***Call to Worship**

Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sin is put away!
Blessed are they who are free of guilt,
in whose spirit there is no deceit!
We are invited to come into his presence let us worship with joyful thanksgiving.
Let us worship God-Father, Son and Holy Spirit!

***Opening Hymn: #641 -** "When In Our Music God is Glorified"
ENGLEBERG

***Confession and Pardon:**

Though we often wander far from home,
God is ready and waiting to receive us back.
Let us offer our confession to God:

Heavenly Father,
compassionate beyond measure,
merciful beyond belief,
we have been in the far country,
lost in our sin, distant from You,
seemingly beyond Your reach.
Yet something is calling us back.
Somehow, we hope to return to You.
We're just not sure about the details.
Yet before we can work out what to say,
You are running to us.
Before we can voice our confession,
Your arms are around us,
welcoming us home.
Your forgiveness astounds us.
Help us to believe that it is so,
for the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

(Time for silent confession)

Song of Confession: "Lord Have Mercy" KYRIE
Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

Romans 3:23-24 says, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; we are now justified by His grace as a gift."
Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

***Song of Assurance:** "Amazing Grace" (vs. 1) AMAZING GRACE
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound,
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

***Affirmation of Faith: 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.

***Passing the Peace**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Church Family Moment:
Veterans Acknowledgement
Special Music: U.S. Armed Forces Medley
William Bennett and Jim Moore, Organist

Please see the insert in today's bulletin for our list of Veterans.
Thank you to Col. (Ret.) Jon Rockstad for compiling the insert.

Prayer of Illumination:

Gracious God, give us humble, teachable, and obedient hearts, that we may receive what You have revealed, and do what You have commanded. **Amen.**

First Scripture Reading: Isaiah 59:9-13
9 Therefore justice is far from us,
and deliverance does not reach us;
we wait for light, but there is only darkness;
and for brightness, but we walk in gloom.
10 We grope like the blind along a wall,
groping like those who have no eyes;
we stumble at noon as in the twilight,
among the vigorous as though we were dead.
11 We all growl like bears;
like doves we moan mournfully.
We wait for justice, but there is none;
for salvation, but it is far from us.
12 For our transgressions before you are many,
and our sins testify against us.
Our transgressions indeed are with us,
and we know our iniquities:
13 transgressing and denying the Lord
and turning away from following our God,
talking oppression and revolt,
conceiving lying words and uttering them from the heart.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Musical Offering: "Just As I Am" *Richard DeLong*
8:45 am – William Bennett, Solo
11:00 am – Chancel Choir

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Dedication** Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

***Reflection Hymn:** #77 – "Isaiah the Prophet Has Written of Old"
SAMANTHRA

Scripture Reading: Luke 15:11-32 Reader's Theater

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
"A Parable from Three Perspectives: The Younger Son"

SENDING

***Closing Hymn:** #418 - "Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"
SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

***Benediction**

***Benediction Response: 11:00 am -** "God Be with you Till We Meet Again"
Ralph Vaughan Williams

***Postlude:** "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"
Jim Moore, Organist *The Agincourt Song*

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS

Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert
Sara Kaczmarski, Spiritual Growth Assistant
William Bennett, Director of Music
Jim Moore, Organist
Chancel Choir
Liturgists: **8:45 am—Kristi Selander 11:00 am—Sharlene Douthit-Schneidmuller**
Elder-in-Charge: **8:45 am—Charlie Harris 11:00 am—Vicky Methot**
Ushers: **8:45 am—Pat Tolbert, Julie McCormick, Katie Ryan & Don Craver**
11:00 am—Mary Gelston, Jay Johnson, Shawn Blunt & Rose Warrell

WELCOME

We welcome you to worship this morning! Please fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate during the offering. A map of our campus is available in the pew racks. If you are a guest with us, we invite you to Lanneau Hall following the service to visit the Welcome Center. Please see an usher if you need assistance.

Children and Nursery: Nursery is available in Room 103. We kindly ask that children 5 and above not be dropped off in the nursery. Please ask an usher for a pew pal to help occupy your child during the worship service. If you have any questions, please contact Hannah Meyer at summervillepresnursery@gmail.com

Flowers—Today's flowers are given in loving memory of Serena Storer Todd, daughter-in-law of Jeff and Marcia Todd.

Offerings can also be made through the Giving tab at summervillepres.org, scanning the QR code to the right through the Abundant Giving app from Google Play or the Apple Store. Set up your account and choose Summerville Presbyterian Church.

Staff, Elders and Deacons—A listing of staff and SPC ministry leaders can be found in the vestibules and welcome centers.

SUNDAYS

8:30 am-12:15 pm—Nursery (Room 103)
8:45 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
9:45 am—Coffee Fellowship (Lanneau Hall)
10:00 am—Contemporary Service (Gym)
10:00 am—Sunday School
Pre-Readers – Room 102
Readers – Room 104
Tweens – Room 303
High School – Room 301
Under the Hill (The Chosen) – Room 107
Genesis (The Wired Word) – Room 101
Seekers (Sermon on the Mount) – Room 201
11:00 am—Traditional Service (Sanctuary)
11:00 am—Contemporary Small Group (Room 304)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendsgiving Potluck Celebration: Sunday, November 15 at 12:30 pm in the SPC Gym. All church families and members are invited to this annual event. SPC will sponsor the turkeys; you are invited to bring a dish to share, if you are able. Sign up on the back of your connection card.

Thanksgiving Basket Project: Saturday, November 21 at Murray United Methodist Church. The ecumenical service will begin at 10:00 am and basket packing with begin at 11:00 am. To volunteer to unload, pack or deliver, please contact the church office or sign-up on the back of the connection card.

Thanksgiving Together again this year! If you would like to host additional guests for Thanksgiving, or if you would love to celebrate with a few more folks from our church family, please reach out to Sara or Julie in the front office. We had an amazing turnout last year, and it was so wonderful to see new friendships formed all around! You never know what connections might be made when we open our tables and our hearts to others.

The ladies of **Women of Worth** and **Share, Word, Prayer small groups** invite all the ladies of the church to a **"Gathered in Gratitude Potluck"** on Nov 20 at 6pm in Lanneau Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact the church office or sign-up on the back of the connection card.

Stewardship 2027: Pledges continue to be collected, and pledge cards are available in the church office, vestibules, pew racks and welcome centers.

Advent Bible Study Opportunity: "Three Wise Women" by Dandi Daley Mackall will be facilitated by Suzie Ryan Thursdays starting on Nov. 12 at 10:30 am through Jan. 7 in the Dorchester Room. You can pick up and pay for your book in the church office. $15/book. Sign up on the connection card.

Hands of Christ Workdays will be held on two days - Saturday, November 14th & Friday, November 20th. Contact Sheila Wilson for more info.

New Testament Challenge:
We are on Week 46:
Nov 7-Nov 13
1 Peter 4-2 Peter 3
Look for a guide to Revelation Pastor Ralph is preparing and available on November 22.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes and instruction slips are available after church in Lanneau Hall, vestibules, welcome centers or in the church office. Once your box is packed and ready to go, please return it to the church office **on or before our Friendsgiving event on November 15**. This is such a wonderful opportunity to share God's love with children around the world, and I hope many of you will join us in participating!

Advent Readers and Christmas Memorials: The insert features an Advent Reading sign up and the Christmas Memorials and Honorariums donation sheet. This donation will go toward the purchase of a Poinsettia to decorate the sanctuary or gym during the Christmas season.

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GATHERING

Please prepare your hearts for worship during the prelude.
"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

**means to stand if you are able,*
*words in **bold** are to be spoken by the congregation*

***Prelude:** "Holy, Holy, Holy!" *John B. Dykes*
Jim Moore, Organist

Welcome and Announcements: Rev. Dr. Anita K. Herbert

Introduction of New Members