FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER May 8, 2022

THE CHURCH GATHERS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

INTROIT

"This Is My Father's World"

Arr. R.J. Hughes

Paul Herndon, Liturgist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "At The Name of Jesus"

C. Berry

*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People: Leader:

Leader:

He lays down his life for his sheep. The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

People:

He knows us, and we belong to him. The Lord Jesus Christ is our shepherd.

Leader: **People:**

He speaks, and we listen for his voice.

*HYMN #240

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Perronet/Holden

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen. (Time for Silent Confession).

*ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Leader:

Friends, hear and believe the gospel:

All:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader:

As God in Christ forgives us, let us forgive one another.

The Peace of Christ be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Leader:

Let us share the Peace of Christ.

*HYMN #26

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Pierpoint/Kocher

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

WE RESPOND TO GOD WITH OFFERINGS AND PRAISE

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

"If Thou But Suffer God"

P. Manz

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

KID'S CHURCH (5th grade and younger)

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING:

Revelation 7:9-17

ANTHEM

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

H. Helvey

SECOND READING:

Psalm 23

SERMON

"The Shepherd's Heart"

Dr. Walker

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

(See Bulletin Insert)

*HYMN #365

"Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Thrupp/Bradbury

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE

"Plein Jeu (Premier Ton)"

J.A. Guilan

(*) We stand as we are able.

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Gloria Horne Duggan by her daughters Gail, Jan, Kim and Holly.

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth. Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant. Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Announcements

Monday, May 9 at Noon CORNERSTONES MEETING

Monday, May 9 at 7 p.m. PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN EVENING CIRCLE

Tuesday, May 10 NO MORNING CIRCLE SCHEDULED—will resume in the fall

Tuesday, May 10 at 5:30 p.m. MISSIONS COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 11 at Noon FINANCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, May 11 at 5:30 p.m. WATCH SUPPER with missionary Jim Truesdell

Thursday, May 12 at 5 p.m. CORNERSTONES TRIP TO VALDOSTA

Saturday, May 14 YOUTH TRIP TO VALDOSTA

Sunday, May 15 at 4:30 p.m. CHRISTIAN ENRICHMENT COMMITTEE

Monday, May 16 - May 19 CORNERSTONES RETREAT - EPWORTH BY THE SEA

Tuesday, May 17 at 7 p.m. PRESCHOOL GRADUATION

Wednesday, May 18 at 5:30 p.m. LAST WATCH SUPPER & YOUTH AUCTION

Tuesday, May 24 at 6 p.m. SESSION MEETING

Thursday, May 26 at 5 p.m. CORNERSTONES SUPPER ON THE ROAD

Monday, May 30 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY

MARK YOUR JUNE CALENDARS!

June 8-10 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL sign up by June 1st

YOUTH AUCTION

Wednesday, May 18th in the fellowship hall 5:30 p.m. Silent Auction at the FINAL WATCH SUPPER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR 6:30 p.m. LIVE AUCTION

Proceeds will benefit our youth and their summer & fall enrichment activities

Thank you for your generosity and support!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEACON OF THE MONTH: Patty June

ELDER OF THE MONTH: John Peters

SUMMER YOUTH SCHEDULE

June 4 Fellowship Trip to Jacksonville (10th-12th grade)

June 8 Service at VBS

June 16 at 6 p.m. Dinner and Devotion at Three Crazy Bakers (10th-12th grade)

June 22 at 6 p.m. Fellowship Trip to Thomasville

June 25-26 Summer Youth Lock Out (10th-12th grade)

July 6 at 6 p.m. Fellowship Outing to Moultrie Cinemas

July 10-15 Mission Trip to North Carolina (10th-12th grade)

HELPING HANDS BOX

HOPE HOUSE MOMMY MALL

This quarter the Helping Hands Box in the Fellowship Hall will be collecting baby goods for the new moms to purchase at Hope House with the "Mommy Money" and "Daddy Dollars" they earn in parenting classes, Bible studies, and attending church. Currently the biggest need is for clothes, from newborn to 4T size (some of the children are pretty large by age three at the time their moms finish the classes). Training pants and baby shampoo are also needed. Another need is for volunteers to work with women in online parenting classes. These have recently been started and 20 new moms and dads have signed up.

Please make your reservation for WATCH SUPPER

MENU for MAY 11, 2022

REGULAR: Beef Tips, Rice/Gravy, Green Beans, Pineapple Casserole, Carrot and Raisin

Salad, Rolls

DIET: Baked Chicken, Steamed Vegetables, Salad Bar

CHILDREN: Corn Dogs, Chips

DESSERTS: Peach Trifle, Strawberry Trifle, Cookies, Ice Cream

Name/Family:			
Permanent Reservation:	This week only:		
How many? Regular	Diet:	Children:	