

FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed I was walking along the beach with the Lord.

Many scenes from my life flashed across the sky.

In each scene I noticed footprints in the sand.

Sometimes there were two sets of footprints,
other times there were one set of footprints.

This bothered me because I noticed
that during the low periods of my life,
when I was suffering from anguish, sorrow or defeat,
I could see only one set of footprints.

So I said to the Lord,

“You promised me Lord, that if I followed you,
you would walk with me always. But I have noticed that during
the most trying periods of my life there have only been one
set of footprints in the sand.

Why, when I needed you most,
you have not been there for me?”

The Lord replied,
“The times when you have
seen only one set of footprints,
is when I carried you.”

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PREPARE YOUR HEARTS AND MINDS FOR WORSHIP

PLEASE SILENCE ALL ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING WORSHIP

SETTING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

CHIMING

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jim Beisner

One: We've come to worship God, who loved us before we were yet born,

Many: who knows us even better than we know ourselves, whose presence never leaves us, and whose love for us never ceases.

All: This is our God. Let's worship together!

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING THE PEACE

HYMN OF PRAISE

#35 Morning Has Broken

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our thoughts, our weaknesses, our motivations, our sins. And you love us still. Forgive us when we don't believe such love is true or possible; When we wonder how You could love us just as we are, when we forget our intricate construction, fearfully, wonderfully made, in Your image! Remove from our minds every thought which keeps us from you. Break down the walls, push aside the pride, and help us to trust anew. You know our hearts. And you love us still.

(time of silent personal confession). Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

One: For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place you can go, no end of the earth you can run, where God cannot find you. There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate you from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All: We are forgiven. We are loved. We are reconciled to God.

One: Go and live with the love of God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be.

World without end. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING AND ENACTING THE WORD

TIME WITH YOUNGER CHURCH

Aaron Roberts

SCRIPTURES

Psalm 139:1–14 and Romans 8:38–39

†HYMN OF RESPONSE

#405 The Solid Rock

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

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.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS**MUSICAL OFFERING**

Sandra Martin

PRAYER OF DEDICATION***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly host
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & 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.

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP**

#473 What A Friend We Have in Jesus

BENEDICTION**POSTLUDE**

Angela Boyd Wyatt- Comes to us today to lead worship. She is currently a candidate for ministry under care of this Presbytery. She serves a New Worshipping Community with The Spiritual Wellness Center and is a board certified chaplain. We are grateful for Angela bringing the Word to us today.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SPC

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY WILL BE TAKING THE SUMMER OFF! WILL RESUME IN THE FALL.



AUG 1ST - PRAY FOR SCHOOL EVENT - 9AM @SMITH-BARNES ELEMENTARY

PASTOR KRISTY IS IN MONTREAT AND WILL RETURN JULY 26TH FOR WORSHIP. ON AUGUST 16TH SHE WILL BE BACK AT MONTREAT FOR WOMEN'S CONFERENCE.

SUNDAY MORNINGS
FELLOWSHIP 9AM IN FELLOWSHIP HALL

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:20
WIRED WORD WITH AARON ROBERTS
STUDY OF CURRENT EVENTS
(IN PERSON AND ONLINE)



FOR ONLINE GIVING,
NEWSLETTER,
AND MORE

PRAYER LIST:

Members: Joyce Andrews, Joel Bryant, Edna Fisher, Carolyn Francis, Lee Hart, Faith Heffernan, Jason & Phyllis Howard, Bob Johnson, Thelma Newsome, Stephanie Phillips-Ayoola, Sue Rogers & Family, Jane Rutledge, Judy Simmons, Sally Smith, Sandra Martin, Cathy & Joe Wegner, Collette Shedd, Emma Thompson, Joanne Donaldson, Shannon Huggins, Doug Scott, Randy Berndt, Cynthia Weekes, James Mobley.

Friends & Family: David Ayoola, Larry Clark, Kendall Phillips, Mark Stanley, Loan & Jack Szeto, Junior White, Melissa Gilbert (Stephanie's sister), Diane Ray, Joshua Beck, Ammon Grant Martin (Sandra Martin's grandson), June Moloney, Tom Smith, Vickie Loignon, Billie Anne, Marla Grizzel, Jim Ray, Christopher Graves, Sharon Kite, Izzy Pate, Donny Warr, Manny/Heather Gonzalez, Mac Cox, John Hugus, Mary Alice Bartlett (Stephanie's mom), Kelli Autrey, Robbie Jones, Cade Grady.

Bereavement: Ed Ray (4/18/26), Elaine Adcock (5/27/26), Henry Farmer (6/20/26), Charles Dunn (6/28/26)

Military: Chauncey Dixon (Army)

WE WOULD LOVE YOU TO BECOME PART OF THE STOCKBRIDGE CHURCH FAMILY, IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER, PLEASE SPEAK WITH PASTOR KRISTY.

REV. KRISTY RAY, PASTOR
JULY HEAD ELDER: AARON ROBERTS
CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR: KELLI AUTREY

MINISTERS: EVERYONE
ANDREA EMMEL, MUSIC DIRECTOR