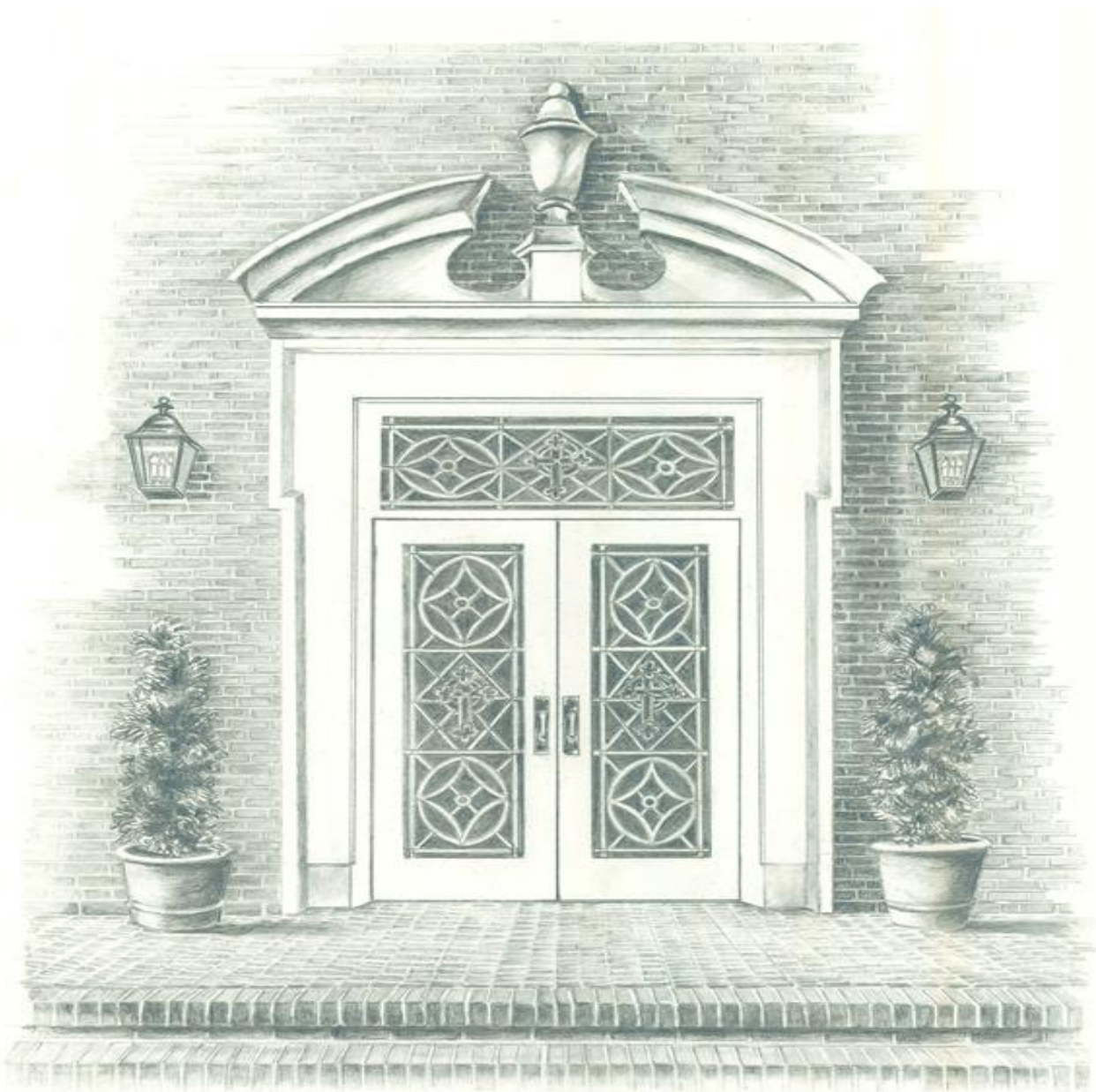


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"Welcome one another, as Christ has welcomed you."

Romans 15:7

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**BEGINNING THE WEEK ON A MOUNTAINTOP WITH GOD
THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY**

JULY 25, 2021

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

10:30 AM

ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

Harald Rohlig

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

PRAYER

CHORAL INTROIT

"When Morning Gilds the Skies"

LAUDES DOMINI

*When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries: may Jesus Christ be praised!
Alike at work and prayer to Jesus I repair: may Jesus Christ be praised!*

CALL TO WORSHIP

George Thagard

One: The foolish say, "There is no God! We are alone, on our own."

Many: We gather to declare the glory of God in our lives.

One: The foolish say, "It is your life; you are accountable to no one."

**Many: We gather, strengthened by the Spirit, trusting that Christ dwells
in our hearts.**

One: The foolish say, "Everything I have is mine; I owe nothing to anyone."

Many: We gather to praise the One who calls us to serve others in love.

HYMN NO. 645

"Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

MIT FREUDEN ZART

*Sing praise to God who reigns above, the God of all creation,
the God of power, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul is filled, and every faithless murmur stilled:
to God all praise and glory!*

*What God's almighty power has made God's gracious mercy keepeth;
by morning glow or evening shade, God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might, lo! all is just and all is right:
to God all praise and glory!*

*The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
an ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing,
as with a mother's tender hand God gently leads the chosen band:
to God all praise and glory!*

*Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud thy praises,
that all may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and body, take your part:
to God all praise and glory!*

CALL TO REPENTANCE

George Thagard

PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS (*Unison*)

Wisdom's Heart: deep within, we know how we have failed to be your people. Our hardened hearts are closed to the love of Christ; our lust for more and more blocks the fullness of your grace from transforming our lives; our trust in the powers of the world reveals our foolish nature. Have mercy, God of every generation. Pour out the rich blessing of forgiveness on our parched souls. Feed us with Heaven's Bread, so we might be nourished by your gentleness. Shape us as your people, and restore us to faithful living, as we seek to follow our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in service to everyone we meet.

SILENT CONFESSION

THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

GLORIA PATRI

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.***

THE PEACE

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

Pastor: ...*The peace of Christ be with you.*

People: ***And also with you.***

(The people may greet one another in peace.)

PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

George Thagard

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 8:40-56

⁴⁰Now when Jesus returned, the crowd welcomed him, for they were all waiting for him. ⁴¹Just then there came a man named Jairus, a leader of the synagogue. He fell at Jesus' feet and begged him to come to his house, ⁴²for he had an only daughter, about twelve years old, who was dying. As he went, the crowds pressed in on him. ⁴³Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years; and though she had spent all she had on physicians, no one could cure her. ⁴⁴She came up behind him and touched the fringe of his clothes, and immediately her hemorrhage stopped. ⁴⁵Then Jesus asked, "Who touched me?" When all denied it, Peter said, "Master, the crowds surround you and press in on you." ⁴⁶But Jesus said, "Someone touched me; for I noticed that power had gone out from me." ⁴⁷When the woman saw that she could not remain hidden, she came trembling; and falling down before him, she declared in the presence of all the people why she had touched him, and how she had been immediately healed. ⁴⁸He said to her, "Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace." ⁴⁹While he was still speaking, someone came from the leader's house to say, "Your daughter is dead; do not trouble the teacher any longer." ⁵⁰When Jesus heard this, he replied, "Do not fear. Only believe, and she will be saved." ⁵¹When he came to the house, he did not allow anyone to enter with him, except Peter, John, and James, and the child's father and mother. ⁵²They were all weeping and wailing for her; but he said, "Do not weep; for she is not dead but sleeping." ⁵³And they laughed at him, knowing that she was dead. ⁵⁴But he took her by the hand and called out, "Child, get up!" ⁵⁵Her spirit returned, and she got up at once. Then he directed them to give her something to eat. ⁵⁶Her parents were astounded; but he ordered them to tell no one what had happened.

Reader: The Word of the Lord. **Unison: Thanks be to God.**

*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish. Come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel.
Here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish; Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot heal.
Joy of the desolate, light of the straying, hope when all others die, fadeless and pure!
Here speaks the Comforter, tenderly saying, "Earth has no sorrow that heav'n cannot cure."
Here see the Bread of Life, see waters flowing forth from the throne of God, pure from above.
Come to the feast of love; Come, ever knowing Earth has no sorrow, Earth has no sorrow,
Earth has no sorrow but heav'n can remove.*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Robert Newman

SERMON

"Standing in the Gap"

Doug Marshall

SILENT REFLECTION

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

The Rev. Dr. Tom Bryson

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

GO IN GOD'S NAME

HYMN NO. 610

"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

AZMON

*O for a thousand tongues to sing my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of God's grace!*

*The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.*

*Christ speaks, and listening to his voice new life the dead receive;
the mournful waken to rejoice; the poor in heart believe.*

*My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad the honor of thy name.*

*To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.*

THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

All join the Pastor in saying, **"Alleluia! Amen."**

Prayer Concerns

- Nancy Deerman's friend, **Zach Crews** and family at the loss of his grandmother, **Sadie Jackson**
- Betsy Murphy's friend, **Charla Elliott**, at UAB Hospital for recovery from surgery for colon cancer
- Ashley Bryson's father, **Hugh Fonville**, in his diagnosis and treatment with pancreatic cancer. Pray for strength for Hugh and continue to remember Tom, Ashley, Michael, and Henry Bryson and Mary and Lindsey Fonville.
- **Pat McKinney**, now in inpatient rehabilitation at Brookwood Hospital for answers to why she continues to fall
- Betsy Murphy asks prayers for the family and friends of **Tommy Rozum** at his death

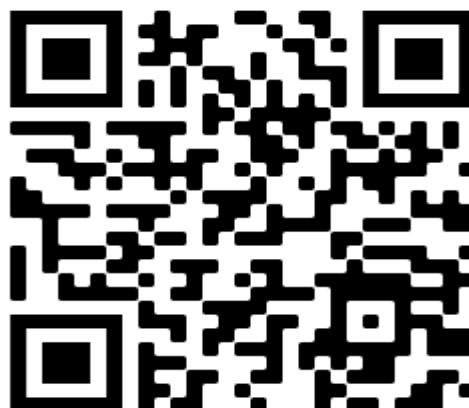
Announcements

Children's Bulletins and Large Print Bibles and Hymnals are available in the narthex.

We are honored to have **Doug Marshall** with us today. See his bio on the bulletin insert.

Vacation Bible School begins tomorrow! Take a peek in Grace Hall and see the wonderful scenery that has been created for this exciting week!

Sunday School Survey. An email was sent out earlier this week with a link to a Sunday School survey. If you have not responded to that email, we would love your input. Below is a QR code that will take you directly to the survey ... all you need is a Smartphone!



The Pentecost CANpaign is ongoing, and we could certainly use some more cans! You can bring your donations to the church through August 2nd. A box is located in the gathering area outside of Grace Hall. You may also write a check to the church and mark it Pentecost CANpaign. All food and money collected will go to support the Greater Birmingham Ministries.

Join us for Rally Day!!! On Sunday, August 15th, at 9:00 a.m. join us in Grace Hall for breakfast, fellowship, and to learn how you can be involved in a Sunday School class this fall at Southminster!

The Columbarium construction is well under way. If you are interested in receiving an information and policy packet, including an application form to reserve a niche, contact Betsy in the Church Office, (205) 822-1124.

Living River Fun Fact: Living River has two outdoor chapels: The Charlie and Sandy Durham Chapel off the field and the Independent Presbyterian Church Chapel off the Main Road trail. Several weddings have been held at Living River. If your Sunday School class would like to meet in one of the chapels at Living River, please reach out to Jenny Thagard at jthagard@livingriver.org.

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