

GATHERING

**Please stand as you are able.*

Gathering Music: “Give Me a Clean Heart”

Margaret J. Douroux

Greeting and Announcements

Time of Centering Silence

***Call to Worship (Unison)**

Holy God, by your Word and Spirit, come and transform your church to be a living sign of your love for the world — where the poor are filled with good things, the dividing walls are broken down, and the dead are raised to new life; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

***Hymn # 231**

“Christ is Risen While Earth Slumbers”

Prayer for New Beginnings (Unison)

Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life. You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread.

You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin. You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love.

Forgive us, God of grace. Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

***Sharing God's Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination (*Sung first by the choir, and then by all*)

“Listen to the Word”

Iona Community

Joyfully

Lis - ten to the word which God has spo - ken;
lis - ten to the One who is close at hand;
lis - ten to the voice be - hind cre - a - tion;
lis - ten e - ven if you don't un - der - stand.

The musical notation consists of four staves of music in a 4/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff.

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Scripture Reading

Proverbs 9:13-18 (page 516)

Sermon

Gabrielle Banks

Anthem “Even When Young”

Setting: Sally Ann Morris
The Shallowford Singers

Even when young, I prayed for wisdom's grace;
in temple courts I sought her day and night,
and I will seek her to the very end;
she is my heart's delight.

My foot has firmly walked the path of truth;
with diligence, I followed her design.
My ear was open to receive her words;
now wisdom's skill is mine.

Glory to one who gives me wisdom's prize;
I vowed to live according to her way.
She gave me courage from the very start;
she will not let me stray.

Something within my being has been stirred;
my seeking brought a gift beyond compare:

The gift of language loosed my halting tongue;
God's praise is now my prayer.

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Affirmation of Faith

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.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith and binds us together with all believers in Christ's one body, the Church.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

THANKSGIVING

Prayers of the People and Lord's Prayer

Hymnal pg.35

***Offering**

***Doxology** (All singing)

Hymn #609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING

***Hymn #408**

"There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit"



Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21, 2024

10:30 A.M.



Shallowford Presbyterian Church is a welcoming community dedicated to spiritual growth and service to all in the manner of Jesus Christ.

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*Benediction

*Response: Celtic Alleluia

Hymn #587



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*Sending music

Guests and visitors, we are delighted to welcome you today. To learn more about our community, please complete a *Welcome!* card and place it in the offering basket.

Sanctuary Listening Devices - Listening devices for the sanctuary are available for use during worship. Please see an usher for assistance.

Recycle Your Bulletin – A collection basket has been placed in the Gathering Space to receive your used bulletins.

THIS WEEK @ SHALLOWFORD

Wednesday, April 24

10:00 am ~ Wednesday Morning Bible Study – Zoom

Sunday, April 28

9:30 am ~ Children's Sunday School Class - Fellowship Hall

9:30 am ~ Lectionary Adult Sunday School Class – Parlor

10:00 am ~ Shallowford Singers – Sanctuary

10:30 am ~ Worship Service

11:30 am ~ Sunday Book Club - Parlor



As a Matthew 25 congregation, we commit to dismantling structural racism and systemic poverty through ministries of compassion and reconciliation.

We are More Light Presbyterians striving for the full participation of our LGBTQ+ siblings in the life and work of the church.



As a certified Earth Care Congregation, we work to sustain the gift of Creation by addressing climate change and ecological destruction through practices of gentle stewardship and care.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE



Meal Train Ministry: If you would like to provide food to a member in need, please use this QR code to sign up or contact Jackie Rountree. If you or a loved one need a meal, contact the church office at 336.766.3178.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please join us for lunch and a presentation by our guest Gabby Banks Catering is provided by Delicious, a nonprofit organization feeding Winston-Salem with weekly pick-up orders, market favorites, and catering services prepared in a certified kitchen by immigrant and refugee women from the Middle East and beyond. Donations will be accepted to offset the cost.

Blessing Bag Ministry: The Matthew 25 team has replenished the Blessing Bags, ziploc bags filled with snacks and an encouraging note, in the narthex. Please take a bag or two to share with someone in need - someone who is homeless, hungry, lonely, anxious, or stressed!