

Seneca Presbyterian Church

June 20, 2021

THE CALL

“The Church for All People, Serving God through Serving Others”



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WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

4th Sunday after Pentecost

10:00 a.m. Worship

June 20, 2021

Liturgist: Helen Kelly

Flowers are placed in the sanctuary by Lyn Norton in loving memory of Bruce and in honor of all the fathers on Father's Day.

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Lord God: we cannot pray unless your Spirit prays in us and with us; we cannot forgive ourselves without your assurance. We cannot find healing from our wayward ways without your love. Restore us to a right relationship with you in this hour we pray. Amen.

POURING OF THE WATER

Sung Response:

Morning Has Broken

Hymn # 664 vs.1

Morning has broken like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Psalm 9:9-12)

One: The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

All: And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

One: Sing praises to the Lord, who dwells in Zion. Declare God's deeds among the peoples.

All: For the one who avenges blood is mindful of them; God does not forget the cry of the afflicted.

One: Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN

Sovereign

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O Lord, we confess that we come to you in the midst of clutter: we have cluttered desks, cluttered schedules, cluttered minds, cluttered lives and a cluttered planet. The clutter can be like a storm that overwhelms us and distracts us from knowing your presence and hearing your strong voice. We pray for the will to put aside the clutter of life and to listen to your voice stilling the storm and calming the wind and waves. Help us to let go of our fear, and our desire to be in control of all manner of things. Lead us to place you in the center of our lives, where, if we do, we will also see neighbor, stranger and enemy. Then help us to cross the boundary waters with you, the One who has broken every barrier down, and will lead us to the other side. In Jesus' name we pray, as we continue to offer our prayers in silence . . .
(silent prayers of confession)

Sung Response:

Lamb of God

Hymn #604

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

One: There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

All: For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and death.

One: Friends, believe this astounding good news, through Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

*Congregational Response

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn #581

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 WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Job 38:1-11

ANTHEM

Great Light of the World

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Mark 4:35-41

SERMON

“Leading Causes of Life”

Dr. Hartman

*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, died, and was 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.

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering Hymn

Father’s Eyes

*Doxology Hymn #609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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 Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

*CLOSING HYMN

Gospel Changes

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Prayer Requests

Church Family: Nancy Allgood, Priscilla Byars, Fynn DeHay, Robert Dendy, Karen Gomez, Kaki Harmon, Larry Josey, Maria Leitner, *Pep Seales, Bob Simpson, *Knox and Pat Williams and Nancy Wilson.

Extended Church Family: Debbie Brewer (cousin of Charlotte McDonald), Carol Conger (Helen Kelly’s sister), Sandy and Bill Cullison (sister-in-law and brother of Sally Fortune), Henry Gambrell (brother of Carla Honea), Scott Gawlik (son of Betty Gawlik), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Tess Holtzman (niece of Bonnie and Ken Andruszka), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Jeff Montague (son of Donna and Wayne Montague), Sally Owen (former member), *Art Reed (dear friend of Betty and Noel Lehner), *Denise Shytle (daughter-in-law of Helen Kelly), Gary Whitehead (husband of Judy Whitehead), Bob Willard (Elaine Williams’ nephew).

Note: Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list.

Dates to Remember!

SABBATH LUNCHEs: June 27th will be our last day to serve lunches until November at Our Daily Bread. I will need desserts and volunteers to help. You can bring desserts any time to the church.

DEACONS are HAPPY to SAY: COFFEE with ERNIE is BACK!

Thursday, June 24, at 9:30 a.m. Please join us in Pastors Hall for a cup of coffee and an opportunity to meet and chat with our wonderful Parish Nurse, Ernie Lombard. Open topics will be on public and current Health & Wellness issues. This is a perfect time to ask Ernie's advice. Come and enjoy this wonderful SPC program!
We've missed you! All are welcome!

Don't Miss This Year's Great Decisions 2021

This will be our fifth year to host a Great Decisions discussion group to explore some of the world's big issues. Again, we welcome our own Jay Hetherington as our teacher/facilitator. Jay brings experience and insight from having worked at a high level in the CIA. Group discussion and energetic participation are always lively and interesting. Come to as many as you can if you cannot attend all.

The dates and times are: 6:30-8:00 p.m. **July 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, August 4th and 11th.** Briefing books are helpful but not essential. Available for \$32 each on the Great Decisions web site:

https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/index.cfm?act=show_material&product_id=16868

Topics for 2021 are: Global Supply Chains and National Security, Persian Gulf Security Issues, Brexit and the European Union, Struggles Over the Melting Arctic, China's Role in Africa, The Korean Peninsula, Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic, The End of Globalization? For more information about our group or to sign up, contact the church office (864-882-2505).

Save the date: 5th Annual Our Brother's Keeper O.U.M. Formally (O.P.S.F. Golf Tournament) October 1, 2021

YES, we will have a **yard sale** on **October 16th**. Start cleaning out your closets and storage rooms and collecting donations for the yard sale. We need your treasures.

The **2021 Flower Calendar** notebook is in the library. If you would like to provide flowers for the sanctuary during 2021, please sign on the chosen date. Please remember, instead of fresh flowers you may make a donation to your favorite charity.

SPC Congregation, The **Shared Blessing Pantry** is continuing to be used and successful, thanks to an amazing SPC congregation and other local neighbors who continue to stock its shelves. Just as a reminder to all, if you want to drop off food to the box during the week, which is located in front of the Chapter House, the best days are Tuesday - Thursday. Foods that have a 'pop-top' are easiest. Also fruit cups, spaghetti sauce/noodles, small boxes of cereal, crackers, granola bars, peanut butter and jelly. Thanks to all of you who have embraced this new ministry. SPC Deacons

Please join us for our annual 4th of July Hotdog Picnic following the 10:00 worship service. Hotdogs, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert, lemonade, and iced tea will be provided. Please sign up by Wednesday, June 30th, so we will be sure to have plenty of food! You may call the church office or utilize the church website under "Fellowship Events."

Name _____ #Attending _____