

Service for the Lord's Day

April 30, 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

April 30, 2023 4th Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

*Please stand, as you are able

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome and Announcements Lynda McLean

Prelude My Jesus, I Love Thee arr. Diane Bish

*Call to Worship Lynda McLean

One: Our Good Shepherd calls.

Many: He knows us each by our name.

One: Our Good Shepherd leads.

Many: We are here to listen and to follow.

One: Our Good Shepherd protects and provides.

Many: We give thanks and praise for our Good Shepherd.

*Hymn 187 Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

*Prayer of Invocation (Unison)

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Risen Lord, live in us that we may live in you. We gather to thank you that in your resurrection we are renewed and transformed. Like the butterfly, we unfold and fly free, free from the cocoon, free from all the graveclothes that have bound us - our prejudices, our fears, our angers, our self-centeredness, our loneliness. We thank you that in your resurrection all those who have died who are dear to us now live with you. In you they have victory over suffering, peace never known on earth, and the joy of your presence always. We thank you that in your resurrection we ourselves may hope for the end of pain, grief, tears, weakness, and for everlasting life in the beauty of your spirit. Alleluia, we pray in Christ's name, 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)

Savior God, you beckon us, but we do not heed your call. You gather us, but we wander away losing ourselves in false and superficial comforts. You speak truth, but we fail to hear and respond. Good Shepherd do not give up on us. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

* Gloria Patri

First Reading

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

Acts 2:42-47

Lynda McLean

42They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. 44All who believed were together and had all things in common; 45they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. 46Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, 47praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Second Reading Psalm 23:1-6

1 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures;

he leads me beside still waters;

3 he restores my soul.

He leads me in right paths

for his name's sake.

4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley,

I fear no evil;

for you are with me;

your rod and your staff —

they comfort me.

5 You prepare a table before me

in the presence of my enemies;

you anoint my head with oil;

my cup overflows.

6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Anthem My Shepherd Page/Shafferman

My Shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is His name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back, when I forsake His ways, and leads me for His mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.
The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am His; and He is mine forever.
And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd may I sing Thy praise, within Thy house forever.

Gospel Reading John 10:1-10

1"Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. 2The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. 3The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. 4When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. 5They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." 6Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

7So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. 8All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. 9I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. 10The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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Sermon The Shepherd deNay Kirkpatrick

*Hymn 443 "There Is a Redeemer" GREEN

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE

* Affirmation of Faith (Unison)

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.

Offertory Sentences

Offertory Sheep May Safely Graze J. S. Bach

* 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 deNay Kirkpatrick

Prayers of the People & 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 547** Go, My Children, with My Blessing AR HYDY NOS

* Charge and Blessing deNay Kirkpatrick

And all God's children say: Alleluia! Amen!

* Choral Benediction Go with Us, Lord TALLIS' CANON

* Postlude Grand Choeur Nicholas Gigault

Liturgy provided by *The Presbyterian Outlook*, written by Teri McDowell Ott

April/May Happenings at Cahaba Springs

3 Hots & Cot Collection – today. We will be collecting coffee (no decaf, please) and paper products for our vets.

Session Retreat—today from 12:30 -4:30.

First Tuesday Dinner – Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:00 PM at El Patron in Trussville.

PHFC Workday—Friday, May 5th. We will meet at CSPC parking lot, leave for the Home at 8:30 and plan to return by 3. Please confirm availability with Danny Foote.

Knit Wits – Saturday, May 6th from 10 AM-noon in the Ladies' Room.

Fellowship Luncheon – Sunday, May 7th immediately following worship in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a side or salad; meat and dessert will be provided. Following the luncheon, there will be a wedding shower to honor Karen Rainwater and Jacob Brown. We will have a money tree for the couple If you would like to contribute.

XYZ May Luncheon – Tuesday, May 16th at 11:30 AM in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a covered dish and we will play several games of bingo following lunch.

Stated Session Meeting - Tuesday, May 16th at 6:00 PM

PW Monthly Luncheon & Study – Sunday, May 21st immediately following worship in *Harmony Hall*. Please bring a salad or dessert. We will study Lesson 9 of *Celebrating Sabbath* by Carol M. Bechetl. We will also collect our annual birthday offering.

CSPC Book Club – Tuesday, May 23rd. This month's discussion will be on *Sensible Shoes* by Sharon Brown led by Karen O'Brien.

CSPC Yard Sale – May 26-27; rain date June 2-3. As you are doing your spring cleaning, please consider bringing your gently used clothing, household items, and small furniture for our huge yard sale! Items may be brought to the church now during normal business hours or on Sunday. We will need lots of volunteers to do the pricing, staging, etc. prior to the sale & many others the days of the sale. Please see Lynda McLean or Karen O'Brien for any other information. All proceeds go towards the general fund.

TEAM Food Collection – Sunday, May 28th. We will be collecting nonperishable food items for TEAM in Trussville.

Pentecost Celebration - Sunday, May 28th. Details to follow.

Church Office Closed – Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

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
Betty Quattlebaum	Serena Jenkins		

for our extended family...

Lisa Krayer Smith	Jennifer Lee	Dan Southern	Sonia Burrage
Louis Scholl	Heather Hawkins	Mary Hammett	Leslie Speakman
Debbie Collins	Clay Charlton	Eleanor Garner	Jeff Strickland
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	C. J. Fonte	Debbie Lambert	Deborah Braswell
Tommy Robbins	Carol Bos	Amy Baughman	Laura Stalls
Crystal Holcomb			

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