



South Aiken Presbyterian Church
1711 Whiskey Rd.
Aiken, SC 29803

May 8, 2022 Confirmation Sunday and 4th Sunday of Easter 8:45 am and 11:00 am
(Please stand, if able, when indicated by an *).

Happy Mother's Day

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Douglas Earl Bush

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship** (*Psalm 105:1-6*) (*Read responsively*):

One: O give thanks to the LORD, call on the Lord's name, make known God's deeds among the peoples.

Many: Sing to God, sing praises to God; tell of all God's wonderful works.

One: Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

Many: Seek the LORD and the Lord's strength; seek God's presence continually.

One: Remember the wonderful works God has done, God's miracles, and the judgments God has uttered,

ALL: O offspring of the Lord's servant Abraham, children of Jacob, the Lord's chosen ones.

***Hymn # 475**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Prayer of Confession (*Unison*): **Gracious God, we confess that we fall short in fulfilling our side of the covenant made with you. We confess that sometimes our devotion to prayer, worship, and fellowship is neglected. Help us, O God, change our hearts back toward you through Jesus Christ.**

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

P.A.: Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

P.A.: *As the water is poured into the baptismal font, remember that God claims you in baptism through faith and calls us to new life. 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 Peace (8:45am and 11:00 am):

P.A.: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD OF GOD

Children's Moment

Michelle Lorio

Anthem

Come Just As You Are

Joseph Sabolick

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lessons:

Old Testament Lessons: Joshua 24: 1-3, 13-15, 22-25

Gospel Lesson: Mark 8: 27-38

One: Hear what the Spirit says to the Church.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"You Are the Messiah"

***Hymn #488**

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

Presentation of Confirmands (11:00am): Margaret Clifford (Mentor - Crissy Kuhl), Madelyn Lorio (Mentor - Julie McCrum), Kate Weimer (Mentor – Sandy Haines)

Profession of Faith (Confirmands and Congregation) (11:00am):

- 1. Trusting in the gracious mercy of God, do you turn from the ways of sin and reject evil and its power in the world?** (Confirmands: *I do.*)
- 2. Who is your Lord and Savior?** (Confirmands: *Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.*)
- 3. Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?**
(Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*)
- 4. Will you devote yourself to the church's teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers?** (Confirmands: *I will, with God's help.*)

***Affirmation of Faith (Unison)(8:45am and 11:00am): 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, 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 Reaffirmation of Baptismal Covenant

Laying On of Hands and Anointing

Welcome

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 #733**

We Are One In Mission

***Charge and Benediction**

***Postlude Hymn #740**

Lead Me, Guide Me
Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee,
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.
I am weak and I need your strength and power
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.