



April 2, 2017
Fifth Sunday of Lent
Communion Worship

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
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Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education
Mary Keller - Office Manager
Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance
David Ellis - Housekeeper

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 : Monday and Wednesday, 8:30-4:30, Thursday, 8:30-noon

GREETER:

USHER: SUSAN CONNOR

BANK BAG: RUTH MCNAMARA

COMMUNION: JEN DEVOE AND TODD HAYES

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, April 9th, please call Joyce Stiffler at 663-7462 before noon on Saturday, April 8th.

Join us for coffee and fellowship after Worship.
Your host is Joyce Stiffler.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1 (red– Rejoice Hymnal)**

ST. ANNE

“Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

Gracious God, in the midst of death, you offer life. In the midst of despair, you offer hope. In the midst of confusion and uncertainty, you offer a new way of seeing things, a new way of understanding things. Help us to remember this always. Amen.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

ALICE ESTES

One: Wait and watch for God!

All: Even when we feel in the depths of death and despair?

One: Wait and watch for God!

All: Even when life seems like a night that never ends?

One: Wait and watch for God! In God there is constant love and kindness.

All: We will wait and watch with hope.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

ALICE ESTES

The psalmist tells us that the One whose voice can knock trees to the ground listens to our hesitant prayers which speak about how we have hurt others, as well as God. Join me, as we pray to the One who will bless us with peace and forgiveness.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

ALICE ESTES

O God of Life, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Silent Reflection

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past we cannot change, open to us a future in which we can be changed. Grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and your image, though Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation: the past is dead and gone. My brothers and sisters, believe the good of the gospel that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Ezekiel 37: 1-14

ALICE ESTES

ANTHEM "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"

BY TALLIS/BUSAROW

1) I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down
Your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus and I was,
So weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
And he has made me glad.

2) I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water, thirsty one;
Stoop down and drink and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in him.

3) I heard the voice of Jesus say
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise,
And all your day be bright."
I look to Jesus, and I found
In him my star, my sun
And in the light of life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done

WORDS FOR CHILDREN/THE LORD’S PRAYER

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NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 11: 1-45

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SERMON “Live Hope”

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***HYMN #85** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

WONDROUS LOVE

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

God, our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, who made life out of nothing but love, cares for life for no reason but love, guides and protects life for no reason but love. In love, God calls us, beloved creatures, made in God’s own image, to feast with God and with each other, that we may taste and see God’s goodness, delight in God’s ways of justice and peace, learn to recognize and love our neighbor, and work with gladness and courage for the in-breaking of God’s realm on earth. With love, our Creator God calls us to this table, inviting us to break bread, share the cup, delight in these good gifts of Earth, and be renewed by God’s sustaining love.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

The Creator be with you and all of creation

And also with you.

Open your hearts.

We open them to our Creator.

Let us give thanks to our Creator.

It is right to join creation in thanking God.

Loving Creator, we praise you.

Your Word is the impulse for all things to be,

For the Earth to emerge from the deep, for life to be born of Earth.

And for humans to be born of Earth and the Spirit.

You chose to be born a human being, to become part of Earth,

To suffer, die, and rise from death,

To redeem humankind and renew creation.

And affirm all born of Earth and the Spirit.

Jesus, born of Mary, shares our life.

Eating with sinners, he welcomes us.

Guiding his children, he leads us.

Visiting the sick, he heals us.

Though death came on a cross,

we believe that by living again he gives us new life.

With gratitude we take this bread and this cup

and give witness to the death and resurrection of our Lord.

Receive our testimony of thanks,

**Share your Holy Spirit with us that this meal may be
a communion in bread broken and cup shared.**

Make us one with Christ and with all who share this feast.

Unite us in faith,

encourage us with hope,

**inspire us to love, that we may serve with your whole company of creation,
proclaiming earth, sea, and sky and all things that exist are full of your
presence and honor your name. Amen.**

BREAKING THE BREAD, POURING THE WINE

COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Creator God, you have welcomed us to your table, fed us with your bread and wine, nourished us with your eternal love, and filled us with a renewed sense of your divine peace. Send us forth from this place empowered to share the good news of your active presence in the world, to witness to the wonders of your creation, and to love you and love our neighbor with all our heart and mind and strength and soul. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556**

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

In hope we offer these gifts: hope for a peaceful and fair world; hope for an equal distribution of food, medicines, natural resources, and love; hope for the well-being of the Earth; hope for many future generations. In hope we bring these gifts as hope for a peaceful and fair world. Amen.

***HYMN # 428** (red- Rejoice Hymnal)

MARYTON

“O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee”

***BENEDICTION**

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Children's Workshop

"Road to Emmaus"



Date

Teachers

April 2 (Communion)

Mrs. Debbie Carter, Mr. Bill Carter & Mr. Doug Caine

April 9 (Palm Sunday)

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April 16 (Easter)

Mr. Bill Carter & Mr. Doug Caine

April 23

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April 30

Out-of-the-Box Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: At the end of Lent we journey with Jesus through his final days and hours on Earth. But even in their final moments together, the disciples abandon Jesus—betraying him, falling asleep, denying they know him—and he is left alone to face his execution. We can identify with the disciples' fear and understand the great betrayal Jesus felt because we can point to times in our own lives when it seems we're all alone and forgotten. But we must remember that God's love endures and God is with us— with Jesus—even during the hardest moments of our lives. *Scriptures: Matthew 21:1-11, Matthew 26:14-27, 66, Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29, Isaiah 50:4-9, Philippians 2:5-11.*

FUTURE ADULT FORUM: The AEM Committee is inviting the congregation to read the book, Waking Up White by Debby Irving. The author tells how she stumbled into troubling and even shocking revelations about racial inequities as a "blissfully sheltered, upper-middle class suburban child". The book has short chapters with discussion questions. AEM will lead a discussion **on Sunday, April 9th** at the Adult forum. Several copies are available in our church library or are available on Amazon.



PALM SUNDAY (APRIL 9TH) - Children will gather at 9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall to receive their palms. They will enter the sanctuary waving their palms, placing it under the communion table & going to sit with their families in the pews.

April Monthly Mission *College Care Packages*



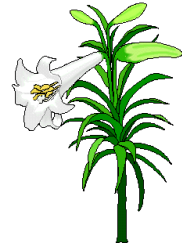
Final Exams are just around the corner for our five SPC college students. The congregation is invited to show their support for these hard working students again this year. The April monthly mission is working with our Youth Group to supply some treats and words of encouragement at this stressful time.

Youth group will be assembling these care packages and sending them off in time for Spring Finals. Listed below are some suggestions for donations:



- granola bars, fruit snack packs
- Tootsie Roll pops, gum, fudge
- tins of cookies
- microwave popcorn
- playing cards, note cards, index cards (3x5)
- pens, mechanical pencils, highlighters

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, April 2nd

10:00 am
10:15 am
11:30 am

Communion Worship and Lily Orders

Worship
Children's Worship
Deacon Meeting

Memorial Lounge

Monday, April 3rd

6:30 pm
7 pm

AA
SNS Board Meeting

Room 15
Memorial Lounge

Tuesday, April 4th

6:00 pm

Webelos

Room 14

Wednesday, April 5th

10:30 am
5:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:30 pm
6:45 pm
7:30 pm

Staff Meeting
Wolf Den
Bell Choir
Troop 127
Troop 79
Choir

Memorial Lounge
Room 10
Fellowship Hall
Room 14
Room 15
Room 13

Thursday, April 6th

6:30 pm
7 pm

Bear Den
Property Meeting

Room 14
Memorial Lounge

Next Sunday, April 9th

10:00 am
10:15 am
11:15 am

Palm Sunday and One Great Hour of Sharing Envelopes

Worship
Children's Workshop
Adult Forum
Discussion of Waking Up White

Memorial Lounge