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#### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

May 25, 2025 10:00 AM

PRELUDE "Pastorale" C.P.E. Bach

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Reverend Mark Gaskill

#### THE GATHERING

\*CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 67

One: May God be merciful to us and bless us,

ALL: SHOW US THE LIGHT OF HIS COUNTENANCE AND COME TO

US.

One: Let your ways be known upon the earth,

ALL: YOUR SAVING HEALTH AMONG ALL NATIONS.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

ALL: LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU.

One: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples with

equity,

ALL: AND GUIDE ALL THE NATIONS UPON THE EARTH.

One: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

ALL: LET ALL THE PEOPLES PRAISE YOU.

One: The earth has brought forth her increase;

ALL: MAY GOD, OUR OWN GOD, GIVE US BLESSING.

One: May God give us blessing,

ALL: MAY ALL THE ENDS OF THE EARTH STAND IN AWE.

\*HYMN "When Morning Gilds the Skies" No. 487

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

One: As the world churns on and on, the New Jerusalem shines as a vision;

ALL: IT IS WHAT WE KNOW TO BE THE TRUTH.

One: We can be overwhelmed by the chaos, but God is at work;

ALL: GOD IS FORMING US, REDEEMING US AND SANCTIFYING US.

One: What is required of us is faith, hope and love;

ALL: WE HAVE WOUNDS TO BE HEALED, BROKENNESS THAT WE

MUST CONFESS.
One: God's Spirit moves with mercy;

ALL: WE SURRENDER TO ABUNDANT GRACE.

Silent Reflection

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader Hear the Good News of the Gospel,

PEOPLE IN JESUS CHRIST, WE ARE FORGIVEN.

\*GLORIA PATRI No. 579

John 14: 23-29

#### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

#### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Happy anniversary to you, happy birthday to you. The Lord bless and keep you, this coming year too.

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY "O Praise the Name" See insert

\* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### **THE WORD**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 21: 22 - 22: 5

SERMON What Was I Made For? Reverend Mark Gaskill

PASTORAL PRAYER WITH THE LORD'S PRAYER

### **SENDING**

\*HYMN "Seek Ye First" No. 333

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE "A Time of Peace" Wolford

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader May the Grace and peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all! **PEOPLE AND ALSO WITH YOU.** 

<sup>\*</sup>Please stand if able.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### GSPC'S YARD SALE SATURDAY, MAY 31<sup>st</sup> – 8AM to 12PM

This will be an outdoor event, so if there is rain in the forecast we will cancel and hopefully reschedule for another day. Since this is an outdoor event we are asking everyone to hold all donated items until Friday, May 30, or perhaps even the morning of May 31 (if you are not able to wait that long to drop off things, please email or call the church to make arrangements). If you are able to volunteer please sign up in the narthex, contact Alicia Barefoot if you have any questions. Please note we will not be accepting clothes or shoes for this Yard Sale and since donations are dropped off right before the Yard Sale, please be mindful of the condition of your donations (for example, do not bring in broken items – keep in mind what does not sell we must find a way to get rid of it).

Since we will not be pricing things we will remind people to take what they want and give what they can/or feel that it is worth, because everything they give goes to the work of GSPC. Thank you in advance for all of your donations and to any volunteers who are able to help with set up, working the event, and break down.

#### **CHURCH PICNIC**

Join your friends and family for the GSPC Church Picnic on Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>, after the worship service. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided, please bring a side dish to share with everyone – there is a sign-up sheet in the narthex.

#### **ANYTIME BAGS**

We are in need of more main dish items for Anytime Bags. Suggested items are:

Tuna/chicken ready made packets

Single serving canned/microwaveable meals

Vienna Sausages

Peanut butter/Cheese crackers

Packets of nuts

We can also use more fruits and dessert items.

Thanks to everyone for your generosity!

#### **NEWSLETTER DEADLINE**

Any and all items for the June edition of the Messenger (newsletter) need to be emailed to <a href="maileographics.">gspc@comcast.net</a> by Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

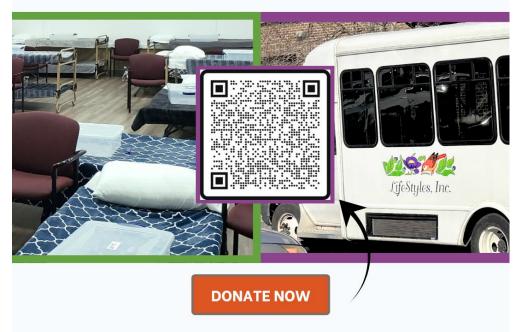
#### **BLUE CRABS BASEBALL GAME**

The Communion Team would like to see if there is interest in attending a Blue Crabs baseball game – time and date to be determined. If GSPC has 25 or more people that attend we can get a box, so everyone can sit together. Not sure yet of the cost per ticket, that will depend on the game. Please sign up in the narthex if you are interested in attending a game with friends and family.





# **TOGETHER WE CAN** END HOMELESSNESS



## END HOMELESSNESS—ONE GIFT AT A TIME

You could be the reason someone finds shelter. support, and a second chance.

\*\*Please note that if you would like to make a donation to LifeStyles, but would prefer to send it through GSPC – please write on your check that the donation is for LifeStyles.

FIRST READING: JOHN 14: 23-29

23 Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup> Whoever does not love me does not keep my words, and the word that you hear is not mine but is from the Father who sent me.

<sup>25</sup> "I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup> You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup> And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe.

#### **SECOND READING: REVELATION 21: 22 - 22: 5**

and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup> And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup> Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no night there. <sup>26</sup> People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup> But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup> through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month, and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup> Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup> they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup> And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

#### "O Praise the Name"

I cast my mind to Calvary Where Jesus bled and died for me. I see His wounds, His hands, His feet. My Savior on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb. The entrance sealed by heavy stone Messiah still and all alone

O praise the name of the Lord our God O praise His name forever more For endless days we will sing Your praise Oh Lord, oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn, The Son of heaven rose again. O trampled death where is your sting? The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white, The blazing Son shall pierce the night. And I will rise among the saints, My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

# The flowers on the Retable this morning are in celebration of Al and Rose Flora's anniversary.

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<u>Today's Volunteers:</u> Greeters: Janice and Charlie Eargle; Ushers: John Holmes

and Bill Wetmore; Scripture Reader: Michele Gaskill

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#### **TODAY**

Sunday School at 9:00 AM Worship Service at 10:00 AM

#### THIS WEEK

Mon. (May 26): 10:30 AM – Crafters

Tues. (May 27): 9:30 AM – Women's Bible Study Sat. (May 31): 8 – 12 PM – GSPC Yard Sale

#### **COMING SOON**

Celebrate Pentecost Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup> with an Outdoor Worship (weather permitting)
Church Picnic – Sunday, June 8<sup>th</sup>