

A CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Path of Righteousness" Lukeheylee

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Sheila Coupland

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP "Lo, I Am With You"

*** CALL TO WORSHIP** Sheila Coupland

*I believe in God, who created the world and is still creating.
I believe that He is the God of time. He is the God of the slender moments that slip through the hourglass and the everlasting moments of eternity.
I believe that He has given us the years of our lives as a period of growth and testing, to prepare ourselves worthy of the life that is yet to come.
I believe that He has time for me. I must make time for Him.
Therefore, I will celebrate this new day with Him in this time of worship. A new morning has broken and I will now praise His name.*

***HYMN OF PRAISE** "Morning Has Broken" Chalice Hymnal No. 53

***INVOCATION and LORD'S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI**
(Words to the Lord's Prayer, Gloria Patri and Doxology are in the pews) Sheila Coupland

CHILDREN'S BLESSING Sheila Coupland
Children who are rising four years old through fourth grade will be dismissed to Children's Worship & Wonder. (An experiential worship experience for children which meets in our library).

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, and OFFERINGS

Call to Stewardship Sheila Coupland
Special Music Offering "I Will Give You All My Life" Rehsarb
***Doxology**
***Prayer of Dedication** Sheila Coupland

ANTHEM "Joy in the Morning" Sleeth

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Communion Hymn "You Are Here" Chalice Praise No. 53
Invitation to Communion Joye Taylor
Prayer of Communion Libby Carpenter

(This is the Lord's Table. All believers in Christ are invited. As the emblems are passed, partake of the bread and hold the cup, offering your own prayer/meditation until after the congregational response.)

WORDS OF INSTITUTION AND CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE:
(Taken from the New Testament: First Corinthians 11:23-26)

ELDER: *The Lord Jesus, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, broke it and said, "This is My Body which is given for you."*

COMMUNION MUSIC "Seed, Scattered and Sown" Gunnison/Miller

ELDER: *In the same way also the cup, after supper saying, "This cup is the new covenant of My Blood. Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me."*

CONGREGATION: *As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.*

SCRIPTURE Exodus 17: 1-7; Matthew 4: 1-11 Rev. Edd Spencer

SERMON "The Christian Journey III: The Desert" Rev. Edd Spencer

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** "Because He Lives" Chalice Hymnal No. 562

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

***CHORAL RESPONSE** "I Love You, Lord" Chalice Praise No. 60

*I love You, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship You,
O my soul rejoice. Take Joy, o God, in what You hear,
May it be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.*

***POSTLUDE** "Praise God to Whom All Blessing Will Flow" Rehsarb

LIFE IN OUR COMMUNITY THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, June 27

FREEDOM & DEMOCRACY SUNDAY

9:00 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship Service
10:30 am Children's Worship and Wonder
6:30 pm Patriotic Vesper Service followed by
an Ice Cream Social

MONDAY, June 28

7:00 am Men's Bible Study on Nahum
10:00 am Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Christian Men's Fellowship

TUESDAY, June 29

9:30 am – 1:00 pm TAN'S Summer Fun
7:00 pm Elder Calls

WEDNESDAY, June 30

12:00 am Young At Heart
6:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, July 1

9:30 am -1:00 pm TAN'S Summer Fun
7:00 pm Men's Bible Study on John



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IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

PATRIOTIC VESPER SERVICE TONIGHT at 6:30 pm

This evening we will gather in the coolness of the Family Life Center. We will gather at 6:30 pm to celebrate our country through special patriotic music by the choir, lifting up the fifty states and a congregational song lifting up our state with "Sweet Home Alabama". Edd will share a patriotic meditation. After the service, the Fellowship Mission will provide ice cream and all the trimmings. The nursery will be open

MEN'S NIGHT Monday, June 28 at 6:30 pm

Our own home grown Scott Jackson will speak to us on Men's Night, June 28. Scott has his finger on the pulse of what's hot and what's not here in the Birmingham area. Scott is keenly aware of what is planned in the way of commercial development in our local area and will share with us what the future holds for Birmingham. Scott has worked for Russell Mills in a variety of different capacities, and is currently the Comptroller for Bayer Properties Inc. here in Birmingham. Come join us for another "James Gang" meal brought to you by Steve Pasky and his merry me. Please sign up on the list in the narthex. *Bud Flora*

THE YOUNG AT HEART Wednesday, June 30 at 12:00 pm

It's showtime! The "Show Stoppers" will perform tap dancing for us at noon, Wednesday, June 30. After a great lunch we will be in for a treat! Some mature dancing, costumes, music, glitter, all the best – just for you! Be sure to sign up and bring your friends for some great entertainment. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex. *See ya, Janet*

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

If you've not been out to the Memorial Garden lately, please make a point to go soon. Thanks to Jim Langley's weekly TLC (and lots of hard work and sweat!), it's beautiful. You can't help but feel God's peace and serenity in the quiet beauty of our Garden. And remember, it's not too late to reserve a niche in our beautiful Columbarium. Several of our members have reserved niches even though they want some of their remains to be placed in other locations too. Jim Langley wants his ashes to be inurned at FCC, buried in his family's cemetery in Lamar Co., and scattered in the lake at Hargis. That's one of the many benefits of cremation.....your loved ones can remember you in multiple places that have been important to you during your life on earth. For questions about FCC's Columbarium, please see Jim or Ann Langley, Jim Baxter, Clarissa Harms, or Jack Kennedy. Niche reservation forms can be obtained from Cece in the church office.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer & Sheila Coupland
MUSIC MINISTER: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher
ELDERS ON CALL: Joye Taylor & Libby Carpenter
SERVING DIACONATE: Gary Taylor, Dan Alderson, Conlee Alderson, Linda Byrd, Jose' Carreras, Nick Cotruvo, Paulette Farquhar, Bob Lamb, Janice Lamb, Connie Tabb, Art Varvoutis, Regena Varvoutis, Ginny White

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP & WONDER:

LESSON: Wondering Day
STORYTELLER: Julie Henderson
GREETERS: Emily Fowler & Pepper Edwards

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

WORSHIP GREETERS: Bob & Janet Clark

WORSHIP TABLE GREETER: Marquita Sebastian

SPECIAL WORSHIP

Next Sunday is Independence Day. The fourth of July is on a Sunday. We will celebrate the freedom and joy of living in this country with a pledge of allegiance to the American and Christian Flags, patriotic music, and a sermon focused on freedom in Christ.

The Beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in celebration of Carole & Nickey Rudd's 50th Wedding Anniversary. And we also celebrate Kirstyn Rudd on her 13th Birthday.

PATRIOTIC VESPER SERVICE
Sunday, June 27, 2010

PRELUDE

WELCOME

OPENING SONG **“This Is My Country”**

*This is my country! Land of my birth!
This is my country! Grandest on earth!
I pledge thee my allegiance, America, the bold,
For this is my country to have and to hold.*

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Great is the nation whose God is Lord.

People: Happy are those who dwell in that land.

Pastor: Strong is the country that follows His will.

People: Freedom and liberty flourish within its borders.

*Pastor: Let us praise God for the beauty and wonder of
America.*

**People: We will thank Him for sending His grace upon us.
We sing God Bless America.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE** **“God Bless America”**

*God bless America
Land that I love.
Stand beside her, and guide her
Through the night with a light from above.*

*From the mountains,
To the prairies,
To the oceans white with foam.
God bless America,
My home, sweet home.
God bless America
My home, sweet home.*

PRAYER

SHARING OUR STATE OF BIRTH

ANTHEM **“I Love These 50 States”**

From: God Bless The USA

Mauldin

HYMN **“Sweet Home Alabama”**
(Chorus)

*Sweet home Alabama
Where the skies are so blue
Sweet Home Alabama
Lord, I'm coming home to you*

MEDITATION **“9/11”**

CLOSING HYMN **“You’re A Grand Old Flag”**
(Wave your flags as we sing)

*You’re a grand old flag,
you’re a high flying flag, and forever, in peace, may you wave.
You’re the emblem of the land I love,
the home of the free and the brave.
Ev’ry heart beats true for the red, white and blue,
where there’s never a boast or brag
But should auld acquaintance be forgot,
keep your eye on the grand old flag.*

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BENEDICTION

******* May we now celebrate in fellowship and joy with the blessing of Ice Cream.**

