

Drive-In Worship Service

July 12, 2020

8:30 AM

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Please stay in your cars. Should you need a restroom,
the Sanctuary Narthex bathrooms are available.*



SONGS OF GATHERING

"Holy Is The Lord"

We stand and lift up our hands
For the joy of the Lord is our strength
We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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The earth is filled with His glory
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We bow down and worship Him now
How great, how awesome is He

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
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The earth is filled with His glory
The earth is filled with His glory

It's rising up all around
It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

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It's the anthem of the Lord's renown

And together we sing
Everyone sing

Holy is the Lord God Almighty
The earth is filled with His glory
Holy is the Lord God Almighty
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The earth is filled with His glory

Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, holy, holy
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, holy, holy
Holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, holy, holy

"All In All"

You are my strength when I am weak;
You are the treasure that I seek;
You are my all in all.

When I fall down, You pick me up;
When I am dry, You fill my cup;
You are my all in all.

Jesus, Lamb of God,
Worthy is Your name!
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Worthy is Your name!

PRAYER OF PRAISE AND CONFESSION

RESPONSE

"Blessed Assurance"

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long;
This is my story; this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

NEWS OF THE CHURCH

God's People Are Empowered

SONG OF PREPARATION

"Step By Step"

O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.
I will seek you in the morning,
And I will learn to walk in your ways.
And step by step you'll lead me,
And I will follow you all of my days.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 25:19-34

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

SERMON

"Life In The Field, Part 2: Getting Really Dirty"
"...A sower went out to sow." -Matthew 13:3

Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

Responding to the Word

ANTHEM

"The Summons"

Gabe Perez

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Questions to the Candidates:

- a. Do you trust in Jesus Christ your Savior, acknowledge him Lord of all and Head of the Church, and through him believe in one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit?
- b. Do you accept the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be, by the Holy Spirit, the unique and authoritative witness to Jesus Christ in the Church universal, and God's Word to you?
- c. Do you sincerely receive and adopt the essential tenets of the Reformed faith as expressed in the confessions of our Church as authentic and reliable expositions of what Scripture leads us to believe and do, and will you be instructed and led by those confessions as you lead the people of God?
- d. Will you fulfill your office in obedience to Jesus Christ, under the authority of Scripture, and be continually guided by our confessions?
- e. Will you be governed by our Church's polity, and will you abide by its discipline? Will you be a friend among your colleagues in ministry, working with them, subject to the ordering of God's Word and Spirit?
- f. Will you in your own life seek to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, love your neighbors, and work for the reconciliation of the world?
- g. Do you promise to further the peace, unity, and purity of the Church?
- h. Will you seek to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love?
- i. Will you be a faithful elder, watching over the people, providing for their worship, nurture, and service? Will you share in government and discipline, serving in governing bodies of the Church, and in your ministry will you try to show the love and justice of Jesus Christ?

Questions to the Congregation:

Moderator: **Megan and Sylvia**, having been elected and ordained as elder by the answering of the constitutional questions, and **Elizabeth and Lu**, having been elected again to active service as an elder, and having answered the constitutional questions, will now be installed to active service.

Do we, the members of the church, accept **Lu, Elizabeth, Sylvia, and Megan** as elders chosen by God through the voice of this congregation, to lead us in the way of Jesus Christ?

Do we agree to encourage them, to respect their decisions, and to follow as they guide us, serving Jesus Christ, who alone is head of the church?

INVITATION TO COMMUNION ***"Come, Share the Lord"***

We gather here in Jesus' name;
His love is burning in our hearts like living flame;
For through the loving Son the Father makes us one:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

No one is a stranger here; everyone belongs.
Finding our forgiveness here, we in turn forgive all wrongs.

He joins us here; he breaks the bread;
The Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;
The one we love the most is now our gracious host:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

We are now a family, of which the Lord is head.
Though unseen, he meets us here in the breaking of the bread.

We'll gather soon where angels sing;
We'll see the glory of our Lord and coming King;
Now we anticipate the feast for which we wait:
Come, take the bread; come, drink the wine; come, share the Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *(The 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER 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.

God's People Depart to Serve

HYMN

“Here I Am, Lord”

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people’s pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Refrain:

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

BENEDICTION AND GREETING

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Announcements & Events:

Pastor’s Bible Study resumes this week with Pastor Kevin. The group will ‘gather’ at 11:00 AM on Zoom. Watch for details on how to join this meeting!

Join us as we explore ***Neighborhood Church: Transforming Your Congregation into a Powerhouse for Mission***. This six week study meets on Wednesdays at 7:00 PM on Zoom. Please contact Denise Wilborn (faithdevelopment@springbranchpres.org) to let her know you are interested in participating. An email Zoom invitation will be sent to your preferred email address.

The July/August/September Edition of These Days have arrived! If you would like a copy of this daily devotional mailed to you, please contact secretary@springbranchpres.org, or call the Church Office and leave a voicemail.

Spring Branch Presbyterian Church is participating in the PCHAS Back to School Supply Campaign! This year, PCHAS is conducting an online school supply drive through Amazon. You can either Click on the [Amazon link](#) and buy the supplies that way, or you can purchase the physical items and bring them to the Church Office. The donations brought to the Church will be delivered to the PCHAS Office. For more information, go to: www.springbranchpres.org/PCHAS-back-to-school-campaign.

Articles for the August 2020 Edition of the PresPress are due Monday, July 20th. Articles/submissions can be sent to secretary@springbranchpres.org.

Calendar of Events



July 12 — Sunday

Ordination and Installation

8:30 am Drive-In Worship Service

July 13 — Monday

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting

July 14 — Tuesday

11:00 am Pastor’s Bible Study on Zoom

July 15 — Wednesday

7:00 pm Neighborhood Church (Zoom)

Our Sunday, July 19th Blood Drive has been postponed.

We hope to have a drive scheduled for August!
More information will be forthcoming.

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Silvia Argyriou Statement of Faith

I believe in this church and the great work it does for the community. With God’s help and your support and prayers I will try to serve to the best of my abilities. God bless you all.

Megan Hogg Statement of Faith

I believe.

I believe God created us and loves us. I believe that God can do anything, but that he allows us to make our mistakes. I believe that Jesus is a part of God and that he came to earth. I believe that Jesus is both human and divine and that His humanity is part of what made God real to us. I believe the Holy Spirit guides us, especially when we pray, but his guidance is hard to hear and is more easily witnessed.

I believe that faith is an unending cycle. I follow an educator whose motto is “Do, Reflect, Do Better.” I think this is a key to faith. We must act. We MUST act in our faith, then as we learn and grow through reflecting in church, through study of the Bible and through prayer, we must take that learning and do better. Then the cycle continues. We cannot be stagnant and we cannot be still. We must act in our faith.

I believe that God works in mysterious ways. I have a family that is different than I could have ever imagined, and better than I could have dreamed. Even when my faith was shaken by my circumstance, my God never wavered and I can see his handiwork in the blessings in my life.

I believe.

Elizabeth Powell

Statement of Faith

As I began to work on my statement of faith I went in a couple of different directions but ended up with a benediction I first heard at a Mo Ranch Women's conference in 1994.

For Christians to say "I believe" is not only an articulation of fundamental doctrines but also a personal commitment to the way of Christ. This started me thinking "What does the way of Christ mean to me?" I decided that, to me, the way of Christ means striving to live in such a way as to emulate the known characteristics of Christ – being faithful, prayerful, patient, loving, humble, obedient, giving, virtuous, wise and forgiving.

The benediction that resonated with me 26 years ago, and still does to this day, is one by Rev. Richard Halverson, a former Chaplain of the U.S. Senate and states this:

You go nowhere by accident

Wherever you go, God is sending you.

Wherever you are, God has put you there.

He has a purpose in your being there.

Christ who dwells within you has something he wants to do through you where you are.

Believe this and go in his grace and love and power.

To me, this is a very concrete, black and white way to put my faith into words.

Lu Taylor

Statement of Faith

I feel very blessed to have grown up with parents who were both from dedicated church families. Although the Disciples of Christ went back through generations in my mother's family, as I research my family history, I find active Presbyterian membership for a century or two. My father was a student of the Bible and taught an adult Sunday School class for a number of years, and my mother exemplified living as a Christian. Together they brought an understanding of how God, Jesus and the Holy Ghost are in my life. I continue to be amazed at how the teachings in the Bible show the seemingly unlikely people chosen for God's service. The Church Universal is an amazing thing. A cousin has said that the continuing presence of the Christian churches is proof positive that there is a God. Another cousin told me that her father was never a believer and refused to change his mind even as death approached. Until that time, I had failed to appreciate the wonderful knowledge that I know where my loved ones are – in the presence of God. The fact that we will reach the presence of God through His grace and our belief is the most precious thing that I hold.

Jesus is my leader and mentor, born in human form to bring the new covenant and show me how to live my life. Without Jesus, I would be adrift without true North. I believe the presence of Spring Branch Presbyterian in my life has helped point the way to God in the Trinity. I believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of God. That Word tells me that I am loved and accepted and forgiven.