

Presbytery of St. Augustine – Worship – May 14, 2024

Prelude – LAURIE RANGEL – ORGANIST CHOIR DIRECTOR SILVER SPRINGS SHORES

We gather to worship: STEPHEN CROWLEY, MODERATOR

ONE: As we prepare for worship, we acknowledge that the land upon which we meet today was occupied by others long before our ancestors arrived here and so together we say:

ALL: Indigenous people have occupied this area for thousands of years. We honor and appreciate the Seminole, Miccosukee, and Timucua Tribes of Florida whose rich legacy we celebrate. We acknowledge these first peoples and their stewardship of this land upon which we meet today and recognize that our forebears engaged in many egregious acts against indigenous people here and all across our country. Brothers and sisters let worship together.

WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP - CLARK SIMMONS – PCUSA Board of Pensions

ONE: Do good and share what you have,

ALL: For such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

ONE: And now, from the North, From the South, From the East and From the West, from many different conditions and situations we join our voices together in calling us together for a time of worship in community using these words:

**ALL: Blest be the tie that binds
Our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds
Is like to that above.**

HYMN – They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love

GATHERING PRAYER: - ROB MATSON – RE PALATKA FIRST

Bless the work of our hands, Oh God,
That we may offer your welcome, hope and healing
To many and diverse people,
That all who seek you
May know your presence in their lives.
By your grace and according to your will,
May the gospel of Jesus Christ be truly proclaimed
And the sacraments rightly administered, and your love spread.
That the body of Christ may be nurtured here and wherever we are
And strengthened through our brothers and sisters united in faith for Christ's
Service in the world.

In Jesus, name we pray.

WE CONFESS AND FIND PARDON – JOY LAUGHRIDGE

ONE: The grace of God overflows for us
Through Christ Jesus
who came into the world to save sinners.

Trusting in God's grace, let us together confess our sin.

**ALL: Mighty God, we give you thanks.
That by your power you created us,
And by your goodness you call us to be your people.**

**We confess that we have lived for ourselves
And apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors,
And refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world.
And passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sins
And free us from selfishness,
That we may choose your will
And obey your commandments;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

And now moments for silent and personal confession.

ONE: Siblings in Christ, see the empty cross and the full table. The table is full as a reminder of Christ's life and death for us. The cross is empty because we have a risen Lord, who has taken the burden of sin upon him so that we need not carry the guilt of it any longer. Rejoice, we are a forgiven people!

ALL: Thanks be to God.

THE GLORIA

AN ANTHEM – THE CHOIR FROM SILVER SPRINGS SHORES

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION – Bonnie Purdy, RE Silver Springs Shores

God of light and life, by your word
You spoke the world into being.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
Speak your word to us today.

That we might testify to the light and life
Of Jesus Christ our Savior. AMEN

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church gathered in community.

THE SCRIPTURE

Psalm 133 Bonnie Purdy, RE Silver Springs Shores
Ephesians 4:1-16 Rob Matson, RE Palatka First

THE WORD PREACHED AND HEARD Pastor Clinton Cottrell

COMMISSIONING OF DELEGATES TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY & COMMITTEE RESOURCE PERSON – VICKI BOSSUT & DAVID ROLLINS

THE OFFERING – Rob Matson, RE Palatka First

Tithes and offerings are gathered as an act of thanksgiving to God. Today we celebrate the mission and ministry of our siblings here at Silver Springs Shores by giving abundantly in Christ's name because as it says in the book of Hebrews, Do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

THE DOXOLOGY

THE EUCHARIST

Rhonda Link Cummings & Cliff Lyda

THE STATEMENT OF FAITH (From the Belhar Confession) – CHARLIE EVANS

Leader: We believe in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

People: We believe that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;

Leader: that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought:

People: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered,

Leader: and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted; that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways:

People: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;

Leader: that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope;

People: together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity;

Leader: together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness;

People: pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity; that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint;

Leader: that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God;

People: that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church.

A HYMN – You've Got a Friend – Words & Music by Carole King

When you're down and troubled
And you need a helping hand
And nothing, oh, nothing is going right
Close your eyes and think of me
And soon I will be there
To brighten up even your darkest nights
You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, oh, yeah, baby
To see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall
All you've got to do is call
And I'll be there, yeah, yeah, yeah
You've got a friend
If the sky above you
Should turn dark and full of clouds
And that old north wind should begin to blow
Keep your head together
And call my name out loud now
Soon I'll be knocking upon your door
You just call out my name
And you know wherever I am
I'll come running, oh, yes, I will
To see you again
Winter, spring, summer or fall, yeah
All you've got to do is call
And I'll be there, yeah, yeah, yeah

Hey, ain't it good to know that you've got a friend?
When people can be so cold
They'll hurt you and desert you
Well, they'll take your soul if you let them
Oh, yeah, but don't you let them
You just call out my name
And, you know, wherever I am
I'll come running to see you again
Oh, baby don't you know 'bout
Winter, spring, summer or fall
Hey, now, all you've got to do is call
Lord, I'll be there, yes, I will
You've got a friend
You've got a friend, yeah
Ain't it good to know you've got a friend?
Ain't it good to know you've got a friend?
Oh, yeah, yeah, you've got a friend
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THE BENEDICTION
Pastor Clinton Cottrell

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