

Silver Spring Presbyterian Church

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Sunday, May 4, 2025

Third Sunday of Easter, 9:00 am

Please silence your cell phone.

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

+WELCOME

Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Book Scholarship

Claudia Brown

REFLECTIONS ON OUR LEGACY

Bill Resser

MUSIC FOR ADORATION "All Things Bright and Beautiful"

arr. Page

+* CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Resser

L: We gather to glory in the gospel of Christ:

P: **To walk the road that leads to the cross.**

L: We gather to be the body of Christ:

P: **To serve the One who is our Head!**

L: In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

ALL: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN #45

["I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes"](#)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Bill Resser

Merciful God, your love is boundless and your grace exceeds our imagination. You continually find ways to be among us, even when the doors of our hearts are locked. Graciously, you seek us out, but we confess that sin has us in its grip. Our sin leads us to stray from you and your ways. It corrupts our best intentions and tempts us to believe that you do not even notice. Lord, correct our vision, and cleanse our hearts. Lead us to walk once again in the way of Jesus Christ, our risen Lord and Savior. This we pray in his holy name.

(Continue in Silent Reflection & Confession.)

*HYMN # 551

“Lord, Have Mercy”

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Bill Resser

L: Hear the Good News of the Gospel. In raising Jesus from the grave, God has defeated the power of sin and given us new life in Christ. I declare to you that in Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

ALL: Thanks be to God—hallelujah!

+*RESPONSE TO PARDON #634

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and opened the life-gate that all may go in. Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice! O come to the Father

through Jesus the Son and give him the glory, great things he has done!

+* PASSING THE PEACE

Bill Resser

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

Rev. Lisa Chase

FIRST READING

Acts 9:1-20

Bill Resser

SECOND READING

Psalm 121

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

SERMON

“Whom Do We Trust?”

Rev. Dr. Iain May

ANTHEM

“Come to the Water”
Sanctuary Choir

Anna Laura Page

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

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...Our Savior invites all who trust in him to share this feast which he has prepared.

HYMN #507

“Come to the Table of Grace” verse 1

Capo 3: (D) (A) (Bm) (D7/A) (G)

F C Dm F7/C B^b

1 Come to the ta - ble of grace. Come to the

(A) (D) (A) (D) (Em)

C F C F Gm

ta - ble of grace. This is God's ta - ble; it's

(D/A) (G) (D/A) (A7) (D) (G) (D)

F/A B^b F/C C7 F B^b F

not yours or mine. Come to the ta - ble of grace.

THE INVITATION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
 Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
 Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Great is the mystery of faith:

553 Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

Capo 3: (D) (A) (D) (G)(A) (D) (A) (D/F#)(F#m)

F C F B^b C F C F/A Am

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(G) (A)(Bm) (G) (D) (A)(Bm) (Em7) (A)(Dsus)(D)

B^b C Dm B^b F C Dm Gm7 C Fsus F

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

Hymn #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

CLOSING PRAYER



TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Rev. Dr. Wahlig

*DOXOLOGY #606

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 #697

["Take My Life"](#) vv. 1-4

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. May

*MUSICAL RESPONSE #540, 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

"Recessional in C "

Wagner



**Please rise in body and/or spirit*

+Latecomers will be seated

The chancel flowers are given by the Brown family
in loving memory of Jane Brown.

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: Dave and Diana Gray **Liturgist:** Bill Resser

Deacon Servers: Christa Lenk and Roxanne Dagino

Downtown Daily Bread on May 9th: Rich and Chris Sebring

WEEKLY SSPC ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MAY 4, 2025

Special Adult Forum and Young Adult Luncheon – Sunday, May 4

TOPIC: What does God want me to do with my life, and how do I know I'm doing it?

10:10 – Adult Forum discussion panel in Room 202-203

12:15 – Young Adult luncheon conversation in Room 204 (food will be provided)

Join Rev. Dr. Don Wahlig as he convenes a panel discussion on the Reformed understanding of vocation with Rev. Dr. Iain May, DMin colleague of Rev. Dr. Wahlig from the Church of Scotland, and Dr. J. Daryl Charles, senior fellow of the Center for Religion, Culture and Democracy and author of over 20 publications including the important 2023 book which was the basis for Rev. Dr. Wahlig's DMin dissertation, "Our Secular Vocation: Rethinking the Church's Calling to the Marketplace."

Sympathy

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Pastor Lisa for the passing of her beloved mother, Peggy Strong. Please keep Lisa and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

MEAL WITH A MISSION: 5:30 pm, Wednesday, May 21st in the Gym

Join us at 5:30 pm in the gym for a simple supper, then help assemble laundry packets to benefit Downtown Daily Bread. There are bins in the Gathering Place and Preschool lobby to collect the following items: Laundry detergent pods, Dryer sheets, Ziploc sandwich bags, Ziploc quart storage bags, new men's and women's underwear and socks.

Please sign up ahead of time for the simple supper. Register on Realm, or use the sign-up sheet in the Gathering Place. This is a great family event and good for members and non-members alike. We hope to see you there! Invite a friend!

Youth Church at 10:00 am, Room 112: We meet and sing, study our Bible, participate in arts and crafts, earth care, and much more. This class is for children from 6 to 18. Parents and grandparents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Preschool Sunday School, Room 108, 10:00 am: We begin with singing, followed with Bible lessons, arts and crafts, earth care and much more. This class is for our preschool children, ages 2 to 6. Parents and grandparents are welcome to attend as well!

Circle Rebekah – Thursday, May 8

Bible Study from 1:00 – 2:00 in Room 204. Topic: Sustaining Creation's Health for All. Prior to the lesson, we have fellowship time. Bring your sack lunch to the Parlor at noon; dessert provided at 12:30. Please join us in person OR remotely via Zoom or a phone call. For those numbers, contact Emily Krebs, cell 717-805-5778 or bekrebs@verizon.net.

Monday Bible Study - May 12th: We meet 1-3 pm, on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month. We are studying Revelation as we watch sessions by Rev. Gary Hambrick, from Leesburg, Virginia. Come and learn, come and discuss.

Wednesday Afternoon Adult Christian Education Book Class

We meet in the Parlor at 1:00 pm every Wednesday and have begun a new study by Max Lucado called "God Never Gives Up on You: What Jacob's Story Teaches Us About Grace, Mercy, and God's Relentless Love". This class is for adults from 18 to 99.

Happy Mother's Day, Parent Drop-Off Night

In honor of Mother's Day, the CE Youth are holding a drop-off night for our parents. It will be on Saturday, May 10th, from 4 pm to 7 pm, in Room 202/203. Email Scott Pepperman to RSVP, at puppytrainer52@aol.com. As always, no cost!

Special Offering for Worship on May 11: May 11th is Appreciation Sunday. In addition to celebrating our grads and teachers, we will receive a special offering to support our numerous music ministries and the work of the Worship Committee which oversee them. We encourage you to participate by simply noting "Worship" on the memo line of your check or by placing cash in the offering plate. Thank you!

Calling all Graduates

Our graduates will be honored on Sunday, May 11, at both services. Please submit name, place of graduation and future plans of high school or college students graduating this year, to the church office by May 5 to have them recognized.

Amazing, Breathtaking, Inspirational! The SSPC Intergenerational Choir will perform in the Meeting House and at The Gathering on Mother's Day.

Dining Out Group - May 15: Join us for dinner at 5:30 on Thursday, May 15, at Sophia's at Walden. Signup in the Gathering Place or email Mary Jane Voigt at Mjanev@yahoo.com. Deadline to RSVP is May 11. For those interested, Sophia's is B.Y.O.B. Everyone is invited!

Wine Tasting Group - May 17, 2025: The next wine tasting event will take place Saturday, May 17 at 6:00 pm at the home of B.J. Lopez. Her address is 4612 Chestnut Ave., Camp Hill 17011. Bring a sweet or savory dish to share and your own wine glasses. The cost of the wine is divided among each person who has tried the wines. Please contact Jenny Bell at 717-307-5648 or belljen000@gmail.com.

Looking for card tables!

Got a card table you don't need? The church would like a few card table donations for the new up and coming Mahjongg group beginning May 13th. If you have one, please take it to the hallway outside of the gym, near the AV closet, and it will be stored. If you can't transport it, I'll be happy to pick it up. Just email Barb Wiggin at wigginbarb@icloud.com with your address. We'd like these tables by May 12th. Thanks!

Vacation Bible School: June 22 - June 26, 2025

The CE Committee is very excited to announce plans for the SSPC 2025 Vacation Bible School. The dates are Sunday, June 22nd to Thursday, June 26th. VBS will be evenings only, from 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm. If you are interested in helping in any way, contact Pastor Lisa or Scott Pepperman and Drew Crompton, co-chairs of CE. We will need help with food, decorations, crafts, music, and or course teaching! VBS-YES!

CORE Youth:

CORE meets today at 6:00 pm. This week we will meet to pray for our Storyboard requests, experience a Christian education lesson, talk about upcoming events and service opportunities for VBS and more!

Earth Care - 4 tips for a Bee-Friendly garden:

- Go native with flowers
- Choose plants that bloom year round
- Use only natural fertilizers and herbicides
- Shop local. Avoid plants treated with neonicotinoides - it's toxic to many plants and insects. Home Depot & Lowe's may treat plants with these pesticides.

Prayers of healing and comfort: Lori Scandle's daughter Jamilee, Pat Langdon, Bill Spoon, Bob Buyers, Chuck and Betsy Eichelberger, Forrest Adams, Nancy Thomas, Margaret Glockner, Elizabeth Bentzel, Debbie Bitting, Ron Kutz

Prayers of sympathy: Pastor Lisa and the Strong family; Matt, Tracy and Nathan Wieseman; Lois DeHart and family

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

Thank You

Thank you all for the cards and prayers following the passing of my mom. Silver Spring is a very caring congregation, and we are grateful to have such a supportive and loving church family. Peace be with you, Holly and Chris Lawrence

I to the Hills Will Lift My Eyes

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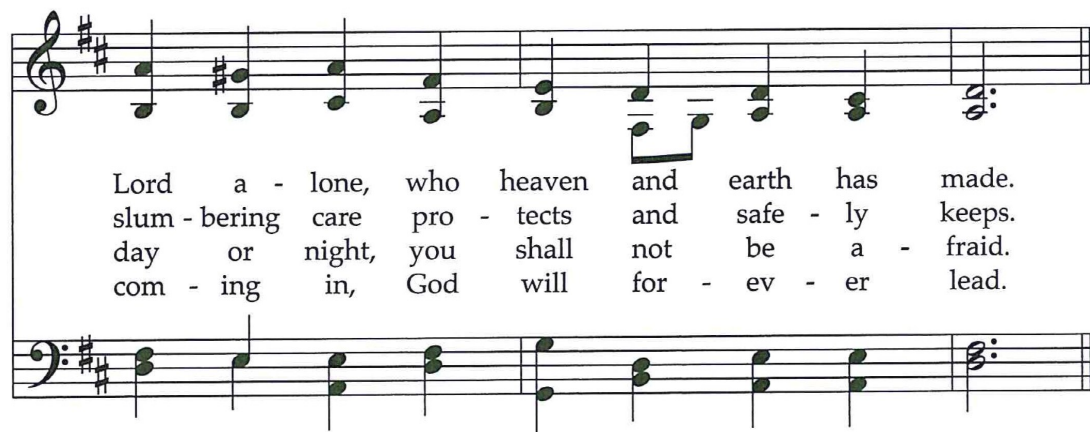
(Psalm 121)



1 I to the hills will lift my eyes; from
 2 God will not let your foot be moved; your
 3 Your faith - ful keep - er is the Lord, your
 4 From e - vil God will keep you safe, pro -



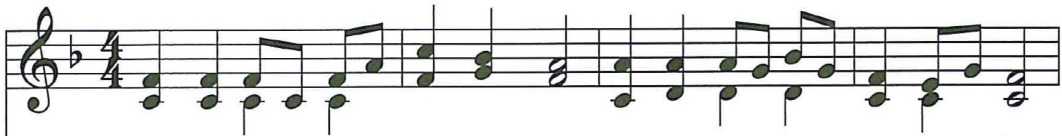
whence shall come my aid? My help is from the
 guard - ian nev - er sleeps; God's watch - ful and un -
 shel - ter and your shade. 'Neath sun or moon, by
 vide for all you need. Your go - ing out, your



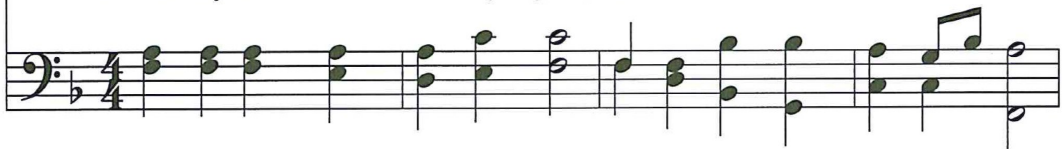
Lord a - lone, who heaven and earth has made.
 slum - bering care pro - tects and safe - ly keeps.
 day or night, you shall not be a - fraid.
 com - ing in, God will for - ev - er lead.

Take My Life

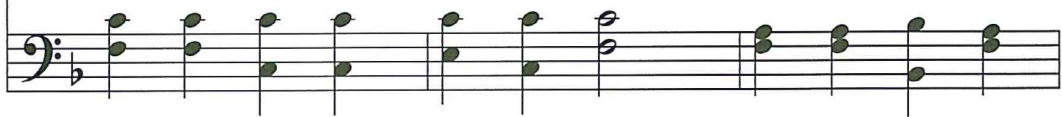
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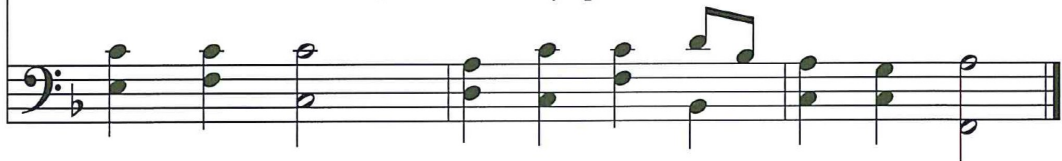
1 Take my life and let it be con-se - crat-ed, Lord, to thee;
 2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
 3 Take my voice and let me sing al-ways, on - ly, for my King;
 4 Take my sil - ver and my gold; not a mite would I with-hold;



take my mo - ments and my days; let them flow in
 take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti -
 take my lips and let them be filled with mes - sa -
 take my in - tel - lect and use ev - ery power as



cease - less praise; let them flow in cease - less praise.
 ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
 ges from thee, filled with mes - sa - ges from thee.
 thou shalt choose, ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



ATTENDANCE

April 20

9 am Traditional—290 YouTube— 134
11 am Gathering— 48 YouTube— 49
Sunday School—18

April 27

9 am Traditional—112 YouTube—82
11 am Gathering— 50 YouTube—24
Sunday School—20

CHURCH STAFF

Rev. Dr. Donald B. Wahlig	Senior Pastor/Head of Staff
Rev. Lisa S. Chase	Associate Pastor
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.

Our mission is to love and praise God, love and nurture our church family, and love and serve our neighbors,

through worship, prayer, fellowship, education, hands-on work, financial support and compassionate care,

in order to follow Jesus and make known the Kingdom of Heaven.

Our Vision is to be a grace-filled family of faith sharing Christ's love with all.

Our Values:

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

Soli Deo Gloria

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