



April 15, 2018

Third Sunday of Easter

Scott Woods Bell Choir & Senior Choir

Summerville Presbyterian Church

585-342-4242

Ministers - Every Member of this Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Carson O. Mouser— Pastor

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Deborah Carter— Director of Youth & Education

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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.

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, April 9th only: 9-noon
Wednesdays from 8:30-4, Thursdays 8:30-noon***

GREETERS:

BANK BAG: CINDY SMITH

USHER: JIM VERNI

MUSIC: TERESA SHYR

To arrange transportation for next Sunday, April 22nd, please call the office at 342-4242 before noon on Wednesday, April 18th.

Please join us after Worship in Fellowship Hall.
Your host is LINDA VERNI.



CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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

PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 332 (blue- Presbyterian Hymnal)

“Live Into Hope”

TRURO

WELCOME

Today, in this season of resurrection, we gather for a service of naming. We will name the dimensions and dynamics of the serious problem of sexual violence and misconduct against women, children, men, gay, straight, lesbian, transgender, rich and poor. It is all around us. Yet, the church is often silent.

Today, the silence will be broken. We will share the survivor’s stories of loss, pain and alienation through psalms and reflections. We will share words of hope for healing from survivors. We will name the God who is present in and through all our efforts to seek healing, renewal and resurrection.

Today, we open our hearts to God's call in our midst. We cannot hide from the truth; in fact, knowing the truth, however painful, can set us free to respond with vigor and work for justice in the world that God so loves.

CENTERING PRAYER IN SILENCE

We rejoice, O Creator, in the knowledge that there is love loud enough, bright enough, powerful enough to shine through the darkness. Love is seen in the support of allies, the gifting of survivor’s stories, the prayers of many. Allow this love to enter into our hearts, give us the ability to know it, and feel it, and allow it to do a work of healing.

PRELUDE “Intermezzo”

BRAHMS

CALL TO WORSHIP

DOUG CAINE

One: Give ear to our words, O God;

All: **give heed to our groaning.**

CALL TO WORSHIP *(continued)*

One: Listen to the sound of our cry, O God,

All: we're calling out to you.

One: O God, we believe that you hear our voices;

All: we plead our case to you, and watch.

LITANY OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

TODD HAYES

One: We pause this day to recognize there are many among us who have been wounded by violence, exploitation, coercion, or manipulation.

All: There are many among us who are suffering and grieving.

One: There are many who need support and healing, who need their voices heard, and their stories acknowledged, and their experiences validated.

All: The weight of oppression is heavy, and the effects of trauma are real and long-lasting.

One: We pause this day to recognize that all of us are impacted by the culture of violence. All of us are impacted by the culture of impatience and hostility in which we live.

All: By listening to one another, may we become instruments of justice and peace.

SCOTT WOODS MEMORIAL BELL CHOIR

" My Shepherd, the King of Love"

JOSHUA EVANOVICH

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Samuel 11:1-21

DOUG CAINE

SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM

"Let Them That Say They Love the Lord"

DAVID OUCHTERLONY

Let them that say they love the Lord, rise up this day and gladly praise Him.

Prais'd be His name!

He gives to us His mighty word, the way of righteousness unfurl'd,
to cleanse our sins He came.

As I have lov'd you, love ye them.
My neighbour's need is my distress.
His pain my grief, His fear no less
Equal stars in Love's diadem.

Let them that say they love the Lord, be glad, this day, nor cease from singing
Praise to our God.

Each in his own way gladness bring with heart and voice and mind
Now sing Praise, Glorify, Laud!

PSALM BY A RAPE SURVIVOR
SILENCE

BARB JAMES

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 10: 29-37

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON "The Wheel of Power and Control"

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HYMN #324 (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)
"Open My Eyes That I May See" (vs1)

OPEN MY EYES

#METOO: A Litany for speaking out or not

RUTH MCNAMARA

God of the matriarchs, we pray for all the women, girls, boys and men who are survivors of sexual harassment and sexual assault. We bravely choose to share our stories in person and by posting #metoo on social media. We did nothing wrong, and we release all shame—shame that was never ours to begin with.

ALL: God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

God who knows our hearts, we pray for all who are survivors of sexual harassment and sexual assault. We bravely choose to keep our stories to ourselves for reasons of our own. And we walk alongside survivors whose suppressed memories have been triggered by #metoo posts. We did nothing wrong, and we own our stories.

ALL: God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

God of truth, as we remember our baptismal call as your precious and beloved children, we release any shame we were told is ours. In our own time and way, we release the people who didn't believe us or tried to minimize the truth. We did nothing wrong, and we own the truth.

ALL: God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

God of justice, we pray that those who harassed or assaulted us will come to understand the evil that they did, and that they will never do it again. And Lord God, our prayer calls us to action. We will use our voices. We will work to stop lawmakers and others from minimizing assault and blaming victims. We did nothing wrong, and we will work for change.

ALL: God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

God of courage, we give thanks for activist, Tarana Burke, who started the "Me Too" movement. We are thankful that her willingness to tell her story is leading other women to heal.

ALL: God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

God of wisdom, help us spread knowledge about what it means to live in a rape culture. Help us to stand firm in our faith and embolden us to work to end sexual violence and intimidation whenever it occurs in our church, community and world.

ALL: God of love and mercy, hear our prayer.

A STORY OF A SURVIVOR

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

May we listen now to words of survivors and enter into their experience even as we also bring our own painful memories. By touching our pain, by breaking the silence with our stories, we can discover the truth. Remember that Jesus said, "You will know the truth, and the truth will make you free" (John 8:32) May we be in solidarity with the survivors in our midst here and in the community, so that together we can build a community of resistance and hope. Knowing the truth will set us free for constructive action.

READING: Rev. Ruth Everhart Letter from Christian Century RUTH MCNAMARA

READING: Kyndall Rae Rothaus Article from 2016 MARILYN DRUMM

HYMN #324 (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

"Open My Eyes That I May See" (vs 2)

OPEN MY EYES

PRAYER OF PETITION

God. In a world that has little time for us, we want to believe that **you** have time. In a culture that too easily dismisses us, we want to believe that **you** care. Among institutions that are slow to come to our aid, we want to believe that **you** are eager to help.

You are our first and last resort.

Here is our petition: We ask for comfort and peace.

God, hear our prayer.

We ask for courage and strength.

God, hear our prayer.

We ask for your justice and healing.

God, hear our prayer.

We ask for compassionate listeners.

God, hear our prayer.

We ask for faithful advocates.

God, hear our prayer.

We ask for bold truth-tellers.

God, hear our prayer.

We ask for personal and institutional transformation.

God, hear our prayer.

We ask for...

God, hear our prayer. We need you to act here, to act now.

HYMN # 324 (blue- Presbyterian Hymnal)

JUDAS MACCABEUS

"Open My Eyes" vs. 3

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

We offer ourselves to you, O God our Creator. We offer our hands. Use healing touch to comfort our sisters, brothers, and children who are afraid. We offer our eyes and ears. May we see and hear the signs and stories of violence so that all may have someone with them in their pain and confusion. We offer our hearts and our tears as their hurt and sorrow echo within us. We offer our own stories of sexual violence and harassment. We offer all our skills. Use our gifts to end sexual violence and harassment. We offer our faith, our hope and our love. May our encounters with sexual violence and harassment bring us closer to you and to each other. May these monetary offerings be pleasing in your sight. All this we ask through Jesus Christ, who knows the pain of violence. Amen.

(Adapted From Striking Terror No More , pg. 93)

HYMN #335 (blue-Presbyterian Hymnal)

O WALY WALY

"Though I May Speak"

BENEDICTION

As a community of faith we will not forget those who are hurting. We will listen carefully. We understand there are those among us who suffer in silence. And so...

We will not further silence our neighbor with platitudes or should-haves.

We commit to hold their pain gently.

We know we must continue to challenge the power dynamics in our world that make abuse prevalent, even when these dynamics and systems benefit us.

We will not worship ideas or institutions.

We will love God and love our neighbor above all else.

We struggle to understand how the world can be so broken, but we will not let this deter us from seeking justice.

We will not cease praying for your Kingdom come.

We commit ourselves to the journey ahead. Our friends will walk alone no longer.

CHORAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

POSTLUDE “Sonata”

BACH

Devotion: Fifth Sunday of Easter—Out-of-the-Box: *Love Abides*

We are all part of God’s family. This theme is evident in several ways in today’s passages. The vine connected to the branches, the court official being accepted in Baptism, and the sustenance we draw from one another in praise and worship. This is all tied together in 1 John as we read that perfect love casts out fear and invites us to abide with Christ.

Scriptures: Acts 8:26-40, Psalm 22:25-31, John 15:1-8, 1 John 4:7-21



Children's Workshop "Breakfast On The Beach"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Teachers</u>	<u>Room</u>
April 1	Mrs. Debbie Carter, Mr. Doug Caine & Mr. Brian Leavitt	14
April 8	Mr. Doug Caine & Mr. Brian Leavitt	10 & 12
April 15	Mr. Doug Caine & Mr. Brian Leavitt	Kitchen
April 22	Mr. Doug Caine & Mr. Brian Leavitt	14
April 28	Out-of-the-Box Worship Service for all ages	

Youth Group News

(Grades 6-12)

- Bagel & Bible: Sunday, April 8, meet at church at 10
- Camp Whitman Mission Day: Saturday, April 28—meet at church at 9 a.m. and work from 10 a.m.—4 p.m., back around 5 p.m.
- Movie Madness: Saturday, May 12, begins at 8:00 p.m.
- Kayaking & Dinner at Carters': date at the end of June to be determined



Continual Prayers

Barbara Parker, Marian Black, Pam Shares, Paul White, David Wilkinson, Cynthia Powers, Marge Reber, Tom Mulford, Phyllis Register, Wendy Morris-Mills, Mary Jane Angelone

Concerns for the Military

Sgt. Andrea Estes-Conklin, (*Army*), granddaughter of Alice Estes
Anthony Cresanto, Air Force, deployed to Kuwait for six months,
Grandson-in-law of the Hartleys

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We need people to help with the garage sale setup this Saturday, April 14th from 11am-1pm. Items need to be moved from storage to the various rooms. The more the merrier, and the faster we are done!

We still need some volunteers for the two sale days as well. On Friday, April 20th we need a volunteer for Room 14 (housewares) from 10am-2pm. On Saturday, April 21st we need a few cashiers from 10m-12:30pm and someone to watch the Children's Room from 12-3pm.

If you are willing to volunteer, please call 314-6382, email gretchen.spencer@frontiernet.net or sign up at our website: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b084aadab29a7f49-garage>



***Join us for Spring Clean-up on Saturday, April 28th, from 9-noon.
Bring your rake and tarp and we will treat you to coffee and donuts.***

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, April 15th

10:00 am

10:15 am

11:15 am

Bell Choir and Senior Choir

Worship

Children's Workshop

Video and Discussion

Sexual Harassment

Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 16th

6:30 pm

Garage Sale Set-up

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Memorial Lounge

Wednesday, April 18th

10:30 am

Garage Sale Set-up

Staff Meeting

Memorial Lounge

Thursday, April 19th

7:00 pm

Garage Sale Set-up

Finance

Memorial Lounge

Friday, April 20th

10:00 am-6:00 pm

Garage Sale

Saturday, April 14th

10:00 am-3:00pm

Garage Sale

2:00 pm

Clean UP

Next Sunday, April 22nd

10:00 am

Worship

10:15 am

Children's Workshop

11:15 am

Speaker from Resolve

Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence

Fellowship Hall