

Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

10:50 AM



Welcome back to Worship at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church! Please enter through the Breezeway Narthex doors and follow the instructions of the Greeters and Ushers.

* Those who are able please stand

Gathering in God's Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: We need your presence on the long road, Lord.

People: The road between fear and hope, the road between the place where all is lost and the place of resurrection.

Leader Like the disciples walking the road to Emmaus, we are in need of your company!

People: Jesus, stand among us, in your risen power, let this time of worship, be a hallowed hour.

All: Help us now on our journey towards your presence. Give us a view of your Kingdom as we give praise to your Almighty name.

HYMN

"O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"

(In lieu of Congregational singing, our Socially Distant Choir has pre-recorded our Hymns for this morning. You are invited to ponder the text as the images as shown on the screens.)

O Master, let me walk with thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me thy patience, still with thee
In closer, dearer company;
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong;
In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou canst give,
With thee, O Master, let me live.

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: If we would only confess our sin, God is faithful and just to forgive us and cleanse us from the wrongs we have caused.

People: **Let us confess our sin together, trusting God's promised mercy.**

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Holy God, we confess our slowness of heart. We have failed to see you in our brothers and sisters. We have failed to serve you in meeting the needs of our neighbors. We have failed to give our hearts to you. Holy God, we are selfish, scared, and often numb to the beauty of the world, and the potential for grace that is around us and within us. Awaken us today, to all that becomes possible, because you live.... Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends on the journey, hear the good news of the gospel: Jesus is near. Grace is real. We do not have to be perfect in our actions or our beliefs. We need only to open our hearts—to mystery, love, presence and joy.

People: **Alleluia! Amen!**

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Jan Fitts

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*unison*)

Risen Christ, yours is the heartbeat of grace deep within us, the light step beside us on our journeys. Yours are the promises: that life conquers death, that goodness is stronger than evil, and that we can build our lives around your shining truth. Show us this truth today, in this place, to each of us. Amen.

ANTHEM

"Open the Eyes of My Heart, Lord"

Emily Mitchell

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord. Open the eyes of my heart;
I want to see you; I want to see you;

To see you high and lifted up, shining in the light of your glory.
Pour out your power and love, as we sing "Holy, holy, holy."

Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, holy, I want to see you.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 Red Pew Bible OT 564

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Peter 1:13-2:3 Red Pew Bible NT 232

HYMN OF REFLECTION *"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"*

Refrain:

Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily walking close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

I am weak, but thou art strong; Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.

Through this world of toil and snares, if I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.

When my feeble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.

THIRD SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 24:13-35 Red Pew Bible NT 90

SERMON *"On The Road Again"* Rev. Dr. Jim Gill

Responding to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*) *(from a Brief Statement of Faith)*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed and blessing children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified,

suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place,

we rejoice that nothing in life or in death

can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

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.

A TIME OF GIVING

Contributions may be placed in the wooden offering box in the Narthex on your way out, or you can give online at www.springbranchpres.org/give.

Departing to Serve

HYMN

“Open My Eyes that I May See”

Open my eyes, that I may see, glimpses of truth thou hast for me.
Place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my eyes; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my ears, that I may hear, voices of truth thou sendest clear.
And while the wave notes fall on my ear, everything false will disappear.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my ears; illumine me, Spirit divine!

Open my mouth, and let me bear, gladly the warm truth everywhere.
Open my heart, and let me prepare love with thy children thus to share.
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, thy will to see.
Open my heart; illumine me, Spirit divine!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Thank you for joining us for Worship this morning! Please wait for the Ushers to dismiss you by row.

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Sunday School is Still ZOOMING!
Sundays at 9:30

We are still in a time when personal choices are made and honored for our personal safety and the safety of our friends and neighbors. To honor and respect your personal choices, your Faith Development Ministry team at Spring Branch Presbyterian Church will offer a ZOOM Sunday morning opportunity beginning Sunday, April 11th at 9:30am.



We will begin with a series of lessons offered by PC(USA) Presbyterian Mission - *The Things that Make for Peace*. The study focuses on the inner and outer path to peace as foundational to faithful discipleship. Each session has a “dig deeper” section for study through the week.

For those who prefer to study from home on Sunday mornings, please let Carol Davis know by calling (281-725-7830) or by email (caroldavis@entouch.net) to let her know you are interested. She will send a ZOOM invitation for each Sunday gathering.

If you are a pro at Sunday morning ZOOM study, or joining for the first time, all are welcomed.

Announcements & Events

This morning we welcome Rev. Dr. Jim Gill to the Pulpit! Jim is a native Houstonian. He graduated from Waltrip High School in Houston in 1969, the University of Houston in 1973, Austin Presbyterian Seminary with a Master of Divinity in 1977, and the Doctor of Ministry in 1996. Jim and Anne were married in the Austin Seminary Chapel on August 21, 1976. Anne is a Professor of Pediatrics and Medical Ethics at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. She is also the Assistant Dean for Interprofessional Education. They are the parents of two children, Andrew (est.1983) and Abbey (est. 1989). In April of 2015, Abbey and Michael were married and in September of 2015 Andrew and Meghan were married. All are living in Houston. On December 31, 2018 Jim retired after over 40 years of ordained ministry. He has served churches in Galveston, Beaumont, Houston, San Antonio, Pearland, Tomball, Odessa, and Baytown. Since his retirement he has served as an Interim Pastor at Faith Lutheran in Dickinson, Joyful Life Lutheran in Magnolia, and Woodforest Presbyterian in Houston.

The Flowers this morning are given by Marguerite Priest to the glory of God, and in celebration of Kylie Alderson's 15th birthday.

The Evening PW Bible Study will meet on Tuesday, April 20th at 7:00 PM via Zoom to discuss Lesson 8 of *Into the Light*. Please contact Carol Davis at caroldavis@entouch.net to receive a Zoom invitation. The Lesson 8 video can be viewed at www.springbranchpres.org/adult-education/presbyterian-women/into-the-light.

Scholarship Applications are now available for interested students. Completed applications are due by May 1st for the year applying, and should be turned in to Sarah Dikeman for the Women's Scholarship and Ken Crawford for the Men's Scholarship. The 2021-2022 Scholarship Application can be accessed at the following link: <http://www.springbranchpres.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2021-2022-Scholarship-Application.pdf>.

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April 18 — Sunday

9:30 am Explorers (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)
10:50 am Worship

April 25 — Sunday

9:30 am Explorers (FH)
9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)
10:50 am Worship

April 19 — Monday

6:00 pm Faith Development Meeting
6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

April 26 — Monday

6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)
7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

April 20 — Tuesday

PresPress Articles Due

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 pm Horizon's Bible Study on Zoom

April 27 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom)
7:00 pm Session (Zoom)

April 22 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

April 28 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (GP)
6:00 pm Drive-Thru WNS: Hungarian Goulash!

April 24 — Saturday

11:00 am Hot Meals

April 29 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)



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Who's Who:

Minister: All Members of the Church
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Serving today in Worship:

Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jim Gill

Liturgist: Jan Fitts

Time For Young Disciples: Jan Fitts

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