



South Aiken Presbyterian Church

1711 Whiskey Road

Aiken, SC 29803



3rd Sunday of Easter

May 1, 2022

8:45 am and 11:00 am

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

Prelude

Scott Chappell

Welcome & Announcements

Steve Stine

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

Introit

Come, Holy Spirit

Judith Snowdon

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** *(Psalm 30: 1-4) (Read responsively):*

One: We will extol you. O Lord, for you have drawn us up, and did not let our foes rejoice over us.

Many: O Lord our God, we cried to you for help, and you have healed us.

One: O Lord, you brought up our souls from the Grave, restored us to life from among those gone down to the Pit.

ALL: Sing praises to the LORD , the Lord's faithful ones, and give thanks to the Lord's holy name.

***Hymn #239**

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!

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Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The Lord of life is risen today!
Death's mighty stone is rolled away.
Let all the earth rejoice and say:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise we in songs of victory
that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Your name we bless, O risen Lord,
and sing today with one accord
the life laid down; the life restored:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*): Gracious God, we confess even though we see with our eyes in the present, we may struggle seeing your vision for us as an individual, as a church, and as a community. Forgive us, O God for having short sightedness. Teach us to look to you to correct our vision through Jesus Christ.

(Pause and confess your personal sin in silence to God)

PA: Amen

Assurance of Forgiveness

*(As the water is poured into the font, remember that God claims you in baptism through faith,
Let us walk by the Spirit of the Living God.)*

The Font

***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 Passing of the Peace (8:45 am and 11:00 am)

PA: May the peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

Children's Moment

Michelle Lorio

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Anthem

Grace Alone

James Koerts

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 61: 1-3

New Testament Lesson: Acts 9: 1-20

Sermon

“Open Eyes With No Vision”

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

***Hymn #325**

“By All Your Saints Still Striving” (stanzas 1-3,5)

**By all your saints still striving, for all your saints at rest,
your holy name, O Jesus, forevermore be blessed!**

**For those passed on before us, we sing our praise anew and,
walking in their footsteps, would live our lives for you.**

**We praise you for the Baptist, forerunner of the Word.
our true Elijah, making a highway for the Lord.**

**The last and greatest prophet, he saw the dawning ray of light
that grows in splendor until the perfect day.**

**All praise, O Lord, for Andrew, the first to welcome you,
whose witness to his brother named you Messiah true.
May we, with hearts kept open to you throughout the year
proclaim to friend and neighbor your advent ever near.**

**We pray for saints we know not, for saints still yet to be,
for grace to bear true witness and serve you faithfully,
till all the ransomed number who stand before the throne
ascribe all power and glory and praise to God alone.**

Prayer of Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

***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 with 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

***Hymn #837**

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine

**What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
what a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain: **Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

**O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

**What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
leaning on the everlasting arms.**

Refrain

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude Hymn #658**

God Is So Good

**God is so good; God is so Good;
God is so good; God's so good to me.**