

Third Sunday After Pentecost

June 13, 2021

10:50 AM



** Those who are able please stand*

Gathering in God’s Name

PRELUDE

WELCOME

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 92)*

Leader: It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High;

People: To declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre.

Leader: For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands, I sing for joy.

People: The righteous flourish like the palm tree, and grow like a cedar in Lebanon. They are planted in the house of the LORD; they flourish in the courts of our God.

ALL: Let us praise our amazing Lord!

***HYMN**

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

Kyle Eveler

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!

Preparing for the Word

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Leader: Our Lord says, "Behold I stand at the door and knock; if those who hear my voice open the door, I will come in to them and eat with them and they with me." Let us experience the presence of God in confession.

CONFESSION OF SIN *(unison)*

Almighty God, you have given us a great salvation. Yet we have dishonored your love. We have been easily offended and have not extended your love to those who offend us. We have refused to live out your love by serving others. For all we have done, and for all we have left undone, forgive us. For the sake of Christ our Lord, forgive our errant and selfish ways. Free us for a life of service to you and to others. Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God hears your cries and heals your wounded hearts. God is preparing you for good things to come. Place your trust in God who has always loved you and will always love you.

People: **Through Christ our sins are forgiven. Glory to God!**

*GLORIA PATRI

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, Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hearing the Word

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Pastor Kevin

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(unison)*

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Spirit, that in your light, we may see light. Send out your light and your truth, O God, and let them lead us, through Jesus Christ, your Son, in whom we pray. Amen.

ANTHEM

"My Song Is Love Unknown"

Kyle Eveler

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake, My Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow;
The world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
Resounding all the day hosannas to our King.
Then "Crucify!" is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away,
A murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
Never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 Samuel 15:34-16:13

Red Pew Bible OT 259

***HYMN OF REFLECTION**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

Kyle Eveler

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
Fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
Visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver; let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

Red Pew Bible NT 181

SERMON

"The Church in the Spirit, Part 4: What Faith Does"

Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd

"Yes, we do have confidence..." -2 Corinthians 5:8

Responding to the Word

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

(*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.

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

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.

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.

Departing to Serve

***HYMN**

“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.

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

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Announcements & Events

Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following Worship today. If you are attending Worship virtually, please join the Zoom meeting using the invite that was sent to your email address. The purposes of the meeting are to: Elect the Ruling Elders for the Class of 2024; to approve the changes to the Terms of Call for the Pastor (Rev. Dr. Kevin R. Boyd) as presented in the 2021 Budget; to present the incoming members of the Academy Board, Class of 2024, as approved by Session; to present the 2021 Budget (as approved by Session); and to receive a State of the Church with written reports by the five Ministry Team Leaders.

Save-the-date for a Hamburger Supper, Saturday June 19th at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall! We will have hamburgers with all of the trimmings. Bring a table-game and come join the fun! The meal will be free, but we would like everyone to bring non-perishable food items or toiletries for the East Spring Branch Food Pantry, which is our Mission of the Month for June.

We All Have a Place: 2021 VBS is planned for July 13th through July 16th from 9:00am until 11:30 am. The theme for the week will be built around the folksong "All God's Creatures Have a Place in the Choir." Science, art, music, and story telling will reflect animals mentioned in the Bible. If you are available to volunteer for VBS 2021, please email Denise Wilborn (dwilborn55@gmail.com) or Miguel Carlin (miguel@springbranchpres.org).

Sunday School Zoom: Jim Kunkel will facilitate our June and July Zoom Sunday mornings. Spread the word. If you would like to join us at 9:30 each Sunday from home or on the road, contact Denise Wilborn (dwilborn55@gmail.com) or Carol Davis (caroldavis@entouch.net). Watch *PresPress* and church announcements for additional information.

You are invited to attend Pastor's Bible Study with Kevin. The group gathers at 11:00am on Tuesday mornings. The Bible Study will continue to be offered both in-person and virtually. You may either join in-person at 11:00 AM in the Gathering Place, or by Zoom using the instructions that appear in the Friday emails and monthly edition of the *PresPress*. We hope to see you there!

Calendar of Events

June 13 — Sunday

9:30 am Explorers (FH)
 9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
 9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)
 10:50 am Worship
 12:00 pm Annual Congregational Meeting

June 14 — Monday

5:00 pm Academy Board Meeting
 6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

June 15 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
 11:00 am Pastor's Bible Study (GP)
 6:00 pm Basketball (GP)

June 16 — Wednesday

9:30 am Wednesday Welcome Chapel

June 17 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

June 18 — Friday

June 19 — Saturday

8:00 am Presbyterian Men (CR)
 6:00 pm Hamburger Supper (FH)
 6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)

*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events
 (CR) Conference Room
 (FH) Fellowship Hall
 (GP) Gathering Place
 (P) Parlor

June 20 — Sunday

Father's Day
PresPress Articles Due
 9:30 am Explorers (FH)
 9:30 am Saints Under Construction (CR)
 9:30 am Virtual Sunday School (Zoom)
 10:50 am Worship

June 21 — Monday

5:30 pm Choir
 5:30 pm Faith Development Meeting
 6:00 pm Yoga (GP 1)
 7:30 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut & GP)

June 22 — Tuesday

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

June 23 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (GP)
 9:30 am Wednesday Welcome Chapel

June 24 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)

June 25 — Friday

June 26 — Saturday

8:00 am Cheerful Clown Alley* (FH)
 11:00 am Hot Meals
 6:00 pm CENTI Church* (GP)





Written by Rev. Kyle Walker, N4DR

Juneteenth is the commemoration of the ending of slavery in the United States. It is so named because on June 19, 1865, Union soldiers landed at Galveston, Texas, to ensure that the Emancipation Proclamation was enforced in Texas. This was 2 ½ years after President Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation became law on January 1, 1863.

In my last church, I was working through the church office holidays in the personnel manual (I know, it's the last thing we think of while reading the Great Ends of the Church!).

That's just the thing though, in working with the session on this I found out that we tried to follow the state holidays, so I looked at the state holidays and noted we in fact took off for all the state holidays except one...Juneteenth. And we were closed for Columbus Day.

It occurred to me that right there in front of me was a way to BEGIN to decolonize our office culture. We swapped Columbus Day for Juneteenth bringing more awareness to our history and present consciousness on race. Small step but it has caused Juneteenth to stick with me ever since.



The Juneteenth flag
was designed by L.J. Graf.

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For the first time this year, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation Board of Trustees voted to make Juneteenth an official holy day of remembrance during its November 2020 meeting. They issued the following statement:

"The Presbyterian Foundation is giving sustained, intentional focus on our strategic priority of diversity, equity, and inclusion in who we are as a Board and as a staff, cultivating a culture of education of, conscientization in, and proficiency in dynamics of historical, institutional, and systemic racism," says Rev. Dr. Neal Presa, Chair of the Presbyterian Foundation Board of Trustees. "Juneteenth is a sacred day of reckoning for the Church, and we dare say, for our nation, as it brings to attention the delay of more than two and a half years for official word to reach enslaved Blacks in Texas that the Emancipation Proclamation had been issued years prior. The tragedy of that gap in time — of justice delayed was justice denied — calls forth our collective wills that we as Christians and as a people can never rest until the fulness of racial equality and racial equity is realized."

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How might Juneteenth become more of your community's consciousness and reality this year?*

Volunteer with a civil rights organization

Watch a movie like 'Fruitvale Station' or TV show like "Watchmen

Buy a book by a black author for yourself and another for your child or church's children's library

Donate to a civil rights organization or black-led philanthropy

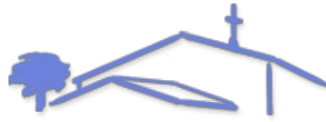
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God of new opportunity, in faith we know our unmet promises of yesterday and today can, by your Holy Spirit and the willingness of our hands and feet, become a new reality right now and tomorrow. May we be mindful of this Juneteenth and bring justice and opportunity for people of color across this land. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen



***For specifics on our ideas
Visit us @ N4DR.org**





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Minister:	All Members of the Church
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The Session

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Moderator: Rev. Dr. Kevin Boyd

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