



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Easter

Shelby Presbyterian Church
April 7, 2024
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"* (Hildebrand) Emily Monroe

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Carol Ann Hoard,
Minister of Christian Ed. & Families

CALL TO WORSHIP: (John 20: 19, 21) Steve Sisk
Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.
Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #246: *"Christ is Alive"*

CALL TO CONFESSION Steve Sisk

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION **You have shown yourself to us, O God, by Word and Spirit, with signs and wonders, in flesh and blood, yet we still struggle to live and believe the good news of Jesus Christ. Have mercy on us; forgive us. Enter into our lives and cast out our fear so that we may come to trust in you and have life in Jesus' name. Amen.**
(silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, 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 Steve Sisk
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Carol Ann Hoard

FIVE CENTS A MEAL

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Steve Sisk

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Psalm 133 NRSV

SPECIAL MUSIC: "By Faith" (Townend/Getty) Bruce Moser

*By faith, we see the hand of God in the light of creation's grand design;
In the lives of those who prove His faithfulness, who walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith, our fathers roamed the earth with the power of His promise in their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand –A place where peace and justice reign.
We will stand as children of the promise, we will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the work is done, we'll walk by faith and not by sight.
By faith, the prophets saw a day when the longed-for Messiah would appear
with the power to break the chains of sin and death,
and rise triumphant from the grave.
By faith, the church was called to go in the power of the Spirit to the lost,
to deliver captives and to preach good news, in every corner of the earth.
By faith, this mountain shall be moved and the power of the gospel shall prevail,
for we know in Christ all things are possible for all who call upon His name.*

SECOND SCRIPTURE: John 20:19-31 NRSV Carol Ann Hoard

SERMON: "Doubting Thomas?"

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

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Philippians 2:5-11): **Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a slave and being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, He humbled Himself, and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted Him, and gave Him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the Glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

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.

CALL TO PRESENT TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory: "Blest Be The Tie That Binds" (arr. Held) Emily Monroe

*DOXOLOGY (sung): **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

*CLOSING HYMN #248: "Christ is Risen, Shout Hosanna!"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Carol Ann Hoard

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY Seren Bryant

*POSTLUDE: "The Strife is O'er" (arr. Childs) Emily Monroe

Music Licenses: 1575277 (CCLI)/ A-739540 (One License)

Sound Board: Chip Blackley & David Grose

Ushers: Thomas Monroe, Mike Jackson, Claire McCullough, Michelle Moser

Scriptures read in service are original translations, unless otherwise noted.

Feel free to read a familiar translation and listen for different word choices.

CHILDCARE is available each week for infants through preschool in the Nursery (Room 102) and is staffed by Lindsay Carter, Lilly Hamilton, & Holly

Conner. In order to protect your children, please be sure they are accompanied to the nursery by a parent or responsible adult caregiver.

WE WELCOME all who worship with us this morning. Please take a moment to fill out the friendship pad in the pews. 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, 9:00-4:00, Friday 9:00-12:00. **After the service, all first-time visitors are invited to the back of the church where a church member will welcome you with a special gift.**

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER April 10th at 6:00 (children eat at 5:45, parents please stay with your child/children) in Ellis Hall. Dinner will be catered by Hoshi Express with chicken, rice, broccoli, and dessert. June Hobbs will present the program on her book "I Sing For I Cannot Be Silent: The Feminization of American Hymnody 1870 – 1930". We will be collecting pancake syrup for FKCC.

GAME NIGHT will be Saturday, April 20th from 5:00 to 8:00 in Ellis Hall. Let's join together for an evening of fun with board games, dominos, Five Crowns, and Pounce/Nertz. Please feel free to bring your favorite game and snack to share! Contact Carol Ann for more information.

OUR NEXT BLOOD DRIVE will be Tuesday, April 16th, from 1:00 - 5:30 p.m. in Ellis Hall. If you would like to make an appointment to donate blood or would like to help with check-in, hospitality, or in some other way, please call Elizabeth Schweppe, 704-477-5686, or use one of the following links:

To make an appointment: <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/finddrive>

To sign up to volunteer: <https://bit.ly?SPCblood22>

THIS WEEK (April 7 - 13, 2024):

Today	5:00 pm	Youth Night in Youth Room
Monday	9:30 am	Hot Meal Ministry in Ellis Hall
	1:00 pm	Clerk's Council in Pastor's Study
	6:00 pm	Discipleship Ministry in Back Parlor
	7:00 pm	Boy Scouts in Scout House
Tuesday	8:00 pm	AA in Ellis Hall
	10:30 am	Staff Meeting in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	Fellowship Committee in Back Parlor
Wednesday	7:00 pm	Worship & Music in Back Parlor
	11:00 am	Rainbow Committee in F3 Room
	5:45 pm	Children eat in Ellis Hall (parents remain)
	6:00 pm	Wednesday Night Supper in Ellis Hall
	6:00 pm	Growing in Grace
Thursday	7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal in Choir Room
	12:00 pm	Finance Committee in Back Parlor
	6:00 pm	Mission and Ministry in Back Parlor
	8:00 pm	AA & Al-Anon in Ellis Hall and Back Parlor

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

John Auten, Pam Birmingham, Dick Bowling, J.W. & Pat Brotherton, JoAnn Callahan, Hannah Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Myra Carpenter, Sandy Carpenter, Conway Carter, Chris Denning, Judy DuBois, Debbie Ferrell, Ina Harrington, August Hohne, Andi Houser, Alene Lang, Chuck Laughlin, Kobe Lawrence, Cheryl Lutz, Shayvonne Maddox, Brooke McCurry, Lisa Perkins – Dodrill, Pauline Persing, Ellen Poston, Clay Pruett, Dot Roark, Larry Stern, Melanie Vance, Linda Ware, Jackie Weathers, Stephanie Williams, Teresa Wingo, and our homeless neighbors; all with respiratory illnesses; the victims of natural disaster and war, including in Ukraine, Israel-Gaza, and Guatemala; all in military service and their families; Food Ministry; Turning Point Academy, Rainbow Connection, our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; Tenwek Hospital; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.