

EASTER CANTATA
SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2008

“PRAISE THE GOD OF RESURRECTION”

PRELUDE “My Lord and God” Southbridge

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

CHOIR PROCESSIONAL AND CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP
“How Long, O God, How Long?”

CALL TO WORSHIP “Love One Another” Hymnal No. 189

***HYMN OF PRAISE** “What Wondrous Love Is This” Hymnal No. 200

***INVOCATION** Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

***THE LORD’S PRAYER (Trespas) and GLORIA PATRI** Hymnal No. 35

CHILDREN’S SERMON Rev. Edd Spencer

Children Preschool through fifth grade are welcome to join the Pastor in front of the sanctuary. Young worshipers (Age 3 through fourth grade) are invited to Children’s Worship after the Children’s Sermon. Please join the Leader in the back of the sanctuary.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A Call to Stewardship
Special Music Offering “In the Garden” Rev. Edd Spencer
*Doxology Di’Vadph Hymnal No. 46
*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Edd Spencer

PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Edd Spencer

I. In the Beginning Was the Word Larson
Barry Storer, Tenor
Georgia Flora, Soprano

Narration: Bud Flora

II. God’s Holy Lamb Hayes
Chancel Choir

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

Elders: Bud Flora
Ellis Hill

III. You Are the Bread Schram
Chancel Choir
Congregation: As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

IV. King of Tears Martin
Aneda Chandler, Soprano
Steve Pasky, Tenor
Libby Carpenter, Alto
Gary Franklin, Bass

V. Three Crosses of Shame Larson
David Brasher, Baritone
Kathy Mann, Alto
Wanda Davis, Alto

VI. Praise the God of Resurrection Hayes
Twila Tyree, Soprano

*** HYMN OF INVITATION** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” Hymnal No. 197

***BENEDICTION** Rev. Edd Spencer

CHOIR RECESSIONAL “Praise the God of Resurrection Reprise”

POSTLUDE “Excerpts from “Praise the God of Resurrection”
Hayes/Larson/Martin/Schram

*** Please stand if you are able**

CHANCEL CHOIR

*Back Row: Steve Pasky, David Brasher, Barry Storer, Susan Storer,
(Left to Right) Aneda Chandler, Georgia Flora, Lucille Leaman, Connie Tabb*

*Middle Row: Jim Langley, Leo Nicholson, Gary Franklin, Twila Tyree,
Deb Carpenter, Carolyn Goodall, Donni Garrison*

*First Row: Gordon Goodall, John Tabb, Hugh Henderson, Libby Carpenter,
Rita Wallace, Kathy Mann, Wanda Davis*

Thanks to our sound technicians: Bill Watts and Garry Tyree

*Life In Our Community This Week**Sunday, March 9*

*9:00 am Sunday School
10:00 am Easter Cantata in Worship
11:00 am Evangelism Mission / Genesis Room
11:30 am- 2:30 pm Scale Back Alabama / Weigh-Out
4:00 pm Pastor's Class
4:30 pm Easter Egg Hunt
5:30 pm Bible Study on Genesis
5:30 pm Youth Groups
5:45 pm Praise Kids
7:00 pm Snack Supper*

Monday, March 10

*7:00 am Men's Bible Study on Job
10:00 am Staff Meeting
1:30 pm – 7:30 pm Scale Back Alabama / Weigh-Out
6:30 pm Elders Gathering*

Tuesday, March 11

*9:45 am Chapel
6:00 pm PEPP Program
7:00 pm Finance Council*

Wednesday, March 12

*9:45 am Chapel
6:30 pm Choir Practice*

Thursday, March 13

*6:15 pm Lenten Dinner
7:00 pm Lenten Worship*

Friday, March 14

IN THE LIFE OF OUR CHURCH

- **OUR LAST THURSDAY NIGHT LENTEN SUPPER AND WORSHIP** - The Lenten meals and worship services over the past several weeks have been a blessing. There has been good attendance, wonderful meals, Christian fellowship and creative worship. Appreciation is expressed to all who helped and participated in these dinners and services. The last Lenten Supper and worship is this Thursday, March 13. The supper begins at 6:15 pm with the cost being \$5 for adults and older children. Following the meal at 7:00 pm is the thirty minute Lenten worship service in the Farkas Room. This Thursday we will conclude our service of meditation on Cups with the “Cup of Blessing.” The cup that we will focus on is the power of blessings and the greatest blessing of all – that we are in the embrace of a God of love who calls us “the Beloved.”
- **SCALE BACK ALABAMA WEIGH-OUT** – Ten weeks have passed and it’s time for the weigh-out! The goal was to lose 10 pounds in ten weeks while eating healthier and being more physically active. The purpose was to encourage us to be better stewards by focusing on how to care for our bodies and become healthier. All participants should come to FCC to weigh-out on either of the following dates/times:
Sunday, March 9 – 11:30 – 2:30 in the Farkas Room
Monday, March 10 – 1:30 – 7:30 in the Library
- **MAUNDY THURSDAY WORSHIP Thursday, March 20 at 7:30 pm** – Maundy Thursday, the Thursday before Easter, lifts up the celebration of the Lord’s Supper which Jesus held in the upper room with His disciples, and the washing of the disciples feet. The word “Maundy” is derived from the Latin word *mandatum*, which means a commission, especially a verbal commission. It is associated with Jesus’ command after the Lord’s Supper, found in John 13:34: “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another.” We will celebrate this special meal on this special night at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. The congregation will walk forward to receive the Holy Communion from the Elders and have a symbolic hand washing by Edd and Mary Pat. Invite a friend to come with you on this Holy evening. The nursery will be open.
- **EASTER LILIES** - On Easter Sunday we decorate the sanctuary and narthex with 33 Easter lilies. The number 33 symbolizes the number of years that Jesus lived on the earth before He was crucified and rose again. Again this year you may purchase an Easter lily in memory or honor of a loved one. Please sign up on the chart in the narthex. The lilies cost \$12 each.

WORSHIP LEADERS

WORSHIP LEADERS: Rev. Edd Spencer, Rev. Mary Pat Spencer

MINISTER OF MUSIC: Rev. Jan Watts
ORGANIST/PIANIST: David Brasher

ELDERS ON CALL:

Bud Flora, Ellis Hill

SERVING DIACONATE:

Mack Carpenter, Julie Henderson, Megan Alderson, Buzz DeVore, Nancy DeVore, Kathy Mann, Mike Mee, Bruce Moon, Marian Moon, Sharon Orazine, Elizabeth Orazine, Donna Penn, John Townsend, Lisa Townsend, Garry Tyree

WORSHIP GREETERS:

Charles & Peggy Daniels

WELCOME TABLE:

Ann Langley

CHILDREN’S WORSHIP:

Clarissa & Emma Harms

SUNDAY SCHOOL GREETER: Jim Thigpen

- **TWENTY-FOUR HOUR PRAYER VIGIL THURSDAY, MARCH 20 – MARCH 21** –

We are having a Twenty-Four Hour Prayer Vigil beginning at 9:00 pm on Thursday, March 20th and ending at 9:00 pm on Friday, March 21st. The prayer vigil will be in the sanctuary with each person praying at their special time. A prayer chart consisting of 48 thirty minute prayer periods will be in the narthex. During the prayer vigil, there will be material available for reflection and prayer. There will also be security in the parking lot for those praying in the sanctuary during the night hours.

Please remember that the Prayer Vigil is at the church.

- **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE AND BREAKFAST** – Our Easter Sunrise Worship and Breakfast is Easter Sunday, at 6:30 am at the outdoor amphitheater at Hargis Retreat. Following the service, breakfast will be served in the Hargis dining room at a creation and the Light of the World in Jesus. Following the service, we will gather around the table for a fantastic breakfast with great food and fellowship as we celebrate the risen Lord. Please sign up for reservations in the narthex or call the church office.

The beautiful flowers in the sanctuary today are in memory of Ron Carney on his Birthday, by Georgia Flora and the Carney Family.