



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA

MAY 15, 2022
5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GATHERING

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING MUSIC

OQUIRRH MOUNTAINS SHINING
Katie Brown, piano

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CALL TO WORSHIP

ADAPTED FROM ISAIAH 43
Zachary Patterson

One: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

All: Who made heaven and earth.

One: Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters.
Do not remember the former things or consider the things of old. I am about to do a
new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?

All: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

**I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen
people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my
praise.**

One: Let us declare God's praise in our worship together!

✦HYMN 240

ALLELUIA, ALLELUIA! GIVE THANKS

ALLELUIA No . 1

✦CALL TO CONFESSION

✦PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God, we your people confess that we are easily distracted by many things.
This has been particularly true over the course of the last two years.
Forgive our tendency to stray from faith in you and to trust in our own ways.
Draw us together as people who hope in you.
Make us love what you command and desire what you promise,
that amid all the changes of this world,
our hearts may be fixed on our Savior Jesus Christ,
where true joy is found. Amen.**

(silence for personal prayer and reflection)

✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ RESPONSE 591

HALLE, HALLE, HALLELUJAH!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

Halle, Halle

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! ¹

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Cece Crook

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

LEVITICUS 19:9-18

Addie Feraldi

SECOND LESSON

JOHN 13:31-35

SERMON

"We Made it!"

Anne Masters Calfee
Cece Crook
Andrew Guerry

RESPONDING

SILENT REFLECTION

✦ HYMN 192

LORD, THE LIGHT OF YOUR LOVE IS SHINING

SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

CELEBRATING OUR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

✦ WORDS OF AFFIRMATION

ADAPTED FROM SUSIE LARSON

May you—above all else—identify yourself as someone Jesus loves.

May his affection for you heal you in the deepest ways and inspire you like nothing else ever has.

May Jesus' saving grace and enabling power compel you to dream with him, believe in him, and take crazy-faith-steps because of him.

May every lesser voice and every lying circumstance fall by the wayside so that all you hear is the Master's voice in your ear saying, "This is the way, walk in it."

Nobody's opinion matters as much as God's.

Nobody can save, heal, redeem, and refresh like Jesus.

Walk closely with the Savior today and in all your tomorrows.

God's will for your life is your best-case-scenario.

CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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.

OFFERING

Please sign and pass the friendship register on your pew during this time.

OFFERTORY MUSIC

CAN YOU COUNT THE STARS?
Kendall Starks, solo

POWELL

✠ CELEBRATION OF GIVING 607

PRAISE GOD

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.²**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

✠ HYMN 246 v. 1,5

CHRIST IS ALIVE

TRURO

✠ INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

✠ BENEDICTION

VOLUNTARY

MARCH
Carly Brown, trumpet

BUCHTEL

STATEMENT OF WELCOME

As a community of those who are actively seeking ways to continue:

... *writing a new chapter in an old story* ...

First Presbyterian Church of Aiken extends a simple and unqualified welcome, in Christ's name, to all who seek to join us. We affirm that there can be no exclusiveness within the body of Christ, and therefore we invite all children of God into our worship, study, mission, and fellowship as we together seek ways to live in grace and respond with gratitude.

WORSHIP NOTES

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in honor of all our graduates. Congratulations and many blessings on your future endeavors, Jimmy and Brenda Guerry.

Liturgist: Andrea Paschal

Head Usher: Marie Tewkesbury

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and wireless assisted hearing receivers are available from any usher.

Childcare is available during worship for our youngest members ages infant to 5 years old. Room 6 is for ages 0-2 and room 8 is for ages 3-5.

Worship Bags are available in the narthex for children through 5th grade.

¹ Marty Haugen, 1990; Music: Caribbean melody; arr. John L. Bell

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You for Your Generosity – To date, the total received for Mother's Day Offering is \$1499.00

Reception for Graduates will be held in the Fellowship Hall following worship.

Memorial Day Picnic - Will be held on the West Lawn May 29, after the 10:00 a.m. worship service. Burgers, hot dogs, meatless varieties, potato chips, drinks, and ice cream will be provided by Congregational Life Committee. Please bring a side dish to share.

Save the Date - VBS IS COMING! Ready to cook up some fun? Let's get on a roll with God as a parade of Food Trucks rolls into their neighborhood from July 18 – 22 9:00AM-12:00PM for ages 4K – rising 5th grade. Registration available online now.

JAM (Jesus and Me) – Children in Kindergarten - 5th Grade are encouraged to join us Sunday, May 22, from 4:00 - 5:30 p.m. for a Patriotic lesson at Aiken County Veterans Memorial Park 1435 Richland East.

ACTS – During May, we are collecting pasta sauce. Looking ahead, June's item is mac and cheese.

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