







THE GOSPEL according TO PHILIP

ACTS 8:26-40

May 2, 2021

Sardis Presbyterian Church is an inclusive congregation called to equip disciples of Jesus Christ to impact the world by:

-  **PRAISING** God our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
-  **LEARNING** about God's will for our lives
-  **LOVING** one another unconditionally
-  **SERVING** neighbors near and far
-  **SHARING** the gifts with which we have been blessed
-  **WITNESSING** to the Good News of Jesus Christ to provide hope for the world.

We are honored that you chose to worship God with us this morning.

If you are looking for a church home, we would love to help you explore the possibility that Sardis is the place God is calling you to worship and serve.

Present safety protocols for indoor Worship

- * Face coverings must be worn at all times.
- * Temperatures will be taken as you enter.
- * Enter the Sanctuary through the Port Cochere entrance to the Narthex.
- * Attendance will be recorded.
- * Practice 6-foot social distancing.
- * Sit with members of your immediate household in marked pews.
- * Exit through the side door on the south end by the pulpit.

THE CORPORATE WORSHIP OF GOD

† *Those who are able, please stand.*

CHIMES

PRELUDE

Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König Der Ehren

Reger

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

† CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 22)

One: We offer our praise in the congregation, paying our vows with those who revere God.

Many: Those who seek God, praise God's name!

One: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Creator.

Many: For all creation belongs to God. Alleluia!

HYMN

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death he broke its fearful hold,
and our despair he turned to blazing joy. Alleluia!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn we share with him an Easter life
as living members of a living Christ. Alleluia!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's power shakes the church of God.
Baptized we live with God the Three in One. Alleluia!

A new creation comes to life and grows
as Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe, restored and whole, will sing: Alleluia!

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our life, you have called us to bear witness to the cross and resurrection of Jesus, in whose love we have found abundant life. We confess that we keep this good news to ourselves; neither our words nor our actions have faithfully proclaimed his saving goodness. We have failed to show and tell the love by which we so richly live. Forgive us for denying the divine love and power in which we live, move, and have our being. Quicken us by your Holy Spirit, in all that we say and do, to bear faithful witness to the love, mercy, and justice of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

RESPONSE

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Glory to God

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
And the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
World without end. Amen. Amen.

EQUIPPING YOUNG DISCIPLES

Sarah Dianne Jones

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26-40 (CEB)

The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

The Gospel According to Philip

INSTALLATION OF ALICE GLEFKE, Elder in Class of 2022

ANTHEM

The Splendor of God
Sanctuary Choir members

Butler

† DOXOLOGY (Spoken) Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Rev. Katherine B. Harrington

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and the Cup

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.

HYMN

Go to the World!

Sine Nomine

Go to the world! Go into all the earth.

Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth,
baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place.

Go live the word of God's redeeming grace.

Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray;
the nights of tears give way to joyous day.

As servant church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

for I am with you till the age shall end,

when all the hosts of glory cry "Amen!" Alleluia. Alleluia.

† BENEDICTION and PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

POSTLUDE

Sortie

Franck

Please exit by the door in the south end of the transept, pulpit side.

Welcome back to the Sardis Sanctuary!



THIS WEEK AT SARDIS

Sunday, May 2

11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship	Away
3:30 p.m.	Agape Singers	SWS Entrance
4:00 p.m.	Jubilate Singer	Sanctuary
5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship	Fellowship Hall
	HS Montreat Parent Meeting	Education Hall

Monday, May 3

7:00 p.m.	Diaconate Ministry Meetings	Zoom
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Tuesday, May 4

7:00 p.m.	<i>The Vanishing Half</i> Book Study	Zoom
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Wednesday, May 5

6:00 p.m.	Elementary Story Exploration Youth Sabbath	Zoom
7:30 p.m.	Sardis Ringers	Sanctuary

Thursday, May 6

10:00 a.m.	Thursday Morning Bible Study	Zoom
7:30 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir	SWS Entrance

Saturday, May 8

2:00 p.m.	HS & MS Mini-Retreats	Various rooms
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Check your Sunday and Wednesday emails or the Sardis.org website for more events and activities.

SARDIS STAFF

The Rev. Dr. Joe B. Martin, IV	Senior Pastor
The Rev. Katherine B. Harrington	Associate Pastor
Kaitlyn S. Davros	Dir. of Traditional Music and Worship
Steven G. Pappas	Contemporary Worship Leader
John B. Nipe	Technical Arts Coordinator
Adrian D. Martin	Director of Youth Ministry
Sarah Dianne Jones	Director of Children's Ministry
Susan W. Chowning	Parish Aide
Jennifer J. Childers	Director of Administration
Robin L. Medlock	Executive Asst. to Sr. Pastor
Nikki L. Bolton	Director of Communications
Danelle R. Kime	Asst. for Administration & Membership
Elizabeth Angerson	Dir. of Sardis Weekday School
Jenny Walker	Nursery Coordinator
Mark J. Slimer	Director of Facilities
J. Alfredo Mendoza	Facility Team
Dennis G. Easter	Facility Team
Sam R. Johnson	Facility Team

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE BACK TO YOUR COMMUNITY

SUNDAY, MAY 2

8:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

SARDIS PRESBYTERIAN

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Cuddy's parents, Gladys and Bill Coddington and Becki's parents, Gladys and Don Bathgate by Cuddy and Becki Coddington.

We have several offering options for you!

Option 1: Drop your offering in the plate as you exit worship today.

Option 2: Make a credit card gift online using your mobile device: go to sardis.org and click on "Make a Gift Now".

Option 3: Text 'Sardis + amount' to 73256 (ex. 'Sardis 100' = \$100)

Option 4: Click the QR code here to go directly to the secure online form.



Temporary Change to Office Voicemail System: We are installing a new phone system and in the project phase where the old system needs to be removed, but it's not quite time for the new system to be installed. A temporary system will be in place in the meantime. When you call the church office, you'll be able to leave a voicemail message in a general mailbox. During the week, Danelle Kime, our Assistant for Administration and Membership, will be forwarding messages to the appropriate staff persons. On the weekends, the pastor on call will be monitoring the messages for emergency pastoral needs. We continue to be thankful for your patience during this time of renovation.