

Welcome, friends, from far and near. Let us worship God who is surely here. Let us pray, sing, share the Word and give; then let us joyfully go into God's world to live. \*Please indicate your desires for visitation, or information about joining Celebration Church on the Ritual of

Friendship Pad. \*Prayer cards are provided for sharing your joys and concerns. Please write your prayer requests on a card and the ushers will collect them.

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

"Holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of God's glory." In your glory we see our smallness, yet we want to go for you and be sent by you. As we praise your glory, enable us to receive from this time of worship what we need to do your work in the world. In the name of Jesus. Amen.

Sunday, May 7, 2017

4th Sunday in Eastertide

# THE CHURCH GATHERS

Prelude

Chiming the Hour

\*Hymn No. 670 (2x)

From the Rising of the Sun

RISING SUN

Sarah Abushakra

Greeting The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **And also with you.** Welcome, Ritual of Friendship, Prayer Cards, Announcements and Opening Prayer

\*Sharing the Peace of Christ The Peace of Christ be with You. And also with you! (Please exchange signs of Christ's peace with those near you.)

# TO WORSHIP THE LORD OUR GOD

\*Responsive Call to Worship

God has called us to be the church in the world.

We worship as our witness to the world of our commitment to God.

God feeds us with bread and wine. God nourishes us for our ministry in the world.

Let us worship the risen Christ, who is present in this sacrament.

Let us worship Jesus the Christ, who gave us this sacrament in witness.

\*Hymn No. 24

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

HOLY MANNA

Liturgist: Carol Butler

Responsive Call to Confession

Jesus stood up in church and told why he came:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the poor in any sense,

Release to the captives of all kinds, Restore sight to those blind in any way,

To free all those oppressed in many ways, And proclaim the time of God's favor.

Then he sat down and said, **Today this promise is fulfilled in me**.

Let us join in this unison prayer of confession...

Unison Prayer of Confession

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Powerful and Powerfully Compassionate God, we your disciples gather today as disciples have gathered since ancient times - to love you, to worship you, to learn more of you, and be strengthened to serve you. You alone are God, who spun the universes into being, who filled

us with your breath of life, who sought us, found us, died for us and rose for us. We fall on our knees today, knowing that it was for the salvation of humanity and all creation that you came among us, in love and longing for us. May we be found faithful in our praise, we pray in the name of our Christ, AMEN.

Silence for Personal Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Liturgist: Carol Butler
Friends, hear the good news and believe it: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

Thends, near the good news and believe it. In Jesus Christ we are forgiven:

SARADAY

\*Hymn of Response No. 423 Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God
(The children are invited to join the Pastor on the steps)

Time With Young Disciples Children's Church follows in Room 5

Becky Kiser

# TO WORSHIP THROUGH PRAYER AND SHARED STEWARDSHIP

Prayers of the People – Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Prayer of Intercession and The Lord's Prayer ("debts and debtors")

Giving of God's Tithe and Our Offerings

\*Doxology Hymn No. 609

Offertory Dear Shepherd Lead Me On

Celebration Choir

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow LASST UNS ERFREUEN

\*Unison Prayer of Dedication Generous and surprising God, when we thought that death had claimed your only Son, you amazed us with the resurrection. Surprise us again with your ability to turn these humble offerings into gifts that will transform the world through our witness to your love. We lay our very lives at your feet, O God, knowing that you will use us to proclaim and embody the gospel. Amen.

# TO WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD, SHARED WITNESS AND SACRAMENT

Scripture Micah 6:8 Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-16 NRSV

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

Sermon Just What IS Church???? Becky Kiser

\*Hymn No.757 Today We All Are Called to be Disciples KINGSFOLD

### **Celebration of Holy Communion**

Invitation to the Lord's Table / Words of Institution / Prayer of Consecration and Preparation

Sharing the Bread and Cup (Distribution by Elders, please hold until all have been served)

Unison Prayer after Communion Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us, and joined us with each other and with you. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may continue the work you began and be your body indeed. Amen.

# AND RESPOND IN FAITHFUL SERVICE IN THE WORLD

\*Charge and Benediction

\*Closing Hymn No. 749 Come! Live In the Light!
\*Postlude

WE ARE CALLED Sarah Abushakra

(\*If able, please stand at these points in the service.)

#### **CELEBRATION HAPPENINGS** Sun May 7 Last Sunday School till the fall 9:15 am Choir Rehearsal, Coffee and Fellowship 10:15 am Worship, Nursery, Children's Church 11:00 am Church-Wide Bowling at Myrtle Beach Bowl - 101 Philip Gray Dr. MB 2:00 pm Mon May 8 "Tool Time" Study of World Religions 10:30 am Tue May 9 10:00 am **Ouilters** Wed May 10 Choir Rehearsal 7:00 pm Thu May 11 Team "B" Cooks at The Shepherd's Table 2:00 pm Choir Rehearsal, Coffee and Fellowship Sun May 14 10:15 am Worship, Nursery, Children's Church, He~Brews 11:00 am

Mother's Day Offering for Presbyterian Communities of South Carolina

\*\*\* Many upcoming activities have a sign-up sheet in the Narthex, please take a moment to sign up for the activities you would like to attend. \*\*\*

## SAVE THE DATE TO DONATE AND SCHEDULE YOUR APPT. NOW

Wed Jun 7 RED CROSS Blood Drive (soups will be served) 12:00pm-5:00pm

## **Serving May 7**

Visitor Table: Barbara Barranco Nursery: Donna Woodard

Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller Preacher: Becky Kiser

Media Shout: Bernadine LamarSound Board: Nicklaus McIlrathLiturgist: Carol ButlerElder of the Week: Priscilla Mulligan—843-903-1960

Ushers: Beth Bruton, Barb Johnson, Joe and Gail Alexander

## **Serving May 14**

Visitor Table: Carol Lagassee Nursery: Vicki Simon
Children's Church PreK-Kindergarten: Tonja Paolini
Grades 1-5: Trudy Miller Preacher: Tom Dendy

Media Shout: Katrena White Sound Board: Carol Butler
Liturgist: Carla Baker Elder of the Week: Terry Pettijohn—843-796-3212

Ushers: Beth Bruton, Barb Johnson, Bob and Linda Miller

# **Celebration Presbyterian Church**

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OUR MISSION is to Proclaim Jesus as Lord and Savior, Praise and Worship God, Prepare our hearts to share God's Word, and Provide Love and Service to ALL!

OUR PURPOSE is to Celebrate God's Glory by

Reaching, Teaching, and Sending People to Love and Serve the Lord.

# Celebration Presbyterian Church

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May 7, 2017 - 11:00 a.m. Worship

Celebrating 15 Years of Faithful Mission and Ministry!



# JOIN US AT CELEBRATION

We are Christ followers who are open, accepting, loving and welcoming to all