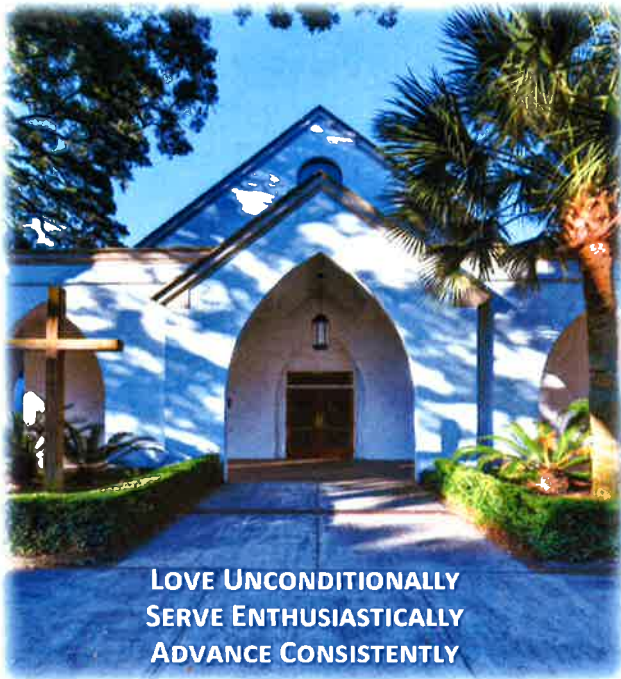


WELCOME TO ST. SIMONS UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday • March 22, 2020



We're glad you are here!

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The Worship of God

Call to Worship

It Is Well with My Soul

Kevin Lamb

Arr. Marilyn White

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Welcome & Announcements

Rev. Richard Soper

Congregational Song

#89 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

HYMN TO JOY

Verses 1 & 3

#365 *Grace Greater than Our Sin*

MOODY

Verses 2 & 4

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Affirmation of Faith

Richard Soper

#881

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sin,

the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Morning Prayer

Richard Soper

Children's Message

Heather Keefer

Sharing of Our Tithes and Offering

Rev. Tom Jones

Special Music

His Eye Is On the Sparrow

Holly Lamb

arr. David Hamilton

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The Word

Psalms 23

Rev. Tom Jones

THE MESSAGE

THROUGH THE DARK VALLEY

Tom Jones

Response to the Word

The Lord's My Shepherd

Holly Lamb

Benediction

Tom Jones

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Notes about Worship

We hope that you will actively participate in this service with us at 11:00 AM. You may access the live stream from our website or from our Facebook page. In this worship guide are copies of the hymns for you to refer to during the service. We know online worship cannot replace in person congregational participation, but during this time of separation we can use this tool to stay connected. Next week hope to have the worship team from contemporary with us for worship, but as we all know it's a fluid situation.

FROM THE PASTOR Uncertain Days

These are uncertain days.

No one knows what will happen next regarding COVID-19. But we are confident that if we practice social distancing that the scope of this virus will be less harmful.

Earlier this week I sent a letter to the congregation describing our response to the virus and the efforts we will make to help mitigate its spread. To summarize, for the next 4-weeks everything at the church has been postponed or cancelled. This includes our worshipping together.

But worship will go on! A 30-minute worship service will be live streamed at 11:00 on the Sunday mornings we are not able to be together. You and your family are invited to join us on your computer, laptops, or other personal devices. You will be able to find the live stream by going to our website or Facebook page. The services will also be archived on our website and on our YouTube channel if you choose to watch them at another time.

To help keep us further connected, our staff will post daily informational and inspirational videos on our Facebook page. I hope you will check it out. It will also give you an opportunity to post your comments/questions to help stay connected to us and with each other.

Our hope is that we will be able to be back together sooner than later and that this crisis will soon be a thing of the past. But in the meantime, we have a responsibility to ourselves and our neighbors to stay out of group settings.

My prayer is that you will use good judgment, stay safe and stay well. May God surround us with his care and peace in these challenging times.

Blessings,

Tom

Prayer Requests

Please complete a blue prayer card located in the Prayer Room (Chapel entrance). Take time this week and pray for these individuals:

Vicky Adams, Diana Bailey, John Barton, Tilman Blakely, **Caroline Boyd**, Rev. Gene Cariker, **Melissa Carnes**, Mary Corbitt, Irene Drew, Janice Dumas, **Terri Dunkle**, Jim Fuller, Pat Gossage, Connie Hallows, Elwanda Hopkins, Holly Lamb, Shannon Lemmon, Barbara Lindgren, Nathan Meadows, Debbie Moffitt, Mathew North, Jimmy Orr, Sandy & Jerry Peterson, Dick Pipe, Don Proctor, George Raiford, **Bob Rewis**, Helen Schroder, Diane Sharp, Bill Sisco, Mary Stivers, Ted Teale, **Thalacker Family**, Slater Vinson, Stephanie Watson, Susan Webb, BJ Whitaker, Dick Wilton, Bobbé Wooldridge, Hollis Youngner, Beverly Zeller, and our Nation.

Magnolia Manor: JoAnne Alford, Jack Jenkins, Marjorie Lawrence, Debby Lloyd, Tad Meeks, Pat Miller, Norma Mock, Joyce Parry, Charlotte Petty, Ted Teale, Miriam Tucker, Larry Varnadoe, Effie Walker **Sr. Care:** Anne Pinson **Addington Place:** Carolyn Lovell, Nancy Reynolds

Servicemen/Servicewomen: CPT Clay A. Alexander, LTC Tim Buehn, SGT Jonathon Carmichael, Master SGT David Hoffer, CPT Chris House, Mason K. James, Col Denise Mull, PO1 George Quigley, Lt. Col Susan C. Stahl, Col Tad Wolfe, and all our service men and women.

To add or remove a name from our prayer list, please contact the church office.

Congregational Care

As the Chair of the Congregational Care committee at SSUMC, I am writing you to share a concern AND a positive response we can be a part of. There are members of our congregation who are unable to leave their homes due to health and mobility concerns. We now have the additional impact of the COVID-19 virus on these same people. Their needs for groceries, medicines, etc. is greater than before. The stores are unable to make the deliveries they might have done before this week, and, from what I have heard, are even unable to pack up a few items for someone to come pick up.

We can help! If you are available and healthy, please let us know that you would be willing to shop from a list provided to you and deliver the items to a member's home. You have probably said several times these past few days, "What are we going to do? What does this mean?"

Your positive, caring response shows us that God is placing some of us in a position to be the hands and feet of Jesus. Not everyone is able to help in this particular way. We understand! But, if you can, we thank you!! Please contact me at jasmith321@hotmail.com or 912-617-1101 to volunteer or for more information. *Judy Smith*

Sympathy

Our heartfelt sympathy is expressed to Nancy Thalacker on the death of her husband Weldon, who passed away on Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at Hospice of the Golden Isles.

Condolences may be sent to Nancy at 207 Cater St, St. Simons Island, GA 31522-2711.

Food Donations

Items can be dropped off for Sparrow's Nest in the **Prayer Room (Chapel entrance)** Monday thru Thursday from 8:30am -12:30pm.



Financial Report

March 15, 2020

Tithes & Offerings Received | \$15,058.63

Amount Given YTD | \$227,822.87

Budgeted Amount YTD | \$244,101.21

Expenses YTD | \$209,700.66

Building Fund | \$980.00

Attendance

March 15, 2020

Total Worship | 440

8:30am | 88 9:45am | 38

11:00am | 151 Online | 148

Children's Church | 15 Sunday School | 54

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1. Joy-ful, joy-ful, we a-dore thee, God of glo-ry, Lord of love;
2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re-lect thy rays,
3. Thou art giv-ing and for-giv-ing, ev-er bless-ing, ev-er blest,
4. Mor-tals, join the might-y cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan;



hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, open-ing to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 well-spring of the joy of liv-ing, o-ccean depth of hap-py rest!
 love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, bind-ing all with-in its span.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flow-ery mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Thou our Fa-ther, Christ our broth-er, all who live in love are thine;
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife;



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each oth-er, lift us to the joy di-vine.
 joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.



Grace Greater than Our Sin

1. Mar - vel - ous grace of our lov - ing Lord,
 2. Sin and de - spair, like the sea waves cold,
 3. Dark is the stain that we can - not hide.
 4. Mar - vel - ous, in - fi - nite, match - less grace,

grace that ex - ceeds our sin and our guilt!
 threat - en the soul with in - fi - nite loss;
 What can a - vail to wash it a - way?
 free - ly be - stowed on all who be - lieve!

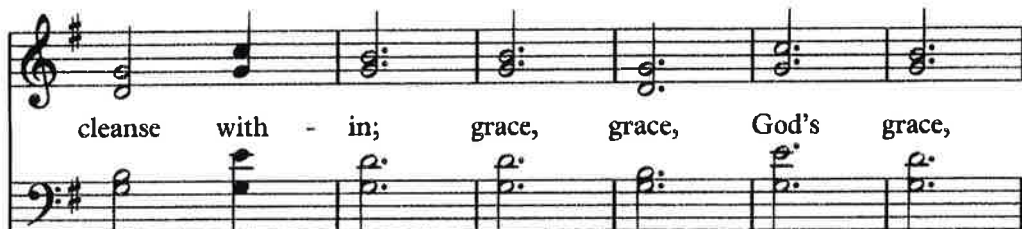
Yon - der on Cal - va - ry's mount out - poured,
 grace that is great - er, yes, grace un - told,
 Look! There is flow - ing a crim - son tide,
 You that are long - ing to see his face,

there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.
 points to the ref - uge, the might - y cross.
 bright - er than snow you may be to - day.
 will you this mo - ment his grace re - ceive?

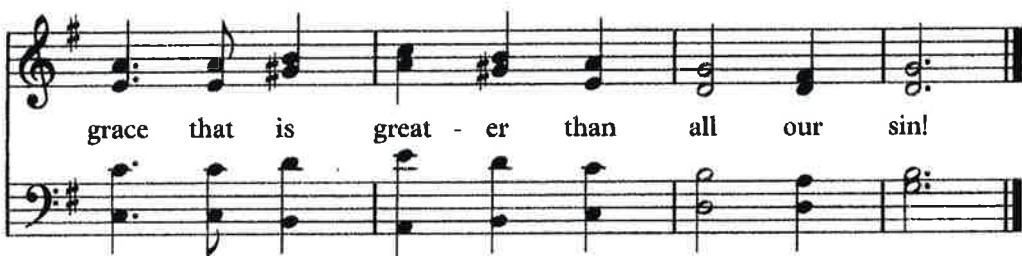
Refrain



Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will par - don and



cleanse with - in; grace, grace, God's grace,



grace that is great - er than all our sin!