

WELCOME TO SSUMC ONLINE WORSHIP

July 19, 2020

FOR THE *Beauty*

Cultivating a Life of Contemplation & Compassion
Based on Wendy Farley's Book: *Beguiled by Beauty*

A Worship Design Studio Series

We are glad you are joining us for online worship. Our series "For the Beauty" calls on us to cultivate a life of contemplation and compassion. Over the summer we will dwell with the God of Divine Goodness, deeply in love with us, and practice ways to return that love as we fall more deeply in love with the beauty of creation and with one another. This is the day the Lord has made: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

WELCOME & OPENING PRAYER - Rev. Kate Floyd

Divine Goodness, Holy One, Pause us for this moment, bear us up in this time, hold us for eternity. We offer our lives in service to your creation. We dedicate ourselves to increasing beauty in this world. We commit to compassion and action. And all the people say, "Amen."

CHILDREN'S MOMENT - Candace Johnson

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - Rev. Kate Floyd

THE LORD'S PRAYER - Chris Miller

And now let us pray together the prayer that Jesus taught us, saying: 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

If you have a prayer request, submit it [HERE](#).

Prayers will be e-mailed on Fridays, except those marked confidential.

We invite you to fill out our [Connect Card](#) so we know you're here with us this morning!

SCRIPTURE - Isaiah 52: 7-10 (Voiceover by Marcia McFee)

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of one who brings good news— who announces peace, and brings news of happy things, and proclaims deliverance, saying to Zion, “Your God reigns!” Listen! Those who keep watch raise a cry, together they shout for joy— for they see with their own eyes YHWH’s restoration of Zion! Break out together in song, O ruins of Jerusalem! For YHWH comforts the people, and redeems Jerusalem. YHWH bares a holy arm in the sight of all the nations; all the ends of the earth will behold the salvation of our God!

HOMILY - Rev. Kate Floyd

RITUAL ACTION - Rev. Kate Floyd

Throughout our time contemplating the theology of beauty and Divine Goodness, we have been making the connections between the well-being of our souls to the well-being of the whole of earth and all beings. My prayer is that you will continue to use the contemplative practices experienced in this time to cultivate your life of compassion. The note for this last week is a quote from Dr. Farley: “A contemplative life can empty us and ready us to become instruments of the Good.... for the beauty of the earth.” May it continue to be so.

APOSTLES' CREED - May Fantigrossi, Mary Lane Fantigrossi, Michelle Hettmann, Nicole Marane, Dani Nicholas, Lindsey Nicholas, Chris Miller, Candace Sarrio, Kirsten Summer, James Summer, Olivia Summer, Sherry Taylor, Bill Thackston, Jo Sheetz

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERTORY PRAYER - Candace Johnson

As you listen to the offertory song, we invite you to give towards the ministries of the church. Thank you for your generosity and all you do to make sure SSUMC continues to change lives.

- Online: Give through our secure site [HERE](#), either a one-time or recurring donation.
- Text to Give: Text ssumcgive to 73256
- Make a check out to the church and mail it to: Sandy Springs UMC 86 Mt. Vernon HWY NW, Sandy Springs, GA 30328
- Set-up Recurring Giving through your bank to mail checks directly to the church

OFFERTORY SONG - For The Beauty of the Earth

by SSUMC Choir and Friends

BENEDICTION - Rev. Kate Floyd

The world is so varied and beautiful.
Seek wisdom wherever it is to be found.
And may the goodness of the Creator,
the companionship of the Christ,
and the insight of the Spirit,
infuse your life now and always. Amen.

BENEDICTION RESPONSE - For the Beauty of the Earth

Go in peace, friends!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New sermon series & scripture reflection group
starting next week!



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Unraveled: Seeking God When our Plans Fall Apart

Scripture Reflection Group

Wednesdays, 7-8pm on Zoom

July 29-September 2

Recurring zoom link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85342959701>

Our next worship series explores the questions: What happens when our world falls apart? What does it look like to search for God in the gray area of our lives? How do we press onward when our tightly-knit plans unravel into loose threads? The series explores biblical stories where God meets us in the spiraling, unraveling our plans—and us—into something new. Join Pastor Kate for a mid-week, online small group, where we will dig deeper into the upcoming Sunday's bible story. We'll meditate on the scripture, reflect on visual images of the story, and share our reflections with one another. All welcome, and you don't have to attend every session to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK!

CANNED FOOD DRIVE

TO SUPPORT THE SOLIDARITY SANDY SPRINGS FOOD PANTRY



Donations accepted: All kinds of fruit, corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, and pasta sauce

JULY 19 - 26 | 86 Mt Vernon Hwy NW

The SSUMC Outreach Team is organizing a canned food drive next week (July 19-26) in support of the Solidarity Sandy Springs Food Pantry! Donations accepted include **all** kinds of fruit, corn, green beans, mixed vegetables, and pasta sauce. Drop off in a blue bin by the Fellowship Hall doors.



- To help with the food pantry at Samad Grill, click [here](#)
- To help with the food pantry at the Solidarity Shopping plaza, click [here](#)
- Volunteer at CAC:
 - For food pantry sign-up, click [here](#)
 - For thrift shop donation pricers/sorters, click [here](#)
 - For food pantry packing/donation processing, click [here](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy Springs UMC 2020 VISION



Without a vision,
the people will perish.

-Proverbs 29:18

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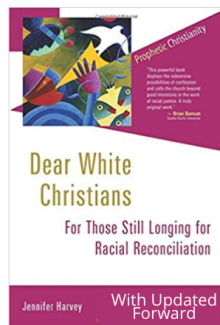
Participate in our visioning process by praying daily prayers at 8:30am and pm and filling out the congregational gifts survey!

- Visioning Overview: ssumc.org/vision
- Prayers: ssumc.org/prayers
- Survey: Click [here](#) (please complete by next Sunday, July 26!)

Summer Reading Group: RACIAL JUSTICE



JULY 27



AUG 24

We've switched the order of our next two racial justice books because there's a second edition of Dear White Christians that will be released in mid-July. So we'll read I'm Still Here for July 27 and Dear White Christians for August 24. We hope you'll join us in this important conversation.

Mondays, 7-8pm

Discussions on Zoom

Facilitated by Pastor Kate

RSVP to Kate: kfloyd@ssumc.org

MONDAYS | 7-8 PM

RSVP TO KATE AT [KFLOYD@SSUMC.ORG](mailto:kfloyd@ssumc.org)

For more information, click [here](#)!