

September 11, 2022

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

### GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

\*All may stand as able

Liturgist: Lynda McLean

#### Chiming of the Hour

#### Welcome and Announcements

Lynda McLean

#### Prelude

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

arr. John Purifoy

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

Lynda McLean

Leader: The heavens are telling the glory of God; and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**People: All around us are signs and wonders, fingerprints of the creator. Praise be to God!**

Leader: The earth is the LORD’s and all that is in it; the world, and those who live in it.

**People: All around us we find life; all the created world is related to us. Praise be to God!**

Leader: Come, let us dwell in God’s work of art! Here in this wondrous world, we are not alone. We share this life with the heavens and the earth...

**People: With the waters and the land, with trees and grasses, with fish, birds, and animals, with minerals and creatures of every form, and with all our sisters and brothers. Praise be to God!**

Leader: God is good and everything God makes is good.

**All: Praise to the Creator of all that is, seen and unseen! Amen.**

\* HYMN 15 *All Creatures of Our God and King* LASST ERFREUEN  
verses 1, 2, 3 and 6

#### \* INVOCATION (Unison)

David Lyons

We praise and bless you, O Lord, for you are the King of all ages, and through Christ your Son you have made all that is. In the beginning of the beginning, you breathed upon the waters of creation, and filled the earth with life through your vibrant Spirit. The heavens declare your glory, O Lord, and the stars of the sky bring light to our darkness.

**You spoke, and the earth burst forth in life, you saw that it was good. You called forth creation and enlivened every creature on land and sea. You made human beings in your image and set us over the whole world in all of its wonders. You gave us share in your dominion and called us “to till and to keep” this garden, the work of your hands. We praise you for your manifold gifts this morning and may our adoration give glory to your name, so that we may serve you with faithfulness and love. May our daily care for your creation show reverence for your name and reveal your saving power in every creature under heaven. We make this prayer in the name of Christ your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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

#### SPOKEN CALL TO CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In humility and faith let us confess our sin to God. [1 John 1:8-9]

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy One, creator of all that is, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed the devices and desires of our own hearts. Help us to be mindful of the earth and all its resources. Help us to remember the love you have for creation, the willingness you have for all creation to be redeemed. Cause us to repent of our neglect for your earth and move in us to repair the damage we and previous generations of humanity have caused. As we repent, make us true stewards of your creation. Help us turn to you when we are lost, that we might find our way home and experience your abundant grace, mercy, and love, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said, “there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.” [Luke 15:7]

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

#### \* 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 SCRIPTURE READING

**1 Timothy 1:12-17**

#### ANTHEM

*Be Thou My Vision*

arr. Douglas Wagner

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,  
save that Thou art: Thou my best thought by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom and Thou my true word; I ever with Thee and  
Thou with me Lord; Thou my great Father, and I thy true Son,  
Thou with me dwelling and I with Thee one.

High King of heaven the victory won, may I reach heaven’s joys  
O bright heaven’s Sun! Heart of my own heart whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

#### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

**Luke 15:1-10**

#### SERMON

*“The Prodigal Shepherd”*

David Lyons

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S GRACE

#### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**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.**

HYMN 459

*O Word of God Incarnate*

MUNICH

## WORSHIP OF GOD WITH TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory *Air* G. F. Handel  
from the Water Music Suite, 1717

### \* 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 David Lyons

### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER Lynda McLean

**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 OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

\* HYMN 634 *To God Be the Glory* GOD BE THE GLORY

\* CHARGE AND BLESSING David Lyons

\* CHORAL BENEDICTION *Go Now in Peace* Don Besig

\* Postlude *Postlude on MONK'S GATE* Anna Laura Page  
English Melody

### **Welcome David Lyons**

David is a native of the United Kingdom, moving to the United States in 1994. He spent his career working within leadership and organizational development within the pharmaceutical and banking industries and took early retirement to pursue his call to ministry. David is a Commissioned Ruling Elder in the Presbytery of Sheppards & Lapsley, and is also involved in Wilderness Ministry. David lives with his wife Julie in Vestavia Hills and when not preaching elsewhere attends Green Pond Presbyterian Church.

### **To the Cahaba Springs Church Family**

Words cannot express our appreciation for the lovely send off you created. We were blown away by the generosity of the love offering. Thank you! The beautiful flowers (Joe, Kay, ladies), great food (all), entertaining MC (George), and Joan's alternative menu of cucumber delights made it an event to remember! The shower of cards, notes, and gift cards gave witness to the bonds that have been formed during our times together. Please know that the feelings expressed are mutual. But the dedication of the fellowship hall and Laura's beautiful design as *Harmon/y Hall* were the things that touched us most. Some bonds cannot be broken. Thank you for these and many other memories. We love you all!

Dawson & Karen

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*David Lyons,  
Guest Minister*

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**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.**