



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

April 28, 2024 | 11:00 a.m. | Fifth Sunday of Easter

WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fantasy-Prelude on Amazing Grace

Jinhee Kim, organ

Charles Callahan

GATHERING WORDS & GREETING

Rev. Anna George Traynham

INTROIT

In Thee is Gladness

Westminster Bell Choir

arr. Jinhee Kim

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to praise and worship God,
the one who created us for love.

We gather to worship the true vine,
the one in whose love we abide.

We gather in the light of the Easter story:
Christ is risen indeed!

*HYMN No. 401

Here In This Place

GATHER IN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Landon Dillard

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Christ, you are the true vine,
and you have made us your branches.**

**In your grace, we find strength,
and in your love, we are set free.**

* Those who are able, please stand.

Welcome to Shallowford!

**Forgive us, O God, when we do not live
as people who have been freed:
when we operate as if the Easter story
did not turn the world upside down.
Forgive us, O God, when we do not live
as people who are your branches:
when we forget that we are rooted in your presence
and bound to one another by your spirit.
Forgive us, O Christ, our one true vine,
and teach us to abide in you.**

Silence for personal prayers of confession

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God!**

*SUNG RESPONSE HYMN NO. 591 (refrain only)

Halle, Halle, Hallelujah!

HALLE, HALLE

Sing Twice

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

ANTHEM

A New Way

Mark Burrows

Chapel Choir

*Can we find the strength to listen, find the strength to love,
find the strength to know when we've been wrong?*

*Will we dare to ask forgiveness, dare to make a change,
dare to find a new way to be strong?*

*Though shadows of the past may be a part of us,
they'll never hide the light that's at the heart of us.*

*We'll find a new way together. We'll build a new world together.
We'll lay down our pride, and side by side we'll build a new world,
we'll find a new way together.*

*We can make a way for wonder, make a way for peace,
make a way for harmony and grace.*

*We can build a world of kindness, build a world of care,
build a world where differences embrace.*

*It's time for us to live out our compassion
by turning hopes and dreams to peace in action.*

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*Following the children's moment, children ages 3-Kindergarten
are invited to Cherub Time (3rd floor, Education Building).*

Ages 2 and under are welcome in the Nursery.

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Celenia Garcia and Celenia Perdomo

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 1

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON
"Rooted"

Rev. Anna George Traynham

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***HYMN** No. 822

When We Are Living

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

How Firm a Foundation

Shallowford Bell Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun

***DOXOLOGY** Hymn No. 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

OLD HUNDREDTH

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

***HYMN** No. 836

Abide with Me

EVENTIDE

***CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE*My God is a Rock*

Ruth Morris Gray

*My God is a rock in a weary land, a weary land, a weary land
My God is a rock in a weary land, a shelter in a time of storm.*

*Now stop and let me tell you 'bout chapter one, the Lord God's work has just begun.
Now stop and let me tell you 'bout chapter two, the Lord's gonna keep his eye on you.*

*Now stop and let me tell you 'bout chapter three, the Lord he died on Calvary.
Now stop and let me tell you 'bout chapter four, the Lord he visit among the poor.*

CLOSING VOLUNTARY*Hymn to Joy*

arr. E. Broughton

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This Week @ Shallowford

April 28 - May 5, 2024

Sunday, April 28

11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
3:30 p.m. Chapel Choir Tour
Meeting (Choir Room)
4:00 p.m. The Nest (Heritage Hall)
4:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
6:00 p.m. Youth Small Groups (Offsite)

Thursday, May 2

7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Fitness, Fun & Fellowship (Heritage Hall)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

Friday, May 3

Church Office Closed

Monday, April 29

11:00 a.m. Joy Chorale (Choir Room)

Tuesday, April 30

10:00 a.m. Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group (Zoom)
12:00 p.m. Older Adults Ministry Picnic with the Pastors (Heritage Hall)

Wednesday, May 1

9:30 a.m. SPW - SOS Circle (Member's Home)
5:15 p.m. BLAST (children)
6:30 p.m. NAMI Connection (Youth Center & Zoom)

Saturday, May 4

Church Office Closed
9:30 a.m. Flower Guild

Sunday, May 5

8:30 a.m. Early Worship (Chapel)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School (all ages)
11:00 a.m. Worship (Sanctuary)
12:00 p.m. SPW Coordinating Team (Library)
1:30 p.m. Westminster Choir Rehearsal (Sanctuary)
2:30 p.m. Trinity & Westminster Choirs (Sanctuary)
4:00 p.m. Chapel Choir (Choir Room)
6:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship (Ball Field)

Welcome to Shallowford! During your visit we hope you feel the presence of the Spirit and the love of Christ as we worship God together. Please complete a **Connection Card** (found in the pew rack) if you are visiting or wish to submit prayer concerns and life updates.

The **flowers in worship** are given by the SPC Staff to the glory of God, and in celebration of the wedding of Maggie Johnson & Sam Phillips on April 26th and the upcoming wedding of Bradley Kibler & Billy Bond on May 5th.

Childcare is available in the nursery. **Worship clipboards** for children are available in the Atrium.

Weekly announcements are a great way to stay involved at Shallowford!
To receive weekly communication, email info@shallowford.org,
visit shallowford.org, or call the church office (404-321-1844).

Churchwide

Churchwide Lunch & Staff Celebrations – Sunday, May 19, 2024

Welcome Lucas Gray, Director of Music Ministries, and send farewell wishes to Maggie Johnson over lunch in the Great Hall. We give thanks to Dr. Emily for her leadership as Interim Chancel Choir Director. Her last Sunday will be May 13. RSVP and pay for lunch at shallowford.org or by calling the church office.

All Church Retreat – September 13-15, 2024

Shallowford is headed to Amicalola Falls for a weekend packed full of worship, deeper discipleship, and recreation led by Dr. Ryan Bonfiglio, Associate Professor in the Practice of Old Testament and Executive Director of The Candler Foundry! Visit shallowford.org for more details. *Contact: Landon Dillard*

Adults

Picnic with the Pastors – Tuesday, April 30 (12pm)

Older adults are invited for a picnic to build relationships with our pastors and with each other in Heritage Hall. We'll provide chicken tenders and ask that you bring your favorite side or dessert to share. RSVP to the church office or at shallowford.org. *Contact: Bradley Kibler*

Shallowford Adults Outing – Wednesday, May 8 (9:30am-1pm)

Finish the season with a walk in the park at Morgan Falls Overlook in Sandy Springs! Pick your level of activity – a ¾ mile walk in the woods, a or a longer hike to enjoy the view and learn about the area. Meet at SPC (9:30am) to carpool and bring your own picnic lunch. *Contact: Meg Rosselot (404-307-8267)*

Shallowford Men – Monday, May 13 (7pm)

Men of all ages are invited to Bob Smithers' home for dinner followed by discussion led by Brad Bryant. Please RSVP at shallowford.org. Cost \$10. *Contact: Bradley Kibler*

Children

Children's Spring Musical – Wednesday, May 8 (6:30pm)

Join us in the Sanctuary for the annual musical entitled "Say What?" Together we will see how God used language in two different Bible stories to fulfil His purposes. Awards will be presented to our choir, handbell, and Bible Adventure participants. *Dinner will be provided for all paid BLAST participants. To order a meal for your family, please contact Anne Thomas by Monday, May 6th.

Vacation Bible School – June 10-14 (9am-noon)

Register, volunteer, or purchase [Amazon Wish List](#) items for Camp Firelight, Shallowford's week-long bible camp! Children ages three (and potty-trained) through rising 6th graders will learn about God, our world, and one another. Visit shallowford.org for more info. *Contact: Landon Dillard*

Mission

NETWorks' Golf Invitational – Monday, May 6 (9:30am)

By participating in this event, "Putting Out Hunger," you are joining NETWorks Cooperative Ministry to respond with the hospitality of Christ to the food and financial needs of residents and to partner with them to find long-term solutions to poverty. Players, volunteers, and sponsors encouraged to partake in the fun - networkscoop.org/golf.

Decatur Cooperative Ministry's Sip & Savor – Friday, May 10 (6pm-9pm)

Support DCM with an evening of wine tasting, light bites, a silent auction, and music benefiting their mission. Entry is \$75.00 per person. Register at shallowford.org/dcm. *Contact: Debbie Adams (4ioh@comcast.net)*

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How to Give

You are welcome to make a gift using your cell phone. Text the word “**Shallowford365**” to **73256** followed by the amount you wish to give. You may also give through the Realm Connect App or by visiting the website at shallowford.org/give.



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Here in This Place

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Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ished a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

When We Are Living

822

Pues si vivimos

1 When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
 2 Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.
 3 Mid times of sor - row and in times of pain,
 4 A - cross this wide world, we shall al - ways find

1 *Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa - ra Él vi - vi - mos,*
 2 *En es - ta vi - da fru - tos hay que dar*
 3 *En la tris - te - za y en el do - lor,*
 4 *En es - te mun - do por do - quier ha - brá*



and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
 Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.
 when sens - ing beau - ty or in love's em - brace,
 those who are cry - ing with no peace of mind,

y si mo - ri - mos pa - ra Él mo - ri - mos.
y bue - nas o - bras he - mos de o - fren - dar.
en la be - lle - za y en el a - mor,
gen - te que llo - ra y sin con - so - lar.



Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
 When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,
 wheth - er we suf - fer, or sing re - joic - ing,
 but when we help them, or when we feed them,

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Sea ya que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
sea que su - fra - mos o que go - ce - mos,
Sea que a - yu - de - mos o que a - li - men - te - mos,



we be - long to God; we be - long to God.
 so - mos del Se - ñor, so - mos del Se - ñor.

This hymn began as an orally transmitted stanza reflecting on Romans 14:7–8 and was expanded by a Spanish-language hymnal committee to offer additional examples of the many dimensions of life, thereby strengthening the recurring affirmation that we belong to God through them all.

836 Abide with Me

1 A - bide with me: fast falls the e - ven - tide.
 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's lit - tle day;
 3 I need thy pres - ence ev - ery pass - ing hour;
 4 I fear no foe, with thee at hand to bless;
 5 Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;

The dark - ness deep - ens; Lord, with me a - bide!
 earth's joys grow dim; its glo - ries pass a - way;
 what but thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight, and tears no bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom and point me to the skies.

When oth - er help - ers fail and com - forts flee,
 change and de - cay in all a - round I see.
 Who, like thy - self, my guide and stay can be?
 Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy vic - to - ry?
 Heaven's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows flee;

help of the help - less, O a - bide with me.
 O thou who chang - est not, a - bide with me.
 Through cloud and sun - shine, Lord, a - bide with me.
 I tri - umph still, if thou a - bide with me.
 in life, in death, O Lord, a - bide with me.

By blending end of day and end of life, the imagery of this well-known Victorian hymn has made it valuable for both evening services and funerals. Although the author wrote his own music for it, the present tune has been firmly associated with this text for over 150 years.