



**South Aiken Presbyterian Church**

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**Aiken, SC 29803**

**We welcome to the pulpit The Reverend Frank Cunningham, a member of our church community who has served this church as a Deacon, an Elder, a Bethel teacher and now as a supporting pastor in times of need. He is a graduate of West Virginia University (BA, BS) and Union Presbyterian Seminary at Charlotte (M.DIV.). Having served churches in West Virginia and South Carolina, he is now retired. Currently, he provides pulpit supply to Allendale Presbyterian Church.**

**Please be sure to thank him for stepping in on short notice.**

**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!**

**Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**World Communion Sunday**

**October 3, 2021**

**8:45 am and 11:00 am**

(Please stand, if able when indicated by an \*) (PA=Pulpit Assistant)

**Prelude**

**Scott Chappell**

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Chrystie Weimer**

**The Chiming**      (*Handbell rung three times, one for God the Father, for the Son, and for the Holy Spirit*)

**Introit**

*Come All You People*

**Alexander Gondo**

**GATHERING AROUND THE WORD**

**\*Call to Worship**

One: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker;

**ALL: God's steadfast love is before our eyes, and we draw near in faithfulness.**

One: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

**ALL: We gather around the table of our Lord, singing songs of thanksgiving,  
proclaiming God's wondrous deeds.**

One: Come all you people, come and praise your Maker.

**ALL: We will bless the Lord in the great congregation.**

One: Come now and worship the Lord.

**\*Hymn #501**

*Feed Us, Lord*

**Feed us, Lord. Feed us Lord.**

**In the broken bread, be revealed again.**

**Come and feed our hearts, O Lord.**

**Quench us, Lord. Quench us, Lord.**

**On this thirsty ground, may your love flow down.**

**Come and quench our hearts, O Lord.**

**Fill us, Lord. Fill us, Lord,**

**with the bread and wine of the risen Christ.**

**Come and fill our hearts, O Lord.**

**Lead us, Lord. Lead us, Lord,**

**nourished here by Christ, given strength for life.**

**Come and lead our hearts, O Lord.**

**Prayer of Confession (*Unison*):** God of mercy, in Jesus you modeled power through vulnerability, and victory through sacrifice. But we live in a world that celebrates abundance and might. God of grace, in Christ we find unhesitating welcome as siblings — all children of One loving parent. But, if we're honest with ourselves, there are members of our human family we would rather avoid. God of love, reshape us that we might be brave enough to show strength by sharing power, encourage us that we might admit to ourselves our reluctance to acknowledge those across the ocean, over the border, or just around the corner as our family. And reorient us to the trailblazing example of Jesus, whose super power was sacrifice and whose gracious embrace knows no bounds.

*(in silence confess personal sins to God)*

PA: Amen.

### **Assurance of Forgiveness**

PA: As we hear and see the water poured into the font, let us remember God's love extends to all people.

**The Font** (*pouring of the water*)

**\*Responsive Hymn #581**

*Glory Be to the Father*

**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 Peace** (*Responsively*) (8:45 am and 11:00 am)

**One:** Since God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Many:** **And also with you.** (Share signs of forgiveness, peace, and reconciliation with each other)

**Children's Moment** (8:45 am and 11:00 am)

**Michelle Lorio**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

**Anthem**

*Holy Is He ( Holy, Holy, Holy)*  
*(Congregation joins as directed)*

David T. Clydesdale

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty.**

**All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea;**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! merciful and mighty!**

**God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture:**

**Old Testament Lesson:                   Genesis 2:18-24**

**New Testament Lesson:                Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12**

**Gospel Lesson:                             Mark 10:2-16**

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

**“of the Broken and the Blessed ”**  
**Rev. Frank L. Cunningham, III**

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**\*Hymn #508**

*Come to the Table*

**Come to the table, all you who praise God.**

**Laid in a stable, God’s gift of love:**

**Jesus our Savior poured out his life’s blood.**

**Our sins forgiven, God’s gift of love.**

**Come eat this bread now, my broken body.**

**My vow remember: I am your Lord.  
Drink of this wine, the cup of salvation,  
for you are mine, and I am your Lord.**

**All is now ready, like the first table.  
Pray for the Spirit; lift up your hearts.  
Christ has arisen, our Lord and Savior.  
With great thanksgiving, lift up your hearts.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (*Unison*): The Apostles' Creed (*Traditional*)**

**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, dead and 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**

## **Prayer of Intercession**

**Offering of Gifts** (*Ushers come and receive the offering*)

**\*Doxology Hymn #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 Thanksgiving**

## **SEALING OF THE WORD**

(All are invited to come forward with your hands cupped ready to receive Christ's body given for you.

A piece of bread will be given to you. After receiving the bread please take a communion cup of juice and be seated so that we can commune together as one body of Christ. If you do not feel comfortable coming forward for communion, there are individually packaged communion sets offered as well.)

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

### **Invitation to the Table**

### **Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Lift up your hearts.

**ALL: We lift them to the Lord.**

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: LET US PRAY ...

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your power. You formed us in your image, setting us in this world to love and to serve you, and to live in peace with your whole creation. When we rebelled against you refusing to trust and obey you, you did not reject us, but still claimed us as your own. You sent prophets to call us back to your way. Then in the fullness of time, out of your great love for the world, you sent your only Son to be one of us, to redeem us and heal our brokenness. Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**ALL: Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. In Jesus, born of Mary, your Word became flesh and swelt among us, full of grace and truth. He lived as one of us, knowing joy and sorrow. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, opened blind eyes, broke bread with outcasts and sinners, and proclaimed the good news of your kingdom to the poor and needy. Dying on the cross, he gave himself for the life of the world. Rising from the grave, he won us victory over death. Seated at your right hand, he leads us to eternal life. We praise you that Christ now reigns with you in glory, and will come again to make all things new. Remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ, we take from your creation this bread and this cup and joyfully celebrate his dying and rising, as we await the day of his coming. With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service.

One: Great is the mystery of faith:

**ALL: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

One: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. In union with your church in heaven and on earth, we pray, O God, that you will fulfill your eternal purpose in us and in all the world. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, now and forever. As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray....

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**

**On earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;**

**And lead us not into temptation,**

**But deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,**

**And the glory forever. Amen**

## **Words of Institution**

## **Communion of the People**

**Prayer after Communion** (*Adapted from John Knox in 1560*)

**ALL: Most merciful Father, we offer to you all praise, thanks, and glory, that in your great mercy, it has pleased you to grant us, who are miserable sinners, so excellent a gift and treasure, as to receive us into the fellowship and company of your dear Son Jesus Christ our Lord. You delivered him to death for us, and now you have given him to us as food and nourishment for eternal life. And now we pray, O heavenly Father, that you will never permit us to become so ungrateful as to forget your wonderful benefits; but imprint and lock them in our hearts, so that we may grow and increase more and more in true faith each day, and that we may continually use our faith in all kinds of good work; and O Lord, make us strong in every difficulty, so that we may constantly stand in the confession of faith, glorifying you in our lives, you who are God over all things, and blessed forever. So be it. Amen.**

## **SENDING INTO THE WORLD**

**\*Hymn #737**

*Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song*

**Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey;  
I'll tell everybody about you wherever I go:  
you alone are our life and our peace and our love.  
Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.**

**Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.  
May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you.  
May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song.  
Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.**

**As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant,  
to carry your and to share all your burdens and tears.  
For you saved me by giving your body and blood.  
As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.**

**I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey;  
but courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side.  
And with all of the family you saved by your love,  
we'll sing to your dawn at the end of our journey.**

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**\*Postlude Hymn #727**

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

**Will you let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you?  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.**

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