

# SUMMER SUNDAYS

ST. CHARLES AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST | JULY 23, 2023 | 9:30 AM

SINGING OUR FAITH | PREACHING OUR HYMNS



WELCOME TO WORSHIP

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VOLUNTARY

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (*responsive, from Psalm 98 and Psalm 40*)

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

**Break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn,

**Make a joyful noise before the Lord.**

Let the sea roar and all that fills it;

**Let the floods clap their hands at the presence of the Lord.**

The Lord drew us up from the desolate pit and out of the miry bog;

**The Lord put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to God.**

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Good and gracious God, we give thanks for the beauty of this earth and the wonder of life in fullness that Jesus came to bring. Every atom proclaims your glory; from the smallest creature to the highest mountain, both attest to your creative genius; the stunning climax of great music and the trusting grasp of a child's hand, both bear witness to your love. Though we cannot hear them, the valleys sing for joy. Though we do not see them, the hills skip like lambs. Though we seldom notice it, all of creation daily performs a symphony for your delight. So gather us together again this day to sing your praises with your creation in all its harmony and discord.

Gather us together to sing your praises with all those who once sat beside us and who now are guests at your heavenly banquet. Gather us together, because we cannot keep silent in your presence, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

†\*HYMN 377

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

HOUSTON

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

Psalm 40:1-8

SECOND READING (*response: Thanks be to God.*)

II Corinthians 4:1-15

†\*HYMN 800

"Sometimes a Light Surprises"

SALLEY GARDENS

SERMON

"A Song for All Seasons"

Chris Currie

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "The Apostle's Creed" (*unison, Hymnal p. 35*)

Ashley Brown

\*GLORIA PATRI, Hymn 581

"Glory Be to the Father"

GLORIA PATRI

INVITATION TO DISCIPLESHIP

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Hymnal, p. 35*)

THE OFFERING

Offertory

"Give Me Jesus"

arr. Trenney

Jacob Huffty, baritone

\*Doxology, Hymn 606

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

OLD HUNDRETH

\*Prayer of Dedication

†\*HYMN 808

"When Memory Fades"

FINLANDIA

\*CHARGE AND BLESSING

\*VOLUNTARY

\*Please stand as you are able. | †Latecomers seated  
Large print bulletins are available. Please see an usher.



## TODAY'S WORSHIP & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY'S USHERS are David Mize (captain), Laura Avery, Terry Ebbert, Deanna McLendon, Kelley and Laura McWhirter, Wesley Simon, and Barrett Wheeler.

THE FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY are given to the glory of God and in memory of our dear friend, Molly Stagg, by Holly and Geoff Snodgrass.

FOR FAMILIES: Please note that while there are no planned children's activities during worship in July, the "PRAY GROUND" in Frampton Fellowship Hall is set up for families looking for a child-friendly space to watch the service via livestream. Coloring sheets, puzzles, and books for children are there. Parents must remain with their children in the Pray Ground. Nursery staff are available to watch over children ages 0-3 in the Bear Classroom during the 9:30 service.

WE'VE GOT A BUSY SUMMER AT SCAPC! Stay connected by joining our email list. To receive worship and newsletter emails, text "SCAPC" to 22828 or sign up at [scapc.org/e-news](http://scapc.org/e-news).

KEEP US POSTED! If you have recently had a change in your address, email address, or phone number, please email Camille Zander, Membership Coordinator, at [camille@scapc.org](mailto:camille@scapc.org) so that she can update your church record. Thank you!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES WITH OUR COMMUNITY MINISTRY PARTNERS

MEALS FOR CARROLLTON CAMP: The last week of SCAPC'S Carrollton Camp begins tomorrow here at church! This ministry provides a safe, nurturing, enriching environment for campers ages 6-12. Last week they enjoyed Bible study, art, cooking, STEM, reading, exercise, guest speakers, and local field trips. We are looking for volunteers to **provide lunches or breakfasts**. To sign up for a meal this week, go to [scapc.org/carrollton-camp](http://scapc.org/carrollton-camp) and follow the volunteer link at the bottom.

We are looking for 10 VOLUNTEERS TO HELP SERVE BREAKFAST at Crescent City Café on Saturday, August 5 from 7:00-10:30 a.m. Crescent City Café serves unhoused and low-income individuals by offering a dignified dining experience with delicious hot meals in a restaurant-style atmosphere. We will meet at Rayne Methodist Church to help prepare and serve the meal. Please email [tyler@scapc.org](mailto:tyler@scapc.org) by Wednesday, August 2 with any questions or to sign up!

HELP OUT OUR YOUNG ADULT VOLUNTEERS! This month we celebrate and thank the 2022-2023 New Orleans Young Adult Volunteers who have dedicated "a year of service for a lifetime of change." All are invited to the YAV's closing worship service at Lakeview Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. this Tuesday, July 25. A Volunteer Community Cleaning Day will take place at the YAV House on Saturday, July 29 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. (Find details on the YAV Facebook page, [facebook.com/nolayav](https://facebook.com/nolayav)).

The SCAPC Nursery School is looking for "HARD HATS" who could build a short, wide bench for the kids to sit on during carpool pick-up. If you would like to help, please email the school at [scapcns@gmail.com](mailto:scapcns@gmail.com).

WATER BOTTLES FOR OKRA ABBEY: Okra Abbey, a community garden in the Pigeon Town neighborhood, is in special need of cases of water for their community fridge during the hot summer months. If you would like to donate and deliver waters one day, please sign up using the code to the right.



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