

Blessed are the Peacemakers

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Twentieth Sunday of Pentecost

Communion and Peacemaking

Summerville Presbyterian Church

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Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

Julian Garvue—Director of Music

Jacqueline Anderson—Director of Bell Choirs

Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education

Mary Keller - Office Manager

Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance

David Ellis - Housekeeper

Worship at 10 AM

WELCOME. We are a compassionate Christian community fostering a personal connection with God for people of all ages and expressing God's love through worship, education, mission, music and fellowship.

We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here to join in worship and service. If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign the pew pad.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary.

MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE? Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

Rev. Mouser can be reached by cell at 519-5280,
or by email at pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org

***Pastor's Office Hours: Monday & Wednesdays from 1-3
Please call ahead.
Office Hours are 8:30-4:30 on Monday & Wednesdays and
8:30-12:30 on Tuesday***

GREETER: SARAH GUERESCHI

USHER: MIKE CUBITT

Transportation next Sunday, October 9, is provided by JULIE GIRON. Please call Julie before 8 pm on Saturday, October 8, to arrange a ride. Her number is 303-827-4814.
Please do not call on Sunday morning.

Please join us for fellowship after worship service. Your host is BETSY STRYKER.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 357** (red- Rejoice Hymnal)

MADRID

“Come, Christians Join to Sing”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

Faithful God, we wait for you as people called from the deep to new mornings of your mercies. Meet us here. Rekindle in us the gift of faith; warm it in our open hands, breathe it into our spirits, light it in our hearts. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ERIC ROUNDS

One: Come before the God of steadfast love.

All: We come as a people called by grace.

One: Come with testimony and with song.

All: We come as a people called to faith.

One: Come to the joy of worship together.

All: We come as a people called by love.

CALL TO CONFESSION

ERIC ROUNDS

God’s love for us is so amazing, it embraces us and empowers us to be honest about our lives and our need of God’s grace. Pray with me.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON)

ERIC ROUNDS

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace: You have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course. You have promised us the abundance of all creation, but in our greed, and in our envy, the world goes without. You have promised us the bread of life itself, but in our pride, and in our arrogance, the world goes hungry. You have promised us the waters of peace and justice, but in our violence, and in our discord, the world goes thirsty. And now we are famished, too, Lord. Have mercy on us. Forgive us, again. Transform us, at this table, and for this table, and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness, by the power of your Son, our Lord.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

God is merciful and forgiving. We are assured through the revelation of Jesus Christ that God sees us from far off and greets us with tender mercy when we return to God. Therefore let us be at peace with ourselves, with God, and with each other.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Lamentations 3:19-26

ERIC ROUNDS

ANTHEM "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

CARY RATCLIFF

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Join the great throng,
Psaltery, organ and song,
Sounding in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord; over all things he gloriously reigneth,
who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen what the Almighty can do,
Who with his love doth befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore him.
All that has life come before him.
Let the amen sound from his people again;
Gladly forever, and forever adore him.

WORDS WITH CHILDREN/ LORD'S PRAYER
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-14
SERMON "Living Love Letter"

BILL CARTER
REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER
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***HYMN #545** (red—Rejoice Hymnal)
"Let Us Break Bread Together "

LET US BREAK BREAD

CELEBRATION OF THANKSGIVING

INVITATION

This table is for all of us, near and far, high and low, east and west and north and south. This table is for all of us, but it is not our table. It's not a Presbyterian table. It's not an American table. It's God's table, for all of us, and it's a table of grace. So come and take your place at the table. You are welcome, you are invited, you are called: come, let us share this meal together.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: **And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

Many: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Many: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. Even when we were dust, when our story begins in dust, you were there, your word was there, your breath into the lifeless void. And upon your word all creation sprang into life. When we were in the wilderness, terrified, timid, you were there, your word was there, with manna just enough for today, with water even from the driest rock, with the abundant grace upon which our story always rests. And when we fell short, slaves to power and greed, you were there, your word was there, on the lips of prophets, and in the hearts of servants, in stories of revolution and revelation and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and liberation, calling us even now to acts of courage and witness and peace.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Many: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth
are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

One: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Indeed blessed are you, O Christ, our Lord, for risking yourself among us, vulnerable and rejected; for teaching among us, teaching the radical hope of God; teaching grace to a world bent on vengeance, teaching love to a world bent on destruction, teaching peace to a world bent on tearing itself apart. You were there, your word was there, even to the point of death itself. Even faced with terror and hatred and the brokenness of the world, you rose again, to new life, to new creation, to resurrection, that we might know something other than the dust, that we might expect something other than the end, that we might work for something other than ourselves. And so you speak to us again, with these abundant gifts of bread and wine, with which we joyfully celebrate your dying and rising, as we await the table of the Kingdom yet to come, and as we dedicate ourselves again to you, thankful, and transformed, as living and holy sacrifices, that our lives may proclaim the one crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith.

Many: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us, and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break together, and the cup we share together, may retell our common stories together and reshape our common bonds together, and remember our common grace together, in the communion of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ, the one in whose life and death you have torn down our divisions. And so may we be one with all who share this feast, on this day, of all days, with all your children at every corner of your table. May we share this abundant cup with all those who thirst for your justice. May we share this abundant bread with all those who hunger for your righteousness, may we be united with every corner of your story, united in hope, united in vision, united in purpose, united in ministry in every place.

As this bread is Christ's body for us, send us from this table to be the body of Christ in all the world. Send us with a spirit of courage, a spirit of power and love, that we may be witnesses in all creation to the unending story of your word breathing life into the dust. Keep us faithful, and fruitful, and hopeful, and peaceful, until we come at last to the one table of your Kingdom, to feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm, with you and with your Word, through Christ and in Christ, the one who came for us, died for us, and rose for us, the one who prays even for us.

**BREAKING BREAD, POURING THE CUP
COMMUNION**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, we offer our thanks, for the whole communion of saint's witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread may we each be restored for the work yet to come. By this shared cup may we each be claimed for the proclamation of your Kingdom. At this shared table may we be united as children of your promise, children of your word, dying and made new again, sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, JOYS AND CONCERNS

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

God calls forth gifts in each of us, so that we are blessed and blessing both in our very being and living. Let us return, then, a portion of all that has been given us, as offering, as thanksgiving.

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

God of love, accept these offerings. Bless them and increase them. May they find their way in the world to bring your just and loving vision into being. Amen.

HYMN # 408 (red-Rejoice Hymnal) "Blest Be the Ties That Bind" DENNIS

BENEDICTION

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, “Jesus, have mercy on us!” Jesus’ healing of the 10 with leprosy shows us God’s endurance during the most difficult and painful times through to healing on the other side. It is in the actions of the 10 that they are made well—Jesus invites them to go and return to the community so they might be a part of it again. Our own actions day to day reflect the role of faith in our lives. Although we might not experience dramatic physical healing, we can step out in faith and allow God to heal relationships or personal wounds that make us unwell. *Scriptures: Jeremiah 9:1, 4-7, Psalm 66:1-12, 2 Timothy 2:8-15, Luke 17:11-19*

BLOOD DONORS NEEDED: HAVE YOU MADE YOUR APPOINTMENT TO DONATE BLOOD NEXT SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1? See Peg Baker **today** to schedule your donation between 8:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. here at SPC in Fellowship Hall. **YOUR DONATION MATTERS! YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE!** Potentially, a single donation can help more than one person. Remember: blood cannot be manufactured; it can only come from generous donors like you! Last year this location provided 23 pints of blood ... we’ve set a **goal of 25 pints** for 2016.

ADULT FORUM Chet Fery, " the Breadman" will be our Adult Ed. speaker, Sunday, October 9th. Chet is a retired educator who decided to bake bread as a mission outreach. He has many stories tell (Breadtime stories), as well as delicious bread!!! He will share recipes during his engaging presentation. Please bring the whole family!



GARAGE SALE *Remember, the Garage Sale will be held on October 21st (10-6) & 22nd (10-3). Set up will be on October 15th at 1pm. We need your help—please contact Gretchen Spencer, gretchenspener@frontiernet.net. or call 314-6382.*

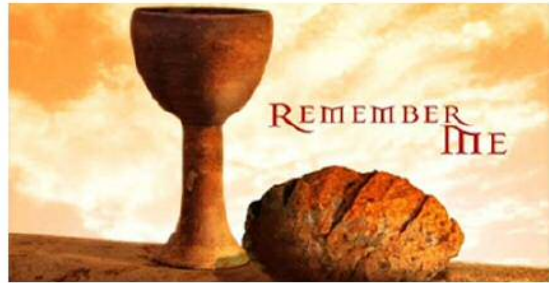
Children's Workshop

(Preschool through Grade 7)

"Communion"



Class in Memorial Lounge



Teachers: Mrs. Debbie Carter, Mr. Todd Hayes and Mr. Brian Leavitt

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Garage Sale Set-Up: Saturday, October 15th at 1 p.m.
- Unloading Pumpkins: Saturday, October 15th at 2 p.m.
- Harvest Festival: Sunday, October 16th—Saturday, October 30th
- Bagel & the Bible: Sunday, October 23rd, meet at church at 10:00 a.m.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, October 2nd

10:00 am

10:15 am

11:15 am

Peacemaking Collection and World Communion

Worship

Sanctuary

Children's Workshop: Communion Lesson

Town Hall Meeting

Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 3rd

6:30 pm

7 pm

7pm

AA

AEM

SNS Board

Rooms 10/14

Room 3

Memorial Lounge

Tuesday, October 4th

5:30 pm

6:00 pm

7 pm

Wolf Den

Webelos

Personnel

Room 15

Room 14

Memorial Lounge

Wednesday, October 5th

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:30 pm

6:45 pm

7:30 pm

Bell Choir

Troop 127

Pack 203 Board

Troop 79

Choir

Fellowship Hall

Room 14

Memorial Lounge

Room 15

Room 13

Thursday, October 6th

6:30 pm

7 pm

Bear Den

Property

Room 14

Memorial Lounge

Next Sunday, October 9th

10:00 am

10:15 am

11:15 am

2-5pm

Pledge Drive Begins

Worship

Children's Workshop: Jonah

Adult Forum: Bread Making

Davidsons Parking in lot

Fellowship Hall