



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Second Sunday of Easter

Shelby Presbyterian Church
April 24, 2022
10:00 a.m.

*Please rise as you are able.

PRELUDE: *"Come, Thou Almighty King"* (Gaspard) Sherry Thomas

SILENT MEDITATION: Thomas answered Jesus, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to Thomas, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." John 20:28-29

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Richard Hart

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 118 John Schweppe III

I thank you that you have answered me and
have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

O give thanks to the Lord for He is good,
For His steadfast love endures forever.

*HYMN OF PRAISE #233: *"The Day of Resurrection"*

CALL TO CONFESSION John Schweppe III

Seek the Lord while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.
Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts.
Let them return to the Lord that He may have mercy upon them, and
to our God for He will abundantly pardon.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **O Most Holy God; the events of Easter declare the resurrection of Christ, and proclaim that death's power over life is bankrupt, calling us to live as those who have no fear of death. Yet, like the women at the tomb, we are silent fearing what people might think of us; like the apostles, we dismiss as idle talk the startling news of Christ's liberation; like Thomas, we doubt; and doubting, remain in our fear and isolation. We confess we fail to live like those for whom Christ died and rose again. God of our faith, we believe; help our unbelief. So, shall we feel the power of the resurrection let loose among us, and go from this place with courage, rejoicing to do the work of our risen Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.** *(silent confession)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS John Schweppe III
Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.
In Jesus Christ our sins 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 John Schweppe III
The Peace of the Lord be with you! **And also, with you!**

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN Marie Jackson
**The children are collecting monetary donations to purchase gift cards for the mothers at the Cleveland County Rescue Mission Women's Shelter for Mother's Day.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION John Schweppe III
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on us. Guide our thoughts, words, and actions as we listen for your word to us today. May we have insight to understand and courage to obey, in the name of Christ we pray. **Amen.**

FIRST SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 65:17-25

ANTHEM: *"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"* (Hymn #250)

SECOND SCRIPTURE: I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-44, 51-58 Richard Hart

SERMON: "Resurrection Reflections"

*HYMN OF RESPONSE #248: *"Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"*

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.**

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: *"Magnificat Quarti Toni"* (Pachelbel)

*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 #634: *"To God Be the Glory"*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE: *"Rejoice the Lord is King"* (Gaspard) Sherry Thomas

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

Sound Board: Patrick Glenn

Ushers: Lori Wehmuller, Mary Raudez, Mike and Marie Jackson

Chimer: Lindsay Glenn

Childcare is available for infants through Kindergarten in Room 102 and is staffed today by Tricia Butler and Holly Conner.

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

WE WELCOME all who worship with us 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, 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.**

THIS WEEK (APRIL 24 - 30, 2022):

Today 11:15 am **Deacon Meeting** in Sanctuary
 5:00 pm **Catechism & Confirmation** in Youth Room
Monday 1:15 pm **Staff Meeting**
 7:00 pm **Boy Scout Troop 100** in Scout House
Wednesday 6:00 pm **Kids Wednesday Night**
 6:00 pm **Rainbow Art Show**
 7:00 pm **Chancel Choir Rehearsal** in Choir Room
Thursday 6:00 pm **Rainbow Art Show**

F3'S BOOK STUDY: Michael Bird's "Seven Things I Wish Christians Knew About the Bible." We will discuss the second chapter on Sunday, May 1st. Order your own book, please. All are welcome.

THE CHORAL SOCIETY OF CLEVELAND COUNTY will present their spring concert, Saturday, April 30th at 7:00 pm and Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 pm at Aldersgate UMC. See Sue Breen for tickets (\$5.00).

SPC FAMILY REUNION: Join your church family for a time of spiritual renewal and fellowship! The weekend (Sept. 16-18) kicks off with dinner on Friday and will conclude after worship there on Sunday. For more information, please take a brochure in the narthex.

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

Our prayers and sympathies go out to the family of Jane McBrayer on her death, April 18, 2022. Jane was a member of SPC for 5 years.

Libby Alexander, Myra Carpenter, Karen Carpenter, Lou DuBois (Sue Breen's brother), Debbie Ferrell, David Kelley, Jane McBrayer, Steve Sisk, Rick Steeves, and the homeless of Cleveland and Gaston counties; the victims of Ukrainian conflict; all with COVID and those on the frontlines in healthcare; victims of natural disasters and war; all those serving in the military and their families; Food Ministry; Rainbow Connection; Our brothers & sisters of Monte los Olivos; John McCall in Taiwan; Christians around the globe who are persecuted for their faith.