

Traditional

Isaiah: The prophet who predicted Jesus YOUTH SUNDAY

April 25, 2021

Characters

Leader

Prelude

Spotify

Celebration of Community

Hello Everybody! Welcome to in person and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. Things going to look a little different today because it's Youth Sunday. We have students from Middle school and High School that will be leading all of the different parts of our service today. We're glad you're here to join in!

Bella
Grace
Walley

For those here in person, we want to remind you to keep your masks on during the service to keep everyone healthy.

- We especially want to welcome our visitors today. Please fill out our online Visitor Form so that we can connect with you: saxegotha.org/visit-us. There are also visitors cards in the pew racks please fill those out and leave in the baskets at the end of the service

- The Annual Women's Luncheon will be held on May 16 at 12:30 pm in the gym. Women of all ages are invited. Purchase tickets at saxegotha.org/events or through the green envelopes in the pew pockets during the worship services.

- Family Vacation Bible School will be held in the evening, June 28- July 1. Please register: saxegotha.org/summer.

- Today is the last day to submit reservations for the High School senior banquet. We need to make sure that we have an accurate headcount for food and seating.

Youth Ministry Update

I'd like to take a moment update you all on what's been going on in the Student Ministry this year. Covid has definitely caused things to look different, but we've still been able to stay active with a few tweaks.

Jake
Patterson

Last summer, we spent a lot of time outdoors with parking lot parties, movie nights, and parking lot prom. We had five great interns that poured a lot into the ministry and brought a great energy to the summer. Our high school ministry also went to a camp that is new to us called Snowbird. It was a great trip, and we're excited to be going back this year for a combined high school and middle school trip.

We were able to continue with things like Wednesday nights and small groups in the fall, and we even added two new programs on Sunday afternoons, Oasis and Refuge.

This semester, we've also been able to do Modgnik, our retreat where we partner with other local churches to join in worship and growth together. It's a great time for our students, and the students of other churches, to all gather together for worship, teaching, and fellowship.

Our high school was also able to go to Awanita for a spring retreat a few weeks ago. It was nice to be able to get away for a weekend to pull away from all the business and stress of life, and refocus on the things that really matter.

As we look forward to this summer, please be praying for our ministry as High School goes to Colorado for the Reformed Youth Ministry Conference, and both middle and high school heads to Andrews, NC, for Snowbird. Thank you for all of your support and prayer.

Now let us prepare our hearts for worship.

We Gather to Worship

Music of Preparation

Anna Cully

Call to Worship

Please stand and join me in our call to worship.

Caroline
Farrar

Leader: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

People: Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits,

Leader: He forgives all your iniquity,
He heals all your diseases,

People: He redeems your life from the pit,
He crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

All: He satisfies you with good
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: The LORD works righteousness
and justice for all who are oppressed.

People: He made known his ways to Moses,
his acts to the people of Israel.

All: The LORD is merciful and gracious,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Living Hope

Opening Hymn

YAPE

Prayer of Confession

Please be seated. Let us now join together in our prayer of confession, followed by a moment of silent, personal confession.

Anna Cully

God, you heap your love upon us like a parent providing for a family and embracing a child with tenderness. Forgive us when, like spoiled children, we treat your generosity as our right, or keep it possessively to ourselves. Too often we are selfish with the good news that you give us. Give us enough trust to live secure in your love and to share it freely with others in open-handed confidence that your grace will never run out. We ask all of this in the name of your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Words of Assurance

Now, hear this good news from Hebrews 10:19–22

Audrey
Taylor

Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

Affirmation of Faith

Please join me in our affirmation of faith from the New City Catechism.

Thomas
Zeigler

Q1: What is our only hope in life and death?

A1: That we are not our own but belong, body and soul, both in life and death, to God and to our Savior Jesus Christ.

Q6: How can we glorify God?

A6: We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

Q30: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

A30: Faith in Jesus Christ is acknowledging the truth of everything that God has revealed in his Word, trusting in him, and also receiving and resting on him alone for salvation as he is offered to us in the gospel.

	Leader
Liturgical Dance	Ellie Merck & Caroline Cully
Children's Message Recorded by Marshall Cochran	Katherine Delk & Anna Beth Cochran
Passing of the Peace Our church family is a blessing from God, so let's take a moment to show gratitude for it. Please stand and wave to those around you, keeping social distance in mind, as we greet one another. For those watching at home, this is a great time to reach out to people through text. Now let's all pass the peace of Christ.	Alexis Stoudemire
Offertory Prayer Let's gather back together for our time of offering. Please make yourselves comfortable. We have a lot going on here at Saxe Gotha, and it is only possible because of the time, talents and treasures that all of you share with us. We want to especially thank all who participated in Drive Thru Prayer this past Tuesday. This week began the 4th year of the program! Thank you to everyone who has worked to make it possible. We're about to pray for our offering, but before we do, let me remind you of the ways you can give. You can give securely online by going to saxegoths.org/give . You can give by text if you text the amount to 803-302-3499. Or you can give by mail by sending a check to 5503 Sunset Boulevard, Lexington, SC, 29072. If you're here with us in person, our ushers will have baskets to collect offering on your way out today. Now let's pray together. Almighty Father. We thank you for all of your good gifts, and today we bring back a portion of those gifts as an offering to you. We ask that you would use these gifts to your glory and that they would be helpful in building up your Kingdom here in the world. We ask all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.	Andrew Hancock
Anthem No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus	Senior Duet
We Hear God's Word	
Message #1 The Reality Of Doubt	Livy McGee
Message #2 Testimony of Discipleship	Ella Kate Patterson
Message #3 Losing Track of God Isaiah 6:4-13	Jack Flanagan
We Respond to God's Word	
Pastoral Prayer	Jack Flanagan
The Lord's Prayer	Jack Flanagan
Invitation and Benediction	Livy McGee
<i>Since Your Love</i> W/ Track	YAPE
Postlude	