

Service for the Lord's Day

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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 to Worship Karen O'Brien

Prelude Praise You arr. Cindy Berry

*Call to Worship (Psalm 27:1) Karen O'Brien

One: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

Many: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

One: We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds in worship.

*Hymn 409 God Is Here! ABBOT'S LEIGH

* Invocation (Unison)

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God of endless light, you sent a star—rising from darkness, guiding seekers and sages, overwhelming us with joy. Let the splendor of your dawning light grow in us and in all the world until the whole creation shines with your glory; through Jesus Christ our light.

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, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. 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. Prayer of Illumination Karen O'Brien

First Scripture Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

1 But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

²The people who walked in darkness

have seen a great light;

those who lived in a land of deep darkness -

on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation,

you have increased its joy;

they rejoice before you

as with joy at the harvest,

as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden,

and the bar across their shoulders,

the rod of their oppressor,

you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Anthem

Christians, We Have Met to Worship

arr. David A. White

Christians, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God; will you pray with all your power, while we try to preach the Word?

All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down.

Christians pray and holy manna will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, let us love each other too.

Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.

Then we'll be called home to heaven, at His table we'll sit down.

Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Second Scripture Reading

Psalm 27:1, 4-9

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation;

whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;

of whom shall I be afraid?

4 One thing I asked of the LORD,

that will I seek after:

to live in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,

to behold the beauty of the LORD,

and to inquire in his temple.

5 For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock. 6 Now my head is lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. 7 Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud, be gracious to me and answer me! 8 "Come," my heart says, "seek his face!" Your face, LORD, do I seek. 9 Do not hide your face from me. Do not turn your servant away in anger, you who have been my help. Do not cast me off, do not forsake me, O God of my salvation!

Sermon "Hope . . . Seek" deNay Kirkpatrick

* **HYMN 772** Live into Hope TRURO

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. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

Worship of God with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Let All Things Now Living ASH GROVE

- * The Doxology
- * Prayer of Dedication

Intercessory Prayers

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Eternal God, . . .

In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers.

We pray for our world full of violence . . .

In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers.

We pray for our communities . . .

In your mercy, O God, hear our prayers . . .

Now, hear us as we pray the prayer Christ taught us, saying,

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 546** Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing SICILIAN MARINERS

* Charge and Blessing deNay Kirkpatrick

* Postlude Recessional Samuel Wesley

January Happenings at Cahaba Springs

TEAM Food Collection – today. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville. Please remember those in need.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, January 24th at 5:30 PM in the Conference Room. This month's discussion led by Karen O'Brien will be on *20 Years Later* by Carlie Donlea.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 29th immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting will be to present the 2023 budget to the congregation.

Three Hots and Cot – Sunday, January 29th. We will be collecting coffee (no decaf, please) and paper products for our veterans.

Thursdays Together – every Thursday at 10:00 AM in the Conference Room led by George Fritsma. We will be studying *Why Faith Matters* by David J. Wolpe.

PRAYER CONCERNS

For our church family...

Agnes Dauphinee	Nellie Songer	Margaret Linville	Wayne Hughins
Melissa Scholl	Jim Gillespie	Joan Lowery	Al Greenburg
Edward Giddens	Laura Reichert	Jean Camp	Carol Brown
Ed Swartz, Jr.	Cecile Floyd	Chuck Smith	Haley Crew

For our extended family...

Lisa Krayer Smith	Jennifer Lee	Stephen Hogger	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Bill Wester	Leslie Speakman
Debbie Collins	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Donna Ford
Mac & Matthias	Ophelia Nichols	Ronnie Eades	Bobby Hoglund
Allison Solomon	Barry Parvin	Aaron Dailey	Cindi Wesley
Mason Ford	Pat & Vicky McCann	Perry Johnson	Susie Abbott
Laura Rainey	Joy Martin & family	Debbie Lambert	Rachel Justice
Lonnie Brown	Dan Southern	Deborah Braswell	

If you are symptomatic (i.e. coughing, runny nose) please consider wearing a mask during worship.

One will be provided by the church located in the narthex.

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