

GLORY TO GOD ALONE

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**I am the LORD: that is my name:
and my glory will I not give to another,
neither my praise to graven images.
- Isaiah 42:8**

**September 3, 2017
Thirteenth Sunday of Pentecost**

**Summerville Presbyterian Church
585-342-4242**

Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

Jacqueline Anderson—Director of Bell Choirs

Teresa Shyr—Director of Music

Deborah Carter—Director of Youth & Education

Mary Keller - Office Manager

Rod Cutler - Director of Maintenance

Stephanie Desmore - 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 and Wednesday, 1-3. Please call in advance.
Office Hours : Tuesday, Sept. 5th: 9-11, Wed, Sept. 6th: 9-12***

GREETER:

USHER: JULIE GIRON

BANK BAG: MARY HAVERFIELD

MUSIC: TERESA SHYR

COMMUNION: MARY HAVERFIELD

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, September 10th, please call Julie Giron at 303-827-4814 before noon on Saturday, September 9th.

CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

***those who are able, please stand**

***GATHERING HYMN #461** (blue— Presbyterian Hymnal)
“God Is Here”

ABBOT’S LEIGH

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

God of Freshness, like a towering cedar tree with outstretched branches, you are a place of shelter. You plant yourself among us, sustaining us by the deep roots of your presence. May we ground ourselves in this world even as we reach toward heaven. Amen.

PRELUDE “Voluntary 111”

JOHN BENNETT

CALL TO WORSHIP

PASTOR CARSON

One: May we be deep-rooted in the soil of your word, Creator God.

All: Nourish us with scripture and Spirit that we may grow stronger and taller.

One: May our outstretched arms provide shelter and bear fruit for all your creatures,

All: And may your spirit blow through our branches.

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PASTOR CARSON

When we consider the wonder of Almighty God, Creator of all things, sovereign over all and white-hot holy, we cannot help but sing in wonder and awe. As we sing and celebrate who God is and what God has done, it is appropriate for us to be taken aback, perhaps even chastened, to fall on our faces with Moses and Isaiah and Paul in worship. Let us humble ourselves now in a time of confession.

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (UNISON)

PASTOR CARSON

God, we confess that sometimes we come into your presence feeling a bit like Job. We know you are sovereign, but we think you are not treating us fairly. We believe you are hiding from us. We long for the “good old days” when our fellowship with you was close and sweet. Frankly, we think we have lived good, moral lives. And then we see you. And when we see you, we are silenced by your authority. We say with Job:

PRAYER OF RECONCILIATION (continued)

PASTOR CARSON

I am unworthy—how can I reply to you? I put my hand over my mouth.

I spoke once, but I have no answer— twice, but I will say no more.

Lord God, we know that you can do all things; no plan of yours can be thwarted. Surely we have spoken of things we did not understand, things too wonderful for us to know. You said, “Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.”

With Job we respond:

“My ears had heard of you, but now my eyes have seen you.

Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

Silent Reflection

What perspective we gain when we truly see you in all your glory! May our ears continue to hear of you, but may our eyes also see you so that we can respond to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is dead and it is gone forever. Rejoice in the grace of God and be at peace.

All: Thanks be to God! Amen

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:1-13

PASTOR CARSON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Hebrews 13:20-21

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SERMON “To the Glory of God Alone”

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HYMN # 267 (blue— Presbyterian Hymnal)

ROYAL OAK

“All Things Bright and Beautiful”)

CELEBRATION OF EUCHARIST

INVITATION

One: Open hearts and spirits to the Holy One who invites us to this meal.

All: Taste the earth-borne gifts that bare the communion of Christ’s presence.

One: Grains drawn from soil, milled and mixed, kneaded and baked, form the loaf of our common life.

All: Grapes plucked and pressed, strained and aged, fill the cup of our common hope.

One: All these, all of us, fearfully and wonderfully made by God:

All: All these, all of us, gathered to celebrate the mystery of presence in this Communion and in all of life.

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

Gracious God, ever-creating, with all of creation we look to you. We look to you as the One from whom all things have sparked: from sub-atomic particles to forested slopes, from strands of DNA to the deepest ocean trenches.

We look to you as the One in whom all life holds together: from the delicate balancing of soil and water and oxygen and light, to the delicate balancing of personalities and faith and values. We look to you as the One who fashions this table in multiple places but with singular purpose: to offer invite and gather all, to offer unlimited forgiveness, to offer vocation with Christ.

May all creation be blessed in this meal a reminder of life shared with and for others, and of community fashioned, not on the basis of our differences, but by the truth that all are one in you. Amen.

BREAKING THE BREAD, SHARING THE CUP COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE 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

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** – HYMN 556 (blue Presbyterian Hymnal)

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)**

Great and Holy One, as we sojourn through your world, may we be ever mindful of leaving a light footprint, to give generously, and to care for one another. Multiply our gifts and our works, that they may amplify your beauty and grace. Amen.

***HYMN #411** (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

FESTAL SONG

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

***SENDING**

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of God’s glory, the Lord may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through God’s Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to God who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to God be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “Prelude in C”

J.S. BACH

DEVOTION FOR SEPTEMBER 10TH: LAND SUNDAY

The writer of Psalm 139 declares that there is nowhere we can go to hide from God. God is with us at all times, in all places. One of the ways we are connected to God is through the land. The writer uses the landscape to explain God’s presence with us - above the land, below it, across the sea. Again, we are reminded how important our relationship with all creation is to our relationship with God. It’s a way to experience God’s presence, but also a way to break or do harm to our relationship with God. In how we treat the land around us, what messages are we sending God? The Passover festival is part of a celebration when God’s people remember the beginning of their journey from slavery to freedom. The meal is filled with foods that help them remember how difficult it was to be a slave, but also how loving God is. What helps you remember how much God loves you? *Scriptures: Psalm 139:7-12, Exodus 12:1-14, Matthew 18:15-20, Romans 13:8-14*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

GIVE BLOOD



SAVE LIFE

YOU'VE SAVED THE DATE ... SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2017, IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

Consider the on-going need to support the victims of Harvey. In addition to monetary donations, the Red Cross acknowledges an emergency for blood donations to keep Texas hospitals supplied with this life-saving gift. Sign up "to give the gift of life" at the Summerville Presbyterian Church

blood drive. Contact Peg Baker at 585-342-0865 or pegmbaker@twc.com to register!

SPC Mission Team will hold our first meeting of the year after the Square Dance on September 17. Come to the dance and then join us as we plan for next spring. We welcome all who would like to join the team or just want to know more about how we operate.

CALENDAR of EVENTS

Sunday, September 3rd

10:00 am

Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser, Communion

Worship

Monday, September 4th

6:30 pm

Labor Day—Office Closed

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Room 15

Tuesday, September 5th

6:00 pm

Office Open 9-11, Marilyn Drumm

Bear Den

Room 15

6:00 pm

Wolf Den

Room 3

7:00 pm

AOL Den

Room 14

Wednesday, September 6th

10:30 am

Office Open 9-12, Peg Baker

Staff Meeting

Memorial Lounge

6:30 pm

Bell Choir

Fellowship Hall

6:30 pm

Troop 127

Room 14

6:45 pm

Troop 79

Room 15

Thursday, September 7th

6:00 pm

Lion Den

Room 15

6:00 pm

Webelos Den

Room 14

7:00 pm

Tiger Den

Room 3

7:00 pm

Property

Memorial Lounge

Next Sunday, September 10th

10:00 am

Worship

10:15 am

Children Workshop

11:15 am

Adult Forum

Fellowship Hall

“New Technology—Google Calendar”