

Traditional

Malachi: The Purifying
Prophet (Malachi 1:6-14)
WOMEN'S SUNDAY

May 16, 2021

Characters

Leader

Prelude

"Speak, O Lord"....Words and Music by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend...arr. Mary McDonald

Cathy
McGill

Celebration of Community

Hello! Welcome to in person and online worship here at Saxe Gotha. We're glad you're here to join in!

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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.

- Beginning June 6, all 3 services will be back! 8:30 am Traditional in the Sanctuary, 10:45 am Contemporary in the Light House and 11:00 am Traditional in the Sanctuary.

- Please join us this Tuesday morning from 7:15 - 8:15 am in the Saxe Gotha Parking Lot. Help us serve our community with prayer!

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

Minute for Mission: Women in Ministry video

Michelle
Smoak

Presentation of J.O.Y. Award

Kathy
Arrowsmith
and
Madonna
Moore

We Gather to Worship

Opening Hymn

#375 "Jesus shall reign"

Miki
Keisler

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we have often lost our way. Our lives are cluttered by too many things and too much to do. We are driven by the need to succeed and distracted from our service. We confess that we own more than we use and request more than we need. We seek your salvation, then act like we save ourselves. We beg your forgiveness, then repeat our errors. We rely on your power, but only in hard times. We have become confused and misguided. Forgive us. Let us, like Mary, find the one thing that is needed and sit at your feet. Bring us to a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the true Messiah. Amen.

Stacie
McEntyre

Words of Assurance: Psalm 103:8-13

8 The Lord is compassionate and merciful,
slow to get angry and filled with unfailing love.
9 He will not constantly accuse us,
nor remain angry forever.
10 He does not punish us for all our sins;
he does not deal harshly with us, as we deserve.
11 For his unfailing love toward those who fear him
is as great as the height of the heavens above the earth.
12 He has removed our sins as far from us
as the east is from the west.
13 The Lord is like a father to his children,
tender and compassionate to those who fear him.

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	Leader
Liturgical Dance "Run to the Father"	Caroline Cully and Ellie Merck
Affirmation of Faith from the Essential Tenets of ECO Please stand and join me as we affirm our faith using a portion of Essential Tenets of ECO: "The ministries of the church reflect the three-fold office of Christ as prophet, priest, and king – reflected in the church's ordered ministries of teaching elders, deacons, and ruling elders. We affirm that men and women alike are called to all the ministries of the Church, and that every member is called to share in all of Christ's offices within the world beyond the church. Every Christian is called to a prophetic life, proclaiming the good news to the world and enacting that good news. Every Christian is called to extend the lordship of Christ to every corner of the world. And every Christian is called to participate in Christ's priestly, mediatorial work, sharing in the suffering of the world in ways that extend God's blessing and offering intercession to God on behalf of the world. We are equipped to share in these offices by the Holy Spirit, who conforms us to the pattern of Christ's life."	Loretta Gobel
Gloria Patri	Miki Keisler
Children's Message(Video)	Gracie Rabon/ Livvy McGee
Passing of the Peace	Miki Keisler
Doxology #815	Miki Keisler
Minute for Mission: Stephen Ministry video	AV
Offertory Prayer If you are interested in being trained as a Stephen Minister, please contact Renee Starnes in the church office. It is now our turn to respond to God with our offering. If you are here in person, the ushers will be at the door with baskets, so you can drop your offering in there. If you are joining us online, you may give in 3 secure ways: 1) go to our website saxegotha.org/give , 2) you may text your offering at 803-302-3499, or 3) you can mail your check to 5503 Sunset Blvd, Lexington, SC. Let us pray . . .	Carole Farrar
Anthem "He will hold me fast"	Lillie Gardner
We Hear God's Word	
Message Malachi: The Purifying Prophet	Helen Harrison Ham
We Respond to God's Word	
Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer	Helen Harrison
Invitation and Benediction	Helen Harrison
Closing Hymn #215 When Morning gilds the sky	Miki Keisler
Postlude "Spring Praise" with 'Spring' from THE FOUR SEASONS by Vivaldi arr. L. Gadd	Cathy McGill

