



ORDER OF WORSHIP  
Shelby Presbyterian Church  
May 26, 2019  
10:00 a.m.

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**

ORGAN PRELUDE: "O Had I Jubal's Lyre" from *Joshua* Handel/Bish

WELCOME AND PRAYER The Rev. Dr. Alden Sproull

CHORAL INTROIT: "Sabbath Song" Chancel Choir

\*RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: from Psalm 67: 1-7 Larry Wilson

**May God be gracious to us and bless us**

and make his face to shine upon us,  
**that your way may be known upon earth,**  
your saving power among all nations.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;**

let all the peoples praise you.

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

for you judge the peoples with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;**

let all the peoples praise you.

**The earth has yielded its increase;**

God, our God, has blessed us.

**May God continue to bless us;**

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

\*HYMN OF PRAISE #319: "Shout to the North"

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **For the right roads we have avoided traveling, and the kind words we have refused to share; for the false gods who received our worship and the true selves we have starved of love, God by your grace, forgive us! For the hidden hurts we have held to tightly, and the promises we have never kept; for the careless use of our time and money and the lame excuses we should never have made, God by your grace, forgive us! God have mercy on us. Christ have mercy on us. God have mercy on us. (silent confession)**

RESPONSE IN SONG #695: "Change My Heart, O God"

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

**You are the Potter; I am the clay.**

**Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.**

**Change my heart, O God; may I be like you.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news!  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

\*GLORIA PATRI (sung): *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.*

\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you!  
And also with you! (Greet one another with the Peace of Christ.)

\*RESPONSE IN SONG #240: "Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks" verses 1 & 2

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN



Anne Langley

NEWS FOR THE CHURCH FAMILY

Larry Wilson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: "Land of Rest"

arr. Lani Smith

\*Doxology

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

\*Prayer of Dedication

\*HYMN #393: "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Larry Wilson

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 16:9-15

ANTHEM: "Sabbath Prayer" (arr. Klouse)

Chancel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:23-29  
John 5:1-9

SERMON: "The Sabbath Queen Comes, Welcome Her with Open Arms"  
Dr. Alden Sproull

HYMN #169: "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind" verses 3 and 4  
*O Sabbath rest by Galilee, O calm of hills above, where Jesus knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity, interpreted by love!  
Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease, take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE 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.**

\*UNISON AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Iona Abbey Worship Book  
**We believe in God above us, Maker and Sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of female and male. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of compassion, he died forsaken; he descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day, he rose from the tomb; he ascended into heaven to be everywhere present; and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God in us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal Fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

\*CLOSING HYMN #824: "Near to the Heart of God"

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Alden Sproull

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

Chancel Choir

\*POSTLUDE: Rondeau

Mouret/Bish

\*Those who are able may stand.  
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Deacon Ushers: Warren Julian, Thomas Couch, Stefanie McIntyre, Brett Niblack, Heidi Steeves

Childcare is available for preschool aged children in Room 102 and is staffed today by Erica Vargas and Emily Melton.

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*In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied at all times by a parent or responsible adult caregiver.*

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**WE WELCOME** all who worship with us and thank The Reverend Dr. Alden Sproull for leading worship this morning. If you are interested in more information or in becoming a member of our family of faith, please call the church office, 704-487-8503. If you have questions about our hearing loop system, please call the church office Monday-Thursday, 8:30-4:30, Friday 8:30-12:00.

**THE FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God and in honor of Larry and Carol Hibschan's 27<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

**REV. DR. ALDEN SPROULL** is from Monaca, Pennsylvania. He is an ordained Elder in the Church of the Nazarene and pastored churches in Pennsylvania for eight years before entering Clinical Chaplaincy. He holds a Bachelors in Theology and Masters in Divinity, graduate studies in Pastoral Care and Counseling at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and in Adult Education at Roosevelt University in Chicago. He holds a Doctorate in Christian Spirituality from San Francisco Theological Seminary, received in 2003.

His primary ministry has been with patients with a life threatening illness in hospital and medical clinics. Out of this ministry grew his work as a Spiritual Director. This ministry has grown over the years and he currently has a private practice here in Shelby. He has held many Prayer and Spiritual Retreats around the country.

He taught at the University of California Riverside School of Medicine, teaching physicians Spiritual Assessment and Diagnosis. He also taught at the graduate school of Psychology in Anaheim, California, teaching in the area of Spiritual Integration.

He and Victoria moved here about 3 years ago to be closer to their daughter and 3 grandsons who reside in Kings Mountain.

**THIS WEEK (MAY 26 - June 1, 2019):**

Today	<b>Kids Camp</b> in Ellis Hall following Moments with Children
Monday	<b>CHURCH OFFICE IS CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY</b>
	7:00 pm <b>Boy Scout Troop 100</b> in Scout House
Wednesday	6:15 pm <b>Chancel Choir Rehearsal</b> in Choir Room
Thursday	10:00 am <b>SPC Staff Meeting</b> in Pastor's Study

**MEDIA COMMITTEE RECEPTION IN ELLIS HALL:** It's time to update the photos in our online church directory! If your photo is dated, you don't have one, or you're not sure if you have one, come to Ellis Hall for lemonade and cookies with the Media Committee Sunday, June 2 or Sunday, June 9 directly following the 10:00 service. Members of the media committee will be able to assist with any questions about the directory app or the Google calendar.

**FAITH SHARING** - Please pray specifically about this important opportunity. If you feel the Spirit leading you to share your perspective during worship this summer, please contact Mystie Brotherton at 704-473-7525 or uncmystie@gmail.com.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT:**

2019 Operating Budget . . . . .	\$ 566,171.00
2019 Monthly Budget Needs . . . . .	\$ 47,180.91
Total Received May 1-19. . . . .	\$33,693.41

**PIANO FUND UPDATE:**

Received to date 05/23/2019. . . . .	\$ 7,015.00
Still Need . . . . .	\$ 7,002.68

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER** *(also see ongoing prayer list in newsletter)*

Our prayers and sympathies go out for Bert and Joy Cushman and family on the death of Bert's father, Dr. Robert G. Cushman, on May 22, 2019.

Hans Ashford, Karen Carpenter, Kitty Carter, Cushman Family, Judy Edwards, Doug Lovelace, Sandy and Camille McGeachy, Ellis Monroe, Pat Mullen, Audrey Shimmel; all disaster victims; all those serving in the military; Food Ministry; Rainbow Connection; Our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Dr. Steve & Alene Burgert in Kenya; Jo Ella Holman in the Caribbean; John McCall in Taiwan; Dr. Martha Sommers in Malawi; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.

**SABBATH QUOTES**

"A world without a Sabbath would be like a man without a smile, like summer without flowers, and like a homestead without a garden. It is the joyous day of the whole week." Henry Ward Beecher

"The spiritual rest, which God particularly intends in this Commandment, is this: that we not only cease from our labor and trade, but much more, that we let God alone work in us and that we do nothing of our own with all our powers." Martin Luther

"A believer longs after God, to come into his presence, to feel his love, to feel near to him in secret, to feel in the crowd that he is nearer than all the creatures. Ah! dear brethren, have you ever tasted this blessedness? There is greater rest and solace to be found in the presence of God for one hour than in an eternity of the presence of man." Robert Murray McCheyne

"I believe that the Sabbath question today is a vital one for the whole country. It is the burning question of the present time. If you give up the Sabbath the church goes; if you give up the church the home goes; and if the home goes the nation goes. That is the direction in which we are traveling." Dwight L. Moody.

"We meet dozens of people, have so many conversations. We do not feel how much energy we spend on each activity, because we imagine we will always have more energy at our disposal. This one little conversation. This one little extra phone call, this one quick meeting, what can it cost?...But it does cost...it drains yet another drop of our life. Then, at the end of days, weeks, months, years, we collapse, we burn out, and cannot see where it happened. It happened in a thousand unconscious events, tasks and responsibilities that seemed easy and harmless on the surface, but that each one after the other used a small portion of our precious life." Wayne Muller

“God always and eternally intended the Sabbath to be a lifestyle—an attitude, a perspective, an orientation for the living that enables us to govern our lives and steer clear of bondage.” Priscilla Shirer

“The bow cannot be always bent without fear of breaking. Repose is as needful to the mind as sleep to the body...Rest time is not waste time. It is economy to gather fresh strength...It is wisdom to take occasional furlough.” Charles Spurgeon.

“In place of our exhaustion and spiritual fatigue, He will give us rest. All He asks is that we come to Him...that we spend a while thinking about Him, meditating on him, talking to Him, listening in silence, occupying ourselves with Him totally and thoroughly lost in the hiding place of His presence.” Chuck Swindoll

“At least one day in every seven, pull off the road and park the car in the garage. Close the door to the toolshed and turn off the computer. Stay home, not because you are sick but because you are well. Talk someone you love into being well with you. Take a nap, a walk, an hour for lunch. Test the premise that you are worth more than you can produce – that even if you spent one whole day of being good for nothing you would still be precious in God’s sight. And when you get anxious because you are convinced that this is not so – remember that your own conviction is not required. This is a commandment. Your worth has already been established even when you are not working. The purpose of the commandment is to woo you to the same truth.” Barbara Brown Taylor

“O what a blessing is Sunday, interposed between the waves of worldly business like the divine path of the Israelites through the sea! There is nothing in which I would advise you to be more strictly conscientious than in keeping the Sabbath day holy. I can truly declare that to me the Sabbath has been invaluable.” Samuel Wilberforce

“But on the seventh day God stops not only to bless but to “hallow” or set apart the Sabbath. The holiness of God is revealed not just in what he does but how he rests.” Andy Crouch

“He who cannot rest, cannot work; he who cannot let go, cannot hold on; he who cannot find footing, cannot go forward.” Harry Emerson Fosdick

“On Sunday heaven’s gates stand open.” Geroge Herbert

“Show me a nation that has given up the Sabbath, and I will show you a nation that has got the seed of decay.” Dwight L. Moody

“Sabbath is that uncluttered time and space in which we can distance ourselves from our own activities enough to see what God is doing.” Eugene Peterson