

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, June 13, 2021

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Celebration of Worship Sunday, June 13, 2021

Silent Meditation

The sunlight greets me in morning, reminding me that I begin this day in your presence. The air I breathe instructs me that I live by your constant love. Lord, I acknowledge you are my God! I will seek your face in those I meet and make my aim to please and serve you alone, Jesus, my Lord. Amen.

Prelude

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Karen Ball

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Chris Herrin

Call to Worship

8:30 - Bill Bogle 10:30 - Derek Hardin

Leader: God who is the source of all life

People: And lover of all creation, Leader: You are a God of mystery.

People: May our worship be filled with wonder. Leader: You are a God whose kingdom has no end.

People: May we be kingdom people.

All: Let us worship God!

*Hymn #36

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God.
For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

Unison Prayer of Confession

God of the ages, we confess that too often we live by tunnel vision, failing to see beyond tomorrow. We become immersed in our little worlds, and let an entire world pass by, unnoticed and unloved. Frustration overcomes patience, and anxiety replaces faith. Your promises come easily to our lips, but are more difficult in our lives. We confess asking that in your forgiveness we receive a wider vision, a sense of history and future much larger than our tiny moment in time. Grant to us faith to accept your Word, and hope that comes from its presence in our lives. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Response: Hymn #286

Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew, that I may love what Thou dost love, and do what Thou wouldst do.

*Affirmation of Faith

Excerpt from The Confession of 1967

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful people. The power of God's love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love.

*Gloria Patri # 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Herrin

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 and Change Can Make a Change

*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. Herrin

Children's Moment

Rev. Herrin

*Hymn #370

This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world; I rest in the thought of rocks and trees, of skies and seas, his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O, let me ne'er forget that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.

This is my Father's world. The battle is not done: Jesus who died shall be satisfied, and earth and heaven be one.

Special Music (10:30) *When You Wonder, When You Wander*

Tice/Morris

Scripture Reading

Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15 (pg. 519)

Mark 4:26-3 (pg. 36)

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"A Seed Planted"

Rev. Stephanie Dion

In the bulb there is a flower; in the seed, an apple tree; in cocoons, a hidden promise: butterflies will soon be free! In the cold and snow of winter there's a spring that waits to be, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence, seeking word and melody; there's a dawn in every darkness, bringing hope to you and me. From the past will come the future; what it holds, a mystery, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning; in our time, infinity; in our doubt there is believing; in our life, eternity. In our death, a resurrection; at the last, a victory, unrevealed until its season, something God alone can see.

*Benediction

*Benediction Response (10:30) Holy Ground

Geron Davis

Postlude

Praise Him! Praise Him!

arr. C. Allen

*Please stand if you are able.

Thank you for your patience if the 10:30am service has a delayed start. Each week we wait for a cue that our live streaming has started. Occasionally there are technological delays.

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.

Difficulty Hearing? While we enjoy a beautiful sanctuary, it is acoustically challenging! If you can't hear clearly, be sure to try one of our hearing devices, kept in a basket in the Narthex or try sitting at different spots in our sanctuary and balcony. Let us know if you still have difficulty after that!

The piano on the chancel was provided by Steinway and Sons, and was used for the concert sponsored by Hilton Head Symphony Orchestra Friday night. It will be moved next week.

Please join your LPC family for lunch & fellowship following the 10:30 service on June 27th in Fellowship Hall. Lunch will be catered by Panera Bread and will include assorted sandwiches, salad and cookies. Beverages will also be available. The cost for lunch is \$10 per person and will be collected when you come that day. Sign-up on the bulletin board in the narthex, on our website: lowcountrypres.org/news-events, or call the church by Thursday, June 24th. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please remember with your prayers:

Ila BatesHarriet BenderAl BurfeindWanda CarterSusan Zeleznik

Christian sympathy is extended to: the family of David Tanner and the family of Ellis Stearns

The flowers are to the glory of God, given by: Tom & Robin Bloom in honor of their 6th anniversary

and

Dr. & Mrs. Lewis (Lois) Lunardini in honor of their 57th anniversary

Adult Sunday School at 9:35am in the parlor. Join us for Drive Thru History: Acts to Revelation! This video based study will take us on an adventure exploring the lives of the earliest Christians in the New Testament where we'll see parts of Israel, Greece, modern day Turkey, and more! Stephanie, Dan Herrin, Joe Franklin and Carol Bogle rotate leadership of the class.

Chris' 3 week Book Club discussion of *More Than Enough Living Abundantly* in a Culture of Excess by Lee Hull Moses begins Thursday June 17th. It's not too late to join in, if you can quickly get a copy of the book! If you decide to do so, contact Christy at the office, lpcoffice1@hargray.com or 843-815-6570 so Rev. Herrin can send you the e-mail with what to read for the first meeting. The group will meet in-person from 6:30 to 7:45pm Thursday evenings in the parlor, continuing on the 24th and July 1st. Participants should attend at least two of the three to make it worthwhile. Discussions will focus on the assigned reading which will be approximately 40 pages per week.

Change Can Make A Change for June is The Back School Fun Day Backpack Program. The need will be greater this school year because many parents have suffered financially due to COVID. We want to help the Bluffton Area Community Association provide children with necessary school supplies to start on August 16, 2021. With your support last year they gave away over 400 backpacks! The Back To School Fun Day will be a day of fun, free food, prize giveaways and an educational workshop on, Sunday, August 8, 2021 from 2:00pm - 5:00pm. You can help by giving to CCMAC in June and by donating supplies through June. Please deposit purchased supplies either in the school bus in the narthex or in one of the bins inside/outside the church office. Needed School Supplies:

STURDY PLAIN BACKPACKS (no pictures, please)

Index CardsDividersPencilsCrayonsColored PencilsMarkersHigh LightersPencil bagsGlue sticks

Dry erase markers Marble composition notebooks

1 ½ inch 3 ring binders 2 ½ inch 3 ring binders Spiral index cards

Wide ruled loose paper Solid colored folders with prongs

Hand Sanitizers (8 oz or 10 oz sizes)

Many thanks to all who donated books for Cindy's Corner at Agape! We had enough books to fill all the bookshelves, including the two new ones Carolyn and Clarke Marshall built and painted a beautiful blue color. We had extra books that can be sent home with the summer campers too. Shirley Young, Summer Camp and After School Program Coordinator said "Thank you for your generous donation. It will be a blessing to our summer campers".

We Want to Hear from You! The Session wants to get feedback on how we did as a church during the pandemic, what was helpful about the use of technology and other questions as well. Please plan to attend a "Listening Session" on June 27th, either after 8:30 worship in the sanctuary or in the Fellowship Hall following the Luncheon. We will follow up with a congregational survey, so if you can't attend you will have that opportunity to give us input. Thank you in advance!

Carol Bogle needs book recommendations for the July/August edition of *The Light*. The recommendations should include the name of the book, author, a brief description of the book and why you liked it. I have it on good authority that the LPC Reads is popular with members of the congregation so the more recommendations the better! Please send them to carolbogle21@gmail.com by June 17th. Thank you.

Missions Ministry recently made a \$1500 contribution from the 2021 Missions Beyond budget to Partners in Health, a Boston-based initiative that partners with local governments to deliver health care to the world's poorest places. Their current focus to produce and supply urgently needed medical oxygen to areas of the world where COVID-19 is surging.

Help Wanted:

Ushers to serve one service a month or as substitutes. Please contact Larry Tremitiere at ltrem1943@gmail.com

Nursery Volunteers needed! Nursery care resumes today during the 10:30am service. We have one paid person but we need LPC members to volunteer to be a second adult in the room on a rotating basis. If no children arrive, you are welcome to attend worship. Contact Carol Bogle at carolbogle21@gmail.com to volunteer.

Children's Church teachers needed! We hope to resume Children's Church soon but we need a team of teachers to rotate leadership! Teachers will use a supplied curriculum and be guided by Pastor Stephanie for any questions or concerns that might arise. Contact Pastor Stephanie if you are interested or want to know more! She can be reached at the church office or at PastorStephanieDion@gmail.com.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: We have been invited to participate in the 2021 Habitat For Humanity Faith Build at 48 Alex Patterson Rd., Hilton Head Island. **Our volunteer dates are:** Saturday, August 14th from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 11th from 7:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You may participate by providing refreshments, taking pictures or rolling up your sleeves and grabbing a hammer or paint brush. No special skills are required, just a willingness to help. It's a lot of fun and rewarding to know that you are helping a local family own their own home. There are sign up sheets located in the Narthex or you can contact Sandy Benninger at **sbenninger sc.rr.com**.

Financial Results

	May	Year to Date
Receipts	\$41,310	\$211,916
Disbursements	<\$38,106>	<\$197,411>
Net Results	\$ 3,204	\$ 14,505

May was another good month with our YTD numbers mirroring those results. Our membership offerings remain strong with our expenses significantly below budget. However, with the pandemic largely behind us I would anticipate our expenses to return to more "normal" levels. If you have any questions please contact Bob Lowry at iblowry99@gmail.com.