

# celebration of christian worship

Pre-Service Music *Deep River* arr. Larry Shackley  
Dr. Lori Bade, piano

## THE CHURCH...GATHERS FOR WORSHIP

Welcome and Sharing of the Peace Dr. Leonard Ezell

Prelude *Shall We Gather at the River* arr. Gordon young  
Melvin Hale, organ

\*Call to Worship (based on 1 Peter 2:9-10) Stella Rayburn

Leader: Come, people of God!  
People: **Let us sing the praises of the One who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light!**

Leader: For once we were not a people at all, but now we are God's people!  
All: **Let's worship God together.**

\*Hymn #281 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* BEECHER

\*Invocation Dr. Ezell

## ...WELCOMES THE CHILDREN

Hymn #603 *Jesus Loves Me* CHINA  
The children are invited forward for the children's sermon.

**Jesus loves me this I know! For the Bible tells me so;  
little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.  
Yes Jesus loves me, yes Jesus loves me,  
yes Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

Children's Sermon Becca Chappell

\*Hymn of Reflection #299 *Stand Up and Bless the Lord* OLD 134th

## ...OFFERS THEIR GIFTS

\*Offertory Prayer Jessica Best

Offertory *Down By the Riverside* arr. Hart Morris  
Belles and Beaux  
Victor Drescher, clarinet; Aidan Lobenstein, string bass

\*Response Doxology LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise Him all creatures here below,  
O praise Him, alleluia! Praise, Praise the Father,  
praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One,  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

## ...HEARS GOD'S WORD

Scripture Reading Acts 8:26-40 Jack Ezell

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
People: **Thanks be to God!**

Choral Praise *River in Judea* Jack Feldman/arr. John Leavitt

Often times I dream of music, of the river that freely flows. And it sings a song sweeter than honey, one ev'ry body knows. Late at night I hear it singing then again when I wake at dawn. And it fills me up with hope and goodwill, the will to go on. There is a river in Judea that I heard of long ago. And it's a singing, ringing river that my soul cries out to know. I believe it keeps on trav'lin' but it rests on the Sabbath day. And the time when it pauses in stillness, I almost hear it pray. When I'm weary and downhearted, how I long for the song it sings, for the calm within its gentle blue, its peace that it brings. There is a river in Judea ...May the time not be too distant when we meet by the river shore. 'Til then dream of that wonderful day as we sing once more. There is a river in Judea ... Hallelujah!

Sermon *Easter Means: Destroy and Construct* Dr. Ezell

## ...DEPARTS TO SERVE

\*Hymn of Response #449 *Baptized in Water* BUNESSAN

\*Benediction Bobby Rayburn

\*Postlude *Bunessan* arr. Brock Downward  
Melvin Hale, organ

**\*The congregation is invited to stand.**

# ministry opportunities

## Sunday, April 28

9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service  
5:30 P Youth  
6:00 P Bible Study, Heaven, Hell and the Devil

## Tuesday, April 30

9:30 A Yoga  
10:00 A Quilters

## Wednesday, May 1

9:30 A Bible study, Old Testament  
5:00 P Quilt Class  
6:30 P Choir Rehearsal

## Friday, May 3

9:30 A Yoga

## Sunday, May 5

9:15 A Sunday School  
10:30 A Worship Service, Senior Sunday  
4:00 P Belles and Beaux  
5:30 P Youth  
6:00 P Bible Study, Heaven, Hell and the Devil

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**Music Camp...**June 3-7, 9 A– 5 P. Invite friends! Contact the church office to sign up. Go, Go Jonah!!!

**LLL Crawfish Boil...**Friday, May 17, 11:30 a.m. \$10 per person. Must pay when signing up in the church office.

**LLL Trip...**LLL Trip to Monet: The Immersive Experience on Thursday, May 23. Meet at the church at 10 AM. 16 tickets available. Cost \$27 plus lunch. Please call the church office to sign up. Lunch destination is a surprise.

**Pastalaya Lunch...**Sunday, June 9. Pastalaya lunch following worship. We will host the LSU Alumni choir as well as offer lunches for \$10 for the church congregation. Join us for lunch and stay for the concert at 2 p.m.

**Makers Mart...**Saturday, June 15, 10 A-1 P. Local artists will be on site here at BBC with their artwork for sell. BBC youth will be on hand with concessions and serving as host. If you can help support them and be a welcome and smiling face for the community please contact Becca.

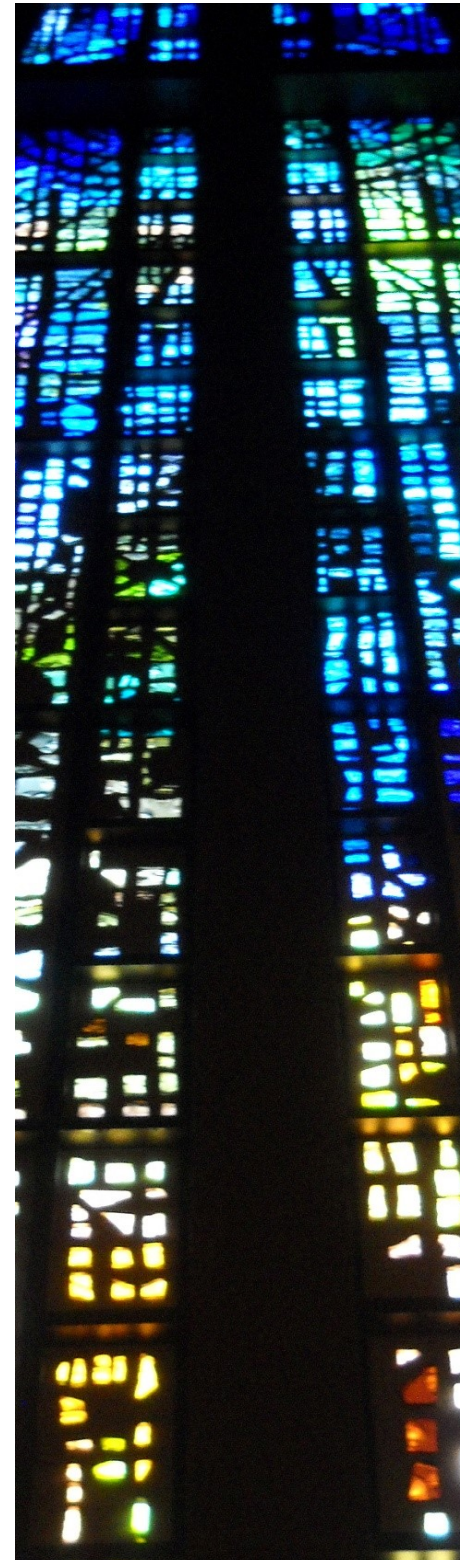
**VBS Scuba...**July 8-12, 6:30-8:30 P. Diving Into Our Relationship with God. Join the excitement of nighttime VBS coming this summer! A great time for our community to get to know us so sign up to be a host, teach a session, monitor the halls, fix a snack or make a craft with the kids.

**Southeast Ministries...**needs dried pasta (not canned) and canned meat.

**St. Lillian's Academy notecards and gift bags...**Children from SLA have created art that has been turned into notecards. They are at the Greeters desk and are available for a \$10 (cards) and \$3-5 (cards) suggested donation to SLA.

**Can You Help?...**Would you be willing to help our caregivers? If you are available to drive people to doctors appointments, run errands or sit with people so that caregivers can run errands please let us know.

**Volunteer Opportunities Coming Up...**Extended Session; Scripture Readers; Common Grounds Café Host; Music Camp; Makers Mart; Southeast Ministries; Holy Grill; and Vacation Bible School.



*“Here is the water!  
The River,  
our baptismal waters.”*

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