



Spring Branch Presbyterian Church

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*“Make a joyful noise unto the Lord,
all people make a joyful noise.”*
-Psalm 100:1

Hymn Sing

July 23, 2023

8th Sunday After Pentecost

July 23, 2023

10:50 AM

**Those who are able please stand*

God's People Connect

WELCOME AND NEWS OF THE CHURCH

(Please sign the Friendship Book located in the pew rack next to the center aisle.)

PRELUDE *(sung)*

"Come into God's Presence"

GTG, No. 413

*Come into God's presence singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."
Praise the Lord together singing "Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia."*

"God Is Here!" (v. 1)

GTG, No. 409

*God is here! As we your people Meet to offer praise and prayer,
May we find in fuller measure What it is in Christ we share.
Here, as in the world around us, All our varied skills and arts
Wait the coming of the Spirit Into open minds and hearts.*

"Great Are You, Lord"

GTG, No. 614

*Great are you, Lord: you are holy and just;
By your power we trust in your love.
Great are you, Lord: you are faithful and true;
By your mercy you prove you are love.*

*Great are you, Lord, and worthy of glory!
Great are you, Lord, and worthy of praise!*

*Great are you, Lord. We lift up our voice; we lift up our voice:
Great are you, Lord! Great are you, Lord!*

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ENTERS THE SANCTUARY

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *(from Psalm 139)*

Leader: Lord, You have searched us and known us.

ALL: Before we rise, sit, speak, You know our actions and words.

Leader: You breathed life into us to serve Your purpose and sing Your praise.

ALL: We praise You for the gifts of substance and spirit, of acceptance and love.

Leader: How wonderful are Your words. O God!

ALL: How vast is the expanse of Your grace and love!

Leader: Praise the Lord with singing!

ALL: Let us praise the Lord!

Calendar of Events

www.springbranchpres.org/church-calendar

July 23 — Sunday

8:30 am Blood Drive (FH)
9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship
12:00 pm Property Meeting (CR)

July 24 — Monday

9:30 am WOW (S)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
7:00 pm Boy Scouts (Scout Hut)

July 25 — Tuesday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
11:00 am Staff Meeting (P)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm Session (CR)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

July 26 — Wednesday

9:30 am Happy Hands (CR)
5:00 pm Cribbage (CR)

July 27 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

July 28 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

July 29 — Saturday

11:00 am Wedding Shower: Emily Mitchell (GP)
6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

July 30 — Sunday

9:15 am Church Nursery
9:30 am Sunday School
10:50 am Worship

July 31 — Monday

9:30 am WOW (S)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)

August 1 — Tuesday

9:15 am Congregational Care Meeting (CR)
10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:00 pm Cribbage (CR)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)
6:00 pm Basketball (GP)
7:00 pm CENTI Bible Study & Worship* (FH)

August 2 — Wednesday

August 3 — Thursday

10:00 am Flexercise (GP)
5:30 pm Special Olympics: Bocce Ball* (Field)
6:00 pm Yoga (CR)
6:00 pm Fairbees Square Dance* (GP)

August 4 — Friday

7:00 pm CENTI Youth Program* (YR)

August 5 — Saturday

6:00 pm CENTI Church Service* (GP)

*Outside SBPC Reservations & Events

(CR) Conference Room

(FH) Fellowship Hall

(GP) Gathering Place

(L) Library

(P) Parlor

(S) Sanctuary



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray together:

ALL: Grant, O Lord Jesus Christ, that the ears which have heard the voice of Your songs may be closed to the voice of dispute; that the tongues which have sung your praise may speak the truth in love; that the feet which have walked in your ways walk in the light; and the bodies which have received your living body be restored in newness of life. All Glory and Honor are Yours now and forever. Amen.

Departing to Serve

***HYMN** "This Is My Song" (v. 1, 3) GTG, No. 340

*BENEDICTION

Leader: May the God of endurance and encouragement grant us to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together we may, with one voice, glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

***OUR RESPONSE** "When in Our Music God Is Glorified" (v. 1, 2, 3, 5) GTG, No. 641

*When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!*

*How often, making music, we have found
a new dimension in the world of sound,
as worship moved us to a more profound
Alleluia!*

*So has the church, in liturgy and song,
in faith and love, through centuries of wrong,
borne witness to the truth in every tongue:
Alleluia!*

*Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia! Amen.*

*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES OUT INTO THE WORLD

*POSTLUDE

*HYMN

"O God, You Search Me"

GTG, No. 29

Preparing for the Word

CALL TO CONFESSION

Leader: We are a people born of water and the Spirit. We have made promises to be Christ's faithful disciples, and to show his love to our life's end. Although we fail to fulfill those baptismal vows, God's faithful love endures forever. Confident of God's grace, let us confess our sins together in song:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(sung)*

"O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee"

GTG, No. 738

SILENT CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Thanks be to God, Amen!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

***GLORIA** "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (v. 1, 4) GTG, No. 353

*My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

*When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in his righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand;
All other ground is sinking sand.*

God's People Are Empowered

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

Marguerite Priest

*Jesus loves me! This I know, As He loved so long ago,
Taking children on His knee, Saying, "Let them come to Me."
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me!
Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.*

The Word Sung & Spoken

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(sung)*

"Spirit of the Living God"

GTG, No. 288

*Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 25:19-34

Red Pew Bible OT 21

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

GTG, No. 65

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 13:24-30

Red Pew Bible NT 14

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God!

"Gather Us In" (v. 1, 4)

GTG, No. 401

Responding to the Word

***HYMN**

"On Eagle's Wings"

GTG, No. 43

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *(sung)*

"Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!" (v. 1, 3, 4)

GTG, No. 1

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

*Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
Perfect in power, in love and purity.*

*Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Leader: We are surrounded by Earth's gifts of beauty and power. We are called to be stewards and caretakers of our amazing and fragile planet. Let us offer back our gifts and service to the ongoing shared work with our Creator.

OFFERTORY *(sung)*

Hymns of Creation

"For the Beauty of the Earth" (v. 1, 2)

GTG, No. 14

"The Mighty God with Power Speaks" (v. 1)

GTG, No. 13

"All Things Bright and Beautiful" (v. 1, 2, 4)

GTG, No. 20

***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. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen. Amen.

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION** *(unison)*

For the wondrous gift of life, we are thankful, O God. Your generous outpouring of grace reminds us of the fruitful life we are called to bear. May these gifts of time and labor, therefore, embody our desire to share and contribute to your coming reign among us. Amen.

SHARING OF PRAYER CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(sung)*

"Kum ba Yah"

GTG, No. 472

Prayers for the World, Nation, and City

Leader: ...Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life" (v. 1, 5, 6)

GTG, No. 343

Prayers for the Earth

Leader: ...Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

"God of the Sparrow" (v. 1-3)

GTG, No. 22

Prayers for the Hungry and Sick

Leader: ...Lord, in your mercy.

People: Hear our prayer.

"God of the Sparrow" (v. 4-6)

GTG, No. 22

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.