindy Brackenbury and Karen O'Brien will be traveling to the Dominican Republic in September to help with the installation of water purification systems bringing clean water to an area in need. To receive a link to the Prayer Calendar for their trip please leave your email address on the form in Narthex.

**Do you know of a mission opportunity? Want to serve but not sure how? Contact a member of the Missions Team for more information!**

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### ***New Classes***

***Reel to Real*** – Sundays at 9:30 AM in *Harmony Hall* led by Steve Goodwin. This is a discussion class based on movies and how they relate to us biblically. Some of the movies we will be discussing include:

Aug. 20—Proof of Life

Aug. 27—As Good as it Gets

Sept. 3—Notting Hill

Sept. 10-- Shadowlands

Sept. 17 – Shawshank

Sept. 24 – Simon Birch

Oct. 1 -- Treasure of the Sierra Madre

Oct. 8 -- The Crow

***Growing in Grace & Gratitude*** -- Sundays at 9:30 AM. *The children grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the (grace) of God was upon them. – Luke 2:40.* Children nurtured in the love and grace of God learn the story of who and whose they are by watching, listening, tasting, smelling, playing, and exploring holy things in the context of a faith community. We welcome the children as God's beloved who will seek to follow Christ. We are in need of teachers, so if you would like to serve, please see Karen Brown or Linda Inzer. Please see below a schedule of teachers that have volunteered.

Aug.-- Linda Inzer

Sept. -- Jennifer Smith

Oct. – Haley Crew

Nov. – Liz Hughins

***Thursdays Together*** – Thursdays at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We will be studying *It Was on Fire When I Lay Down on It* by Robert Fulghum beginning Thursday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 make us human.



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