

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

May 29, 2011

### ✠ GATHERING ✠

#### PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silent prayer)

Truly you have listened and given heed to the words of our prayers. You have kept us among the living and have not let our feet slip. You have tested and tried us, laid burdens on our backs, and let people ride over our heads. We have gone through fire and through water; yet you have brought us into a spacious place. We enter into the courtyard of your sanctuary and offer you hearty thanksgiving. Be pleased with our worship that we lay now before you and give heed to our voices as we sing you our praises. Amen.

*Worship begins with the chiming of the hour.*

#### CHIMING OF THE HOUR

As the session gathers at the chancel steps to pray for our worship, we invite you to join us in prayer.

#### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**PRELUDE** *Prelude in F* G. Smoke  
\* **INTROIT** *Praise Ye The Lord of Hosts* Saint-Saens

#### \* CALL TO WORSHIP Richard Edwards

Leader: Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what the Lord has done for me.

**People: Truly God has listened and given heed to the words of my prayer.**

Leader: You are blessed, O God, because you have not rejected my prayer, or removed your steadfast love from me.

**People: I will come into your house and pay you my vows, those that my lips uttered and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.**

Leader: Let us worship God!

#### \* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 139 *Come, Thou Almighty King*

#### CALL TO CONFESSION

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Forgive us, God, for religion without passion and relationships that lack compassion. Take away the divisive attitudes that separate us from individuals and groups who are different from us. Release us from jealousy and iniquity and self-serving comparisons. Help us to see ourselves as you intend us to be, through Christ. Hear now our silent confession.**

*(A time of private confession.)*

**Amen.**

#### KYRIE (sung in unison)



#### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is right? Have no fear of them, nor be troubled.

**People: For Christ also died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God.**

Leader: Keep your conscience clear, so that those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

**People: For Christ also died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God.**

Leader: Baptism, as a sign of salvation is an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

**People: For Christ also died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God.**

Leader: Christ has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to God.

**People: For Christ also died for sins once and for all, that he might bring us to God.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

#### \* GLORIA PATRI

#### \* PASSING OF THE PEACE

**The Peace of Christ be with you.  
And also with you.**

*Children age 3 years through grade 6 and teachers gather at the chancel steps to follow the crucifer to their Sunday school classes.*

### ✠ THE WORD ✠

#### FIRST LESSON Acts 17:22-31 (p. 965)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

#### ANTHEM *Alleluia! Sing with Joy* J.S. Bach

#### SECOND LESSON John 14:15-21 (p. 939)

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, O Christ.**

#### \* HYMN 339 *Be Thou My Vision* SLANE

#### SERMON By Your Side Cary Speaker

### ✠ RESPONSE TO THE WORD ✠

\* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (traditional), Hymnal p. 14

#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

#### OFFERING

Offertory Statement

Offertory

*Voluntary*

E. Elgar

\* Doxology

Lasst uns erfreuen

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia**

**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**

**Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost;**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

\* Prayer of Dedication

### ✠ SENDING ✠

\* **HYMN 121** *That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright*  
PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

#### \* CHARGE AND BLESSING

\* **RESPONSE** *Open Our Eyes* Smoke/Thompson

**POSTLUDE** *Fugue in A minor* J. S. Bach

\*Those who are able, please stand. The Congregation stands with the choir.

### PRAYER REQUESTS

❖ Harriet Anne Menzel      ❖ Jon Horton      ❖ Emil Menzel  
❖ Betty Harrison      ❖ Calvin Long      ❖ Dot Clark  
❖ Ruth Kelly

If you have requests for prayer for the Prayer Team or the congregation, please fill out the pew card and place it in the offering plate or call Mary Frances Whitmer (967-8046) or the Church Office (967-5037).

**W**e welcome visitors who are worshipping with us today. We hope you feel and experience the love that makes Mountain Brook Presbyterian Church and would like to follow Jesus Christ through the fellowship of this congregation, we invite you to membership. For more information please speak with our pastor after worship or call the church office 967-5037.

**CALENDAR**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES**

*Nursery is provided for birth to age 3 from 9:30 until noon.*

**Children's Sunday School**

Sunday School is offered at 9:30 and 11:00 for children age 3 through grade 6. During the summer all ages combine and use the *Live B.I.G.*\* One Big Room curriculum. Both the 9:30 and 11:00 classes meet in Room 109 (next to the nursery) in the Main Building.

*On the first Sunday of each month there is no 9:30 or 11:00 Children's Sunday School. We encourage children to attend worship with their parents and join in the celebration of communion.*

\*LIVE B.I.G. curriculum helps children see, hear and live their Belief In God.

**parenTeen Sunday School 9:30-10:30**

This class for youth (grades 7-12) and their parents meets in the St. Stephen Youth Room. Parents and their teens get to discuss and learn together in a friendly setting. The teachers are Traci Finch, Ev Gunn, Rosh Plugge, and Ralph Cook.

**Adult Sunday School 9:30-10:30**

The *Adventure Class* led by Larry Harper meets in the Reception Room. They are studying world religions and comparing the beliefs of those religions to Christian beliefs. They are using the book, *World Religions at Your Fingertips* as a resource.

The *Other Class* meets in the Pastor's Classroom in the Administration Building and is led by Rev. Cary Speaker. They are using the video series: *Saving Jesus*. This study is designed to challenge our worldview and understanding of both Jesus and the divine. Many of the themes discussed have been known by theologians and Bible scholars but have failed to "trickle down" to the people in the pews. The format is a twenty minute video featuring a number of scholars: Marcus Borg, John Dominic Crossan, Matthew Fox, Amy-Jill Levine, Walter Bruggemann, Hans Kung, and others. After viewing the video the class discusses what has been presented.

**Sunday, May 29 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
11:00 am Sunday School  
12:00 pm Memorial Flag Service

**Monday, May 30 – Memorial Day  
OFFICE CLOSED**

8:00 am Body Works

**Tuesday, May 31**

8:00 am Body Works

**Wednesday, June 1**

8:00 am Body Works  
12:00 pm AA Meeting  
6:30 pm Youth Group

**Thursday, June 2**

8:00 am Body Works  
6:00 pm AA Meeting

**Friday, June 3**

7:30 am Bible Study  
8:00 am Body Works

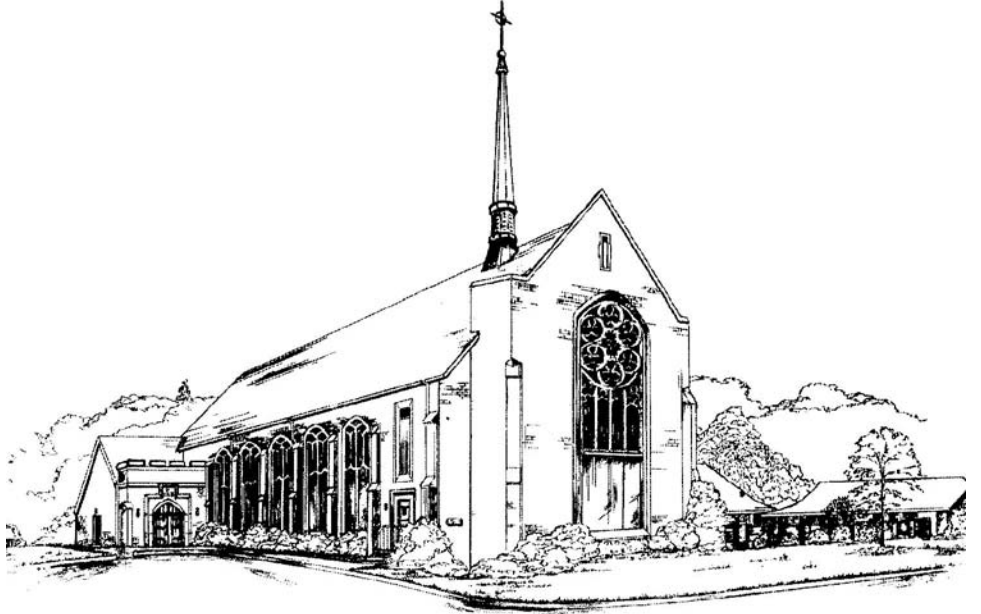
**Saturday, June 4**

**Sunday, June 5 – 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9:30 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service – Communion  
1:00 pm Youth to Treetop!

**May Ushers**  
Larry Harper, head  
Lloyd Gathings  
Eukie Woodall  
Deanna Newman  
(Alt) Mary Palmer Cook  
Wilborn Vaughn

**June Ushers**  
Chris Carter, head  
Memory Cummins  
Rhett Joesy  
Bob Gunn  
(Alt) Charles Foster



**Our Mission**

*We are a congregation filled with Christ's love, nurturing and serving from God's abundance.*



Please recycle your bulletin, use the baskets in the narthex.

**STAFF**

<b>Pastor:</b> Cary Speaker	<b>Director of Music:</b> Dewin Tibbs	<b>Organist:</b> Gary Smoke
<b>Director of Christian Education &amp; Children's Music:</b> Peggy Thompson	<b>Director of Youth Ministry:</b> Traci Finch	
<b>Preschool Director:</b> Kelly Huddleston	<b>Financial Assistant:</b> Bernie Gregson	<b>Administrative Assistant:</b> Bonnie Hartley

**THE SESSION**

<b><u>2011</u></b> Tom Barr Katherine Brown David Copeland Ann Dudelston Kelli Eshleman Nancy Harper	<b><u>2012</u></b> Suzanne Cook Lloyd Gathings Bill Hester Dot McCraney Charles McKell Michael Melvin	<b><u>2013</u></b> Joseph Bonatz Margaret Nichols Donna Speaker Drew Spransy Mike Terry
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