



LOWCOUNTRY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

***Surrounded by God's grace, we are a family of faith
joined together through Christ, offering meaning and
hope to all by the way we worship, serve and live.***

***10 Simmonsville Rd
Bluffton, SC 29910***

Sunday, April 18, 2021

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Celebration of Worship
Third Sunday of Easter, April 18, 2021

Silent Meditation

“The words of Jesus are not pious embroidery for religious pillows. The ministry of Jesus is radical and it is ultimate: it crashes the boundaries of death and summons all to a resurrection.”
Eugene Peterson

Prelude

As the Deer/Fairest Lord Jesus
Crusader's Hymn
Dr. Gerald Anderson, piano

Martin Nystrom
arr. by Mark Hayes

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Herrin

Call to Worship

Kim Hardin

Leader: See and you will believe. Believe and you will see.

People: In the midst of our sorrow and grief, Christ comes to ease our pain.

Leader: See and you will believe. Believe and you will see.

People: In the midst of our doubt and fear, Christ comes to bring us hope.

Leader: See and you will believe. Believe and you will see.

All: Christ comes to bring us life.

***Hymn #441**

Hear the Good News of Salvation

**Hear the good news of salvation:
Jesus died to show God's love.
Such great kindness! Such great mercy!
Come to us from heaven above.
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.**

**All the sins I have committed,
to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish;
Christ forgives and so I sing:
Jesus Christ, how much I love you!
Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me.
Love me still and cleanse within.**

***Invocation**

Rev. Herrin

Unison Prayer of Confession

Good and gracious God, we are creatures of dust, missing your revelation, misunderstanding your life, death and resurrection among us, needing forgiveness. We repent of our failure to give as you have given us. We beg your mercy for our fallen world. Forgive our lack of faith. Forgive us for forgetting that we are disciples, not spectators. Forgive our silence when you call us as witnesses of good news. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response:

Hymn #240

*“Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to His name”*

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

Rev. Stephanie Dion

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

For the Beauty of the Earth/This is My Father's World
Dix/F.L. Sheppard arr. by Bill Wolaver

***Doxology**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

***Prayer of Dedication**

Rev. Dion

Hymn #494

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts (vs 1, 2 & 4)

**Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts,
thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts
we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call.**

**Thy truth unchanged has ever stood,
thou savest those that on thee call;
to them that seek thee, thou art good,
to them that find thee, all in all,**

**Our restless spirits yearn for thee,
where'er our changeful lot is cast,
glad that thy gracious smile we see,
blest when our faith can hold thee fast.**

Scripture Reading

Luke 24:36-48; Acts 3:12-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon

“We Are Witnesses”

Rev. Chris Herrin

Reception of New Members

John Abernethy

Rev. Herrin

***Affirmation of Faith**

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was
crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose
again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick
and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

***Prayer**

Rev. Dion

***Charge**

Rev. Herrin

***Hymn #295**

Go To the World!

**Go to the world! Go into all the earth.
Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go into every place.
Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.
Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.
As servant church, you follow Christ's own way.
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,
for I am with you till the age shall end,
when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!"
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

***Benediction**

Postlude

Fanfare
Dr. Karen Ball, organ

by Martin

****Please stand if you are able.***

Welcome to all who worship today. All visitors are welcome to LPC, where we seek to love and serve Christ with all that we are and in all that we do. Let us know of your visit using the visitor card in the pew rack, dropping it in the baskets during the offering.

To minimize contact, the ushers will dismiss worshippers by pews after the postlude, beginning at the back and moving to the front of the sanctuary. Please wait for their direction and maintain safe distances as you continue walking straight through the Narthex to the outside lawn. There you can greet others. Thank you.

Thank you to Dr. Gerald Anderson for the special music today.

Today we welcome new members into our church family. Please greet them on the lawn after worship. The insert has their contact information so that you can add them to your directory and begin to make connections with them. Pictures and biographical information will be provided in the May/June newsletter.

April CCMAC is for the Texas Disaster Fund

Change Can Make A Change for April will be Presbyterian Disaster Assistance to help specifically with the relief in Texas. Texas was hard hit by the arctic blast that left millions without power and water who are now dealing with damage. PDA puts money toward crucial needs, as well as help with repairs and recovery. **Checks should be made to LPC with CCMAC in the memo.**

Thank you to Bill Bogle for the donation of the framed photograph “God Beams Hunting Island” which is hanging just inside the main entrance to the sanctuary building.

Please remember with your prayers:

Ila Bates

Wanda Carter

Reid Holland

Pat Kershner

Dave Tanner

LPC's 3rd Annual Blessing of the Animals Service is Sunday, May 2nd at 4pm outside on LPC's church grounds! Bring your pet, a pet-loving neighbor or friend, and an item to donate to Palmetto Animal League and enjoy this short and fun outdoor service where we get to celebrate God's beautiful creation and those creatures we cherish so dearly. We ask that you bring your own chair, wear a mask, and social distance! A few suggested items for PAL include: Purina Cat/Dog/Puppy Chow, Pine Pellet Cat Litter, Towels, Sheets, Paper towels. More items needed can be found at lowcountrypres.org/outreach.

As many of you know, Cindy Marshall worked closely with Agape over the years and they recently dedicated a space in their facility, “Cindy’s Reading Corner” in her memory. Our LPC small group, the Seekers, is asking for your assistance in collecting new and like-new books to fill “Cindy's Corner”. Our group will be building and donating a bookshelf and your donations with Kindergarten through 3rd grade books will help us fill those shelves. We are also hoping to supply enough books to send books home with the children over the summer! If you can assist us in this worthwhile venture, please drop those new and/or gently used books at the church from April 11th to May the 9th. We will have a basket in the narthex labeled Agape books. Thank you for your generous consideration! The Seekers (Bogle,Catanese,Couser,Dixon, Finn, Franklin,Greenwell, Marshall families)

"I was in prison and you visited me." -- Matthew 25:36

The Outreach Team is releasing a series of short videos on the prison system, available each Thursday over the next couple weeks. We believe, along with our denomination, that justice and advocacy work is imperative to our faith. One of our Presbyterian confessions, A Brief Statement of Faith, states "the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace." The Outreach ministry is particularly drawn to Jesus' exhortations in Matthew 25 where he mentions visiting those in prison. To see the previous weeks' videos visit: lowcountrypres.org/outreach.

The Chancel Choir will rehearse each week on Thursdays at 2 pm in the Sanctuary. They will be providing anthems for the services beginning on Sunday, May 2nd thru June 13th. They will take a summer break with small groups providing music during summer months. The Chancel Choir is always looking for new members and invites interested singers to join this group and to join in the fun and the sharing of music and friendship.

The Jubilate Ringers will be playing on Sunday, May 9 and then will take a summer break. Smaller groups of Bells will provide music during the summer months.

If you would like to purchase the Sunday flowers, please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the church office. Flowers can be taken home after worship or donated to be given to members through our Flower Ministry. There are many openings beginning May 16th.

Financial Results

	March	Year to Date
Receipts	\$52,394	\$138,535
Disbursements	<u><\$39,893></u>	<u><\$117,521></u>
Net Result	<u>\$12,501</u>	<u>\$ 21,014</u>

March was a very good month as is our YTD. Our membership receipts for the year have been ahead of budget thanks to many of you who have pre-paid your annual pledges. Our expenses are also less than budget. We are still experiencing a decrease in spending predominantly due to the virus which has curtailed many of our activities. If you have any questions, please contact Bob Lowry at jblowry99@gmail.com. Thank you for your faithful giving!