



# Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, October 15, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost, 9:00 am

*Please silence your cell phone.*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Lisa Chase

REFLECTION ON COMMITMENT

Emily Krebs

MUSIC FOR ADORATION

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

arr. Mansfield

Lucy Vaughan, organ / Erica Ickes, piano

+\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Chase

L: Come, all who hunger for good news.

P: **We thirst for words of hope and healing.**

L: Come, from rural road and city street.

P: **We gather at the King's invitation.**

L: Come, join the celebration! In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

**ALL: Let us worship God!**

+\*HYMN #2

[“Come, Thou Almighty King”](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Rev. Chase

Loving God, you invite us to your table in the Kingdom of Heaven, but we do not take our place at the feast. We say, “We have more important things to do.” In our busy-ness and our preoccupation with our own happiness, we miss out on the joy of meeting the needs of others. Give us new hearts, Lord, that we may respond to your love and grace with gratitude that leads us to serve others generously so that together we might all experience the joy of your kingdom and taste the abundance of your grace. This we pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.  
*(Continue in Silent Reflection and Confession)*

\*KYRIE—HYMN # 551                      “Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.  
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\*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Chase

L:     Jesus knows our every weakness, and loves us still.  
Friends, trust the promise of God’s amazing grace.  
In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

ALL:   Thanks be to God!

+\*RESPONSE TO PARDON, #366

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

+\* PASSING THE PEACE

Rev. Chase

L:     Now, as those who know God’s peace in Jesus Christ, let us share his peace  
with one another. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

P:     And also with you!

## PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Bryan Corbin

FIRST READING

Philippians 4:1-9

Rev. Chase

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:1-14

Rev. Don Wahlig

SERMON

“Parables of Jesus for Faithful Stewards:  
Part 2: The Joy of Faithful Community”

Rev. Wahlig

HYMN #363

[“Rejoice, the Lord is King!”](#)

## RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER

Rev. Chase

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Chase

\*Doxology, Hymnal #606 “Doxology”

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

## SENDING IN THE SPIRIT

\*HYMN #39

[“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”](#)

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Wahlig

\*MUSICAL RESPONSE #541, v.1

God be with you till we meet again;

Loving counsels guide, uphold you,

With a shepherd's care enfold you:

God be with you till we meet again.

\*POSTLUDE

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

arr. Wagner

*\*Please rise in body and/or spirit*

*+Latecomers will be seated*



The chancel flowers are given by B.J. Lopez for the anniversary of  
Kaitlyn and Ben Vannoy.

Hearing-assist devices are located at each entrance of the Meeting House.

To assist those who for some reason must leave the sanctuary during the worship  
service, a video-camera link broadcasts the service to the Chapel.

### WE THANK THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE FOR THEIR SERVICE THIS WEEK

**Ushers:** Jack and Elaine Thomas

**Deacon Servers:** Claudia Brown and Cindy Corbin

**No Downtown Daily Bread volunteers for Oct. 20** (due to kitchen renovations)

## WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR OCTOBER 15, 2023

**There is no Sunday morning Adult Bible Study this week.**

Come and participate next Sunday.

**Sunday School for Children, Ages 4 to 18 in Room 202 at 10:10 am**

### **Intergenerational Choir**

Come and sing with the Choir! We gather in Room 202 at 10:00 am, and practice for 10 minutes as we prepare for our first presentation in the next several weeks. All are invited—children, parents, grandparents and friends!

### **Season of Commitment**

This Sunday's Reflection on Commitment focuses on "Loving and Serving our Members" Christ calls each of us to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." (Luke 10:27) Throughout our Season of Commitment, we are focusing on how we are striving to live out Christ's Greatest Commandment by loving and worshipping God; loving and serving our members; and loving and serving our neighbors. This Sunday, Emily Krebs will help us focus specifically on the ways that we love and serve our members here and our hopes and dreams for this critically important aspect of our ministry.

### **SSPC's 2024 Financial Narrative in support of our Season of Commitment is available!**

The Commitment, Legacy and Endowment (CLE) and Finance Committees have worked with Session to produce a **2024 Financial Narrative** document to help communicate Silver Spring's current plans for 2024 and the anticipated resources required to achieve them.

Recognizing that everything we do should focus on one or more of these areas - *Loving and Worshipping **God***, *Loving and Serving our **Members*** and *Loving and Serving our **Neighbors***, the narrative is organized via a framework that shows how our plans, programs and initiatives either continue what we're doing in 2023, enhance our efforts or, perhaps, allow us to reduce the resources required.

You can find a copy of the narrative at [www.silverspring.org](http://www.silverspring.org) under the GIVE tab. If you need a hard copy, please contact Priscilla in the church office at 717-766-0204. We ask that you please review it as you prayerfully consider your commitment to continue Christ's work at, and through, Silver Spring in 2024.

### **Circle Rebekah - October 19 (moved back a week because of Fall Faire)**

Some of us gather at noon with our sack lunches in the Parlor with dessert provided by our hostess, Jenny Bell. Then we move to the Chapel at 1:00 pm for our Bible Study. All women of the church are welcome. If you cannot join us in person, we have a Zoom link or a phone dial-in number, contact Emily Krebs at 717-805-5778 or [bekrebs@verizon.net](mailto:bekrebs@verizon.net).

### **Small Groups this Fall**

SSPC Small Group Ministries provide opportunities to deepen faith and relationships, with the goal of experiencing new things! Some of the groups are closed to new members or are cancelled. We are excited to offer the following opportunities this fall:

- Faith and Work (contact Pastor Don Wahlig for more information)
- Captured Moments & Lovely Graces (Scrapbooking and Memorable Cards)

For any questions, please contact Pastor Lisa Chase.

### **Dining Out Group**

This month's dinner will be at Sophia's at Walden, 129 Walden Way, Mechanicsburg, on Thursday, **October 19 at 5:30 pm**. See the sign up sheet in the Gathering Place. For those interested, it will be BYOB. If you would like more information, contact Mary Jane Voigt at 717-728-4332 or [mjanev@yahoo.com](mailto:mjanev@yahoo.com). We hope you will join us!

### **Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University is coming to SSPC!**

Join SSPC's Jay Ledvina and Don Winning, who will be leading Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, beginning October 19th at 7 pm in the Chapel. Course fee waived if all classes are completed. Dates are October 19, 26, November 2, 9, 16, 30, and December 7, 14 and 21. For more information, contact Pastor Lisa Chase.

**CE Youth Movie Night Returns!** Your CE Youth are sponsoring family movie night in the Chapel, on Friday, **October 20th, at 6:30 pm**. The movie will be the youth musical, "A Week Away". Bring your favorite lawn chair, beanbag or yoga mate and join us for old time movie snacks and drinks, all provided by the CE Youth and Core! Popcorn too!

### **Fellowship Halloween Party—October 28th**

Your Fun-loving Fellowship Committee is hosting a children's Halloween Party on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 10 am to Noon in the Gym. This event is geared for children in Preschool through 2nd grade, but older siblings are welcome too. Everyone is requested to come in costume. There will be a costume parade with prizes, games, dancing, crafts and treats to take home. No cost and no sign-up required, just come and join the fun!

## **Trunk N' Treat—October 28th**

Join the CE youth and Core members on Saturday, October 28th for the always popular Trunk N' Treat. We invite all who are interested to come to the church parking lot at 11:00 am to set up your car, van, truck, etc. Decorate and bring some candy to hand out, starting at noon. The CE Youth will be providing hot dogs and chicken nuggets for all who attend! New this year, bring Fido or whatever your dog is named and receive free doggie treats! Cats are also welcome, as we embrace diversity! All participants and visitors can be a part of the "best" costume contest to win prizes! See you there, but beware! Event goes from noon to 2 pm. Don't forget your costumes!

## **New Hope Ministries**

New Hope needs canned yams / sweet potatoes. Other canned vegetables are also appreciated. Please have your donation to the New Hope bin outside the Chapel by October 29. Thank you for your support!

**New Hope Ministries wants to thank everyone who voted in the GIANT Make A Difference competition.** They WON! The monies will be put toward their Enola Center refrigeration.

## **Save these dates!**

**Advent Feast and Festival - Sunday, December 3rd:** The Annual Advent Feast and Festival is coming! The exact time will be announced soon. Enjoy a complete ham dinner, with all the sides, no cost.

**Christmas Eve Breakfast—Sunday, December 24th:** Join us for Christmas Eve Breakfast on December 24th, 9:30 am in the gym, preceding Christmas Eve Morning service at 11:00 am. Come and enjoy a full breakfast, presented by the CE and Core Youth. Looking forward to seeing everyone; again, no cost!

**Sight & Sound Trip - The deadline is October 15th to sign up.**

**We need TEN more registrations to go!**

Come see Sight and Sound Theatre's Christmas Show, *Miracle of Christmas* on ***Tuesday, December 5th***. The cost for this show, travel and meal, is only \$145 per person. Contact Scott Pepperman, 717-389-5100 or sign up in the Gathering Place. Reminder to reserve your spot as soon as possible and take a check into the church office as soon as possible (made out to SSPC).

**CORE Youth Group**

October 15, 2023: CORE Dinner and Games

October 22, 2023: Service Day - Crop Walk

October 28, 2023: Halloween Party from 10:30 am - 1ish. and CE Trunk or Treat

**Earth Care**

What to do with your fallen leaves?

Hint #1: Lose your leaf blower. It is rude to blow leaves into your neighbor's yard. If you blow the leaves into the street, they may end up clogging storm drains and/or flooding when it rains. This also creates more noise and pollution. Stay tuned for hint #2.

**Prayers of healing and comfort:** Roy and Mary Lou McLain, B.J. Lopez, Curt and Susan Hudson, Terry Reed, Pat Pierce, Paul Burkhart, Elizabeth Bentzel, Elizabeth Bellis, Vera Brechbiel, Rich Morelli, Debbie Bitting, Deb Pfaff, Pam Murray, Steve Wetzler, Betsy Eichelberger, Sheri Miller, Pat Miller, Margie Kutz

**Prayers of sympathy:** Chris Winning for the death of her father

**Prayers for our military members:** Olivia Chase, Justin Ledvina, Josiah Scandle, Wyatt La Pointe

| ATTENDANCE          |             |                     |             |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------------|-------------|
| October 1           |             | October 8           |             |
| 9 am Traditional—90 | YouTube—105 | 9 am Traditional—87 | YouTube—103 |
| 11am Gathering—43   | YouTube—19  | 11am Gathering—41   | YouTube—18  |
| Sunday School—20    |             | Sunday School—22    |             |

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## Come, Thou Almighty King

1 Come, thou al - might - y King, help us thy  
 2 Come, thou in - car - nate Word, mer - ci - ful,  
 3 Come, ho - ly Com - fort - er, thy sa - cred  
 4 To thee, great One in Three, e - ter - nal

name to sing; help us to praise:  
 might - y Lord, our prayer at - tend.  
 wit - ness bear in this glad hour.  
 prais - es be, hence ev - er - more!

Fa - ther, all glo - ri - ous, o'er all vic - to - ri - ous,  
 Come, and thy peo - ple bless, and give thy word suc - cess;  
 Thou who al - might - y art, now rule in ev - ery heart,  
 Thy sov - ereign maj - es - ty may we in glo - ry see,

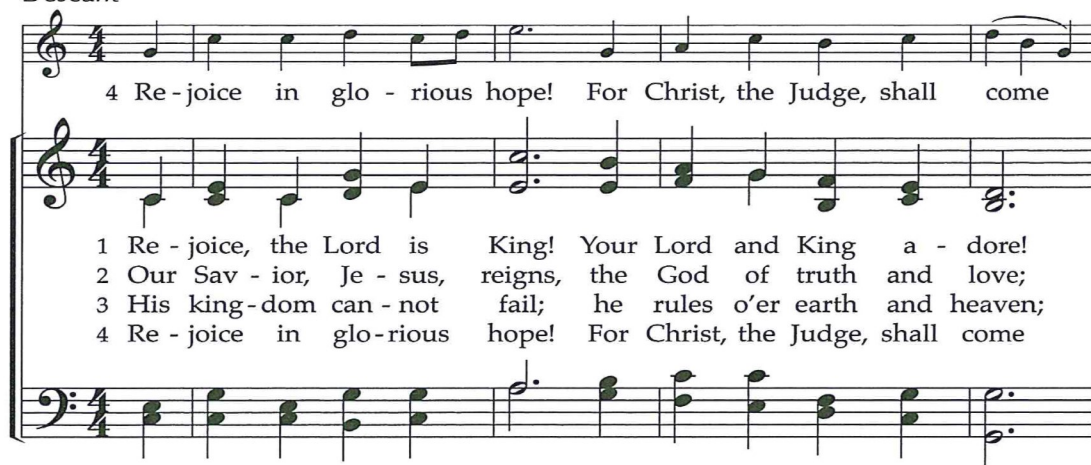
come, and reign o - ver us, An - cient of Days.  
 Spir - it of ho - li - ness, on us de - scend.  
 and ne'er from us de - part, Spir - it of power.  
 and to e - ter - ni - ty love and a - dore.



# Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

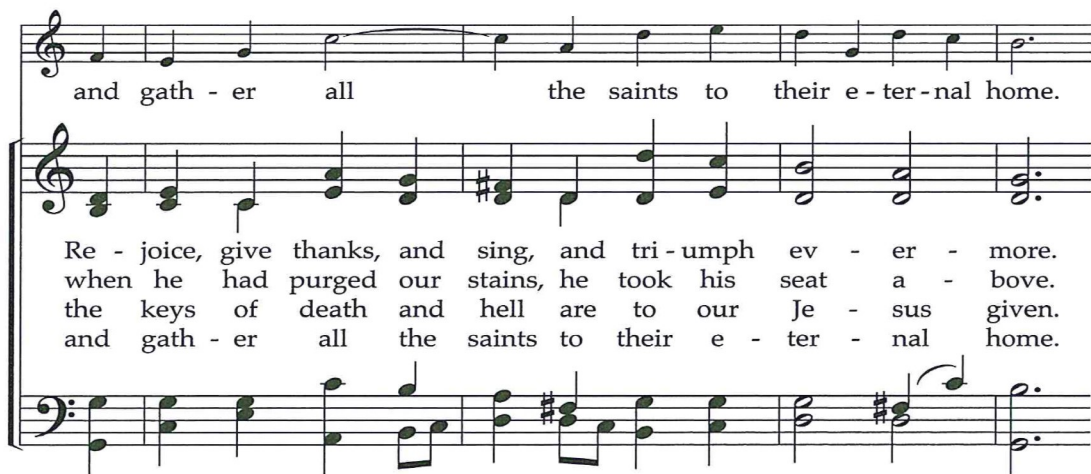
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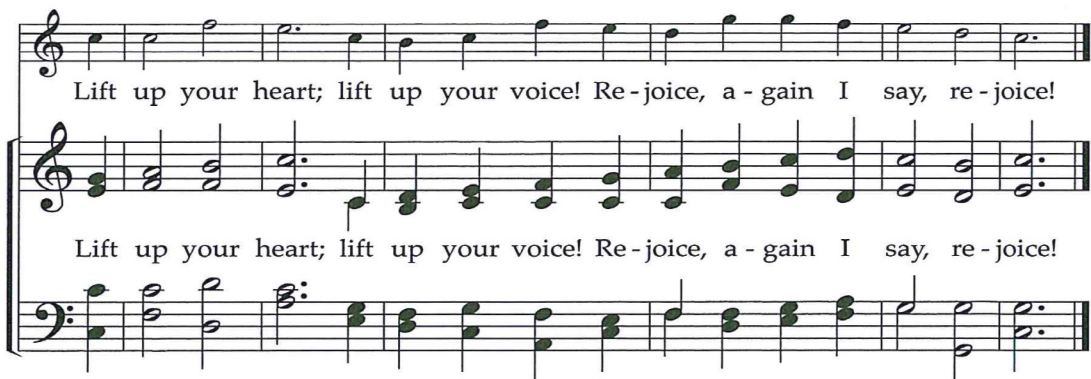
4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - dore!  
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;  
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
 4 Re - joice in glo - rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come



and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.  
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.  
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.  
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.



Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

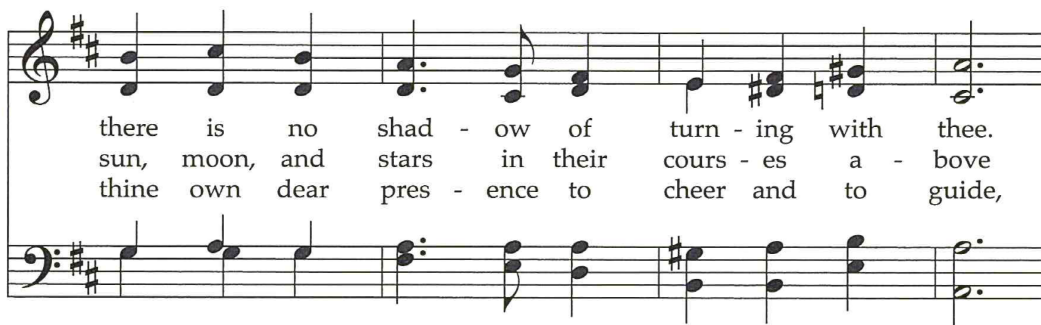
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## Great Is Thy Faithfulness



1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,



there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,



Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:



As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!



## CHURCH STAFF

|                       |                             |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| Rev. Donald B. Wahlig | Senior Pastor/Head of Staff |
| Rev. Lisa S. Chase    | Associate Pastor            |
| Bryan Corbin          | Director of Youth Ministry  |
| Dr. Kyle J. Weary     | Director of Music           |
| Tracy Wieseman        | Music Associate             |
| Erica Ickes           | Organist                    |
| Ryan Edwards          | Worship Tech Specialist     |
| Emily Cocores         | Preschool Director          |
| Diane G. Rabold       | Business Manager            |
| Priscilla Biller      | Office Manager              |
| John Clegg            | Sexton                      |

***We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.***

**Soli Deo Gloria**

**Seeking to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.**

**Glorify God:** Glorify and praise God through discipling, sharing faith and serving with love

**Show Compassion:** Compassion expressed as care and concern for all

**Share Hospitality:** Inclusive hospitality through welcome, acceptance and fellowship

**Nurture Relationships:** Nurture relationships through respect, support and communication

**Steward God's gifts:** Faithful stewardship of all God's gifts

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