

Seneca Presbyterian Church

May 8, 2022

THE CALL

“Grounded in Faith – Growing to Serve”



WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

4th Sunday of Easter

10:00 a.m. Worship
Liturgist : Natalie Arnold

May 8, 2022

GATHERING

WELCOME AND ANOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Eternal God, we praise you for raising Jesus from the dead so that he could restore disheartened friends at breakfast on the beach. We praise you as our risen Lord, Jesus awakens us to lives of hope and joy--no matter how many times we falter or despair. We praise you that through Christ we have been liberated from the forces of evil that threaten to undo us. Thank you for the unity we find in your Holy Spirit as we gather--that assures us of Your presence and peace. Amen

POURING OF THE WATER

*Choral Response:

Morning Has Broken

Hymn #664, vs 1

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Congregation reads **bold print**)

O magnify the Lord with me,

And let us exalt the name of the Lord together.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good.

God's Steadfast love endures forever.

Let us worship God!

*GATHERING PRAYER

*HYMN # 697

Take My Life

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

O God, in whose Word we find truth and joy, we confess that all too often we miss your intentions for our lives. You provide healing and hope to us in Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, while we cling to suffering and despair. You give us Jesus as the light of the world, while we prefer the darkness of sin. You offer us the unity of the Holy Spirit, while we choose to "go it alone".

O Lord, forgive us. Cleanse our hearts from evil desires that build us up at the cost of others. Purge us through the refining fire of your Truth so that falsehoods no longer find a dwelling place in us. Uplift us in love that we may do your will in the world. And fill us with the joy of your salvation. Hear us now as we continue in silent confession... (Personal *silent prayers of confession*)

Choral 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.

Assurance of Forgiveness

**We are an Easter people, forgiven and freed, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace.
Amen.**

*Choral Response:

Glory Be to the Father

Hymn #581

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON

Psalm 51:1-12

ANTHEM

The Blessing

A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-30

SERMON

“Barking for Joy”

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

The River

*Doxology #606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

*Prayer of Dedication

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

SENDING

***CLOSING SONG**

Testify

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

RETURNING INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE

POSTLUDE

*Let those who are able stand

PRAYER REQUEST

Church Family: Tracy Andrews, Nancy Allgood, Dodie Benzee, Duane Campbell, Brenda & Fynn DeHay, Karen Gomez, Kaki Harmon, Maria Leitner, Janet May, Elaine Williams, Pat Williams, Dennis Paulik, Jon Young, Martha Mahaffee

Extended Church Family: Eileen Andruszka (sister of Ken Andruszka,) Bella (Charlotte McDonald's family), Amy Chilton (Susan and Larry Goebel's daughter), Carol Conger (Helen Kelly's sister), Bill Cullison (brother of Sally Fortune), Dave & Minnie (friends of Jean Reinking), Mike Mobley (friend of Donna McIntire), Wanda Nichols (Friend of Donna Montague), Robert Doucet (brother-in-law of Paul LaRoche), Scott Gawlik (son of Betty Gawlik), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Donna Giudici (friend of Nancy & Jon Young), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Phyliss King (friend of Donna Montague), Susan Lamb Bryant & husband Mike (cousin of Pamela Davison-Smith) Sally Owen (former member), Linda Robinson (friend of Norma Liebenberg), Adam Thomas (great nephew of Betty and Noel Lehner), Gary Whitehead (husband of Judy Whitehead), Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew); Jackie Grove (Lavone Moon's daughter-in-law).

Flowers today are given by Lyn Norton in Honor of All Mothers

We are now up and coming on "Instagram" a free app you download right to your cell phone. You will be able to see upcoming events, photos, etc. all you must do is search "Seneca Presbyterian Church and hit that follow button!

Also don't forget to check us out/like/follow/share on Facebook at Seneca Presbyterian Church