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inviting everyone to See, Savor, and Serve Jesus as the Author & Perfecter of our faith.*

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup>, 2015

SERMON SERIES:



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MRS. CARRIE DIRKS

## CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

## SONG OF PRAISE

COME YE SINNERS

*J. Hart | M. S. Smith*

Come ye sinners poor and wretched / Weak and wounded, sick and sore  
Jesus ready stands to save you / Full of pity joined with power  
He is able, He is able / He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome / God's free bounty glorify  
True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh  
Without money, without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall  
If you tarry till you're better / You will never come at all  
Not the righteous, not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger / Nor of fitness fondly dream  
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him  
This He gives you, this He gives you / 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood  
Venture on Him venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude  
None but Jesus, none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good

## — ANNOUNCEMENTS —

**FRIDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY** — Men, a new Bible study is under way and will continue for the next 11 Fridays studying the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians. The venue (most weeks) will be at the Dirks Residence (1016 Timber Lake Dr, 28227) and we will meet at 6am (wake up early—no excuses!). ***This coming week, however, we will be meeting at Chick-fil-A on Albemarle Road instead (still at 6am).*** We hope you will join us, making God's Word & God's people (particularly other men) a priority in your lives. Please feel free to invite anyone else you might hope to benefit from this time well spent.

## — UPCOMING EVENTS —

MAY 22	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (@ CHICK-FIL-A)
MAY 24	NEW MEMBER INSTALLATION
MAY 26	PRESBYTERY MEETING (IN CHARLOTTE)
MAY 29	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MAY 31	GUEST PREACHER // LORD'S SUPPER
JUN 05	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JUN 07	LORD'S SUPPER
JUN 12	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JUN 13	P.U.B. NIGHT
JUN 14	BAPTISM
JUN 19	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JUN 21	LORD'S SUPPER

## — MISSIONS & MERCY UPDATE —

The ECPC Mission and Mercy team has been regularly meeting over the past few months. We've been interviewing missionaries and discussing ways for ECPC to get more involved in mercy ministry around East Charlotte. We look forward to regularly updating the congregation on how to pray and care for our missionaries and get involved with local mercy opportunities. Mike Schnee (schnee.michael@gmail.com), Chris Yost, Jayson Cleary, Brett Bonnema, and Tyler Dirks are now serving on the Mission & Mercy team. Please contact us with missions and mercy related ideas, questions, and needs.

## SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

REV. JASON PITEO

### SONG OF RESPONSE

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER  
J. Newton | L. Taylor

Let us love, and sing, and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame  
He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood, He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies  
Called us by his grace, and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes  
He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood  
He has washed us with his blood, He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqueror's crown  
He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood  
He who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder, grace and justice, Join, and point to mercy's store  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles, and asks no more  
He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood  
He who washed us with his blood, Has secured our way to God

Let us praise, and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high  
Here they trusted him before us, Now their praises fill the sky  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, Thou hast washed us with thy blood  
Thou hast washed us with thy blood, Thou art worthy, Lamb of God

### BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

## CONFESSION OF SIN

**Leader:** *Heavenly Father, you are perfect in holiness and wisdom. In You there is no lack of understanding or compassion. You are fully trustworthy and true.*

**People:** But we, Your people, fall far short of Your glory. Seeking to control every aspect of our lives, we are impatient with Your wiser plan. Though we know that all things work together for Your glory and our good, we regularly take matters into our own hands. Lord, have mercy!

**Leader:** *Father, despite our repeated violation of Your Holy Word, You are gracious to us. We deserve Your judgment and wrath, but instead You give us Your mercy and love! In Christ, we find freedom from the bondage of our sin.*

**People:** Like David, strike our hearts with conviction of sin and lead us to your Son in faith and repentance. Show us our sin for the wickedness it is and show us our Savior in all His glory!

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ISAIAH 53:5-6

### SONG OF THANKSGIVING

'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS  
L.M.R. Stead | W.J. Kirkpatrick

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to take Him at his word  
Just to rest upon His promise, Just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

#### chorus

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him!  
How I've proved Him o'er and o'er!  
Jesus, Jesus precious Jesus!  
O for grace to trust Him more.*

O how sweet to trust in Jesus, Just to trust His cleansing blood  
Just in simple faith to plunge me 'neath the healing, cleansing flood

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus, Just from sin and self to cease  
Just from Jesus simply taking, Life and rest, and joy and peace

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee, Precious Jesus, Savior, Friend  
And I know that Thou art with me, Wilt be with me to the end

## GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

## SONG OF PREPARATION

### NOT WHAT MY HANDS HAVE DONE

*H. Bonar | K. Twit*

Not what my hands have done can save my guilty soul  
Not what my toiling flesh has borne can make my spirit whole  
Not what I feel or do can give me peace with God  
Not all my prayers and sighs and tears can bear my awful load

Thy work alone O Christ, can ease this weight of sin  
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God, can give me peace within.  
Thy love to me O God, not mine O Lord to Thee  
Can rid me of this dark unrest, and set my spirit free!

Thy grace alone, O God, to me can pardon speak  
Thy power alone, O Son of God, can this sore bondage break  
No other work, save thine, no other blood will do  
No strength, save that which is divine, can bear me safely through

I praise the God of grace; I trust His truth and might  
He calls me His, I call Him mine, my God, my joy, my light  
'Tis He who saveth me, and freely pardon gives  
I love because he loveth me, I live because he lives

## THE DOXOLOGY

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.

## DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN

## PASTORAL PRAYER

MR. ALEX PARMAN



## PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

### ***“CHRISTIAN LIBERTY”***

1 SAMUEL 24:1-22

I. LIBERTY TO HATE OUR SIN

II. LIBERTY TO LET GOD BE THE JUDGE

III. LIBERTY TO DELAY GRATIFICATION

### REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) Who do you blame?
- 2) When was a time that you truly hated your own sin?
- 3) Are you confident in God's plan (and timing) when it comes to bringing about perfect justice? Why or why not? ...When was a time where you desperately desired to see true justice?
- 4) How is God calling you to exercise your liberty to practice delayed gratification?