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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 24TH, 2015

SERMON SERIES:



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

MRS. LAUREN BONNEMA

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. JASON PITEO

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

MR. MIKE SCHNEE

Leader: *Glorious Father in Heaven, You have put all things in motion; You placed the stars and the planets precisely where they need to be; You even feed the birds and the flowers.*

People: Yet we, Your people, created in Your image, forget Your truths and try in vain to achieve our own glory. Lord, forgive our vanity and our forgetfulness!

Leader: *LORD, you have given us Your holy Word to guide us and reveal Your love for us by sending Your Son to die for our transgressions.*

People: Yet we try in vain to use logic and reason to explain why things happen. We believe false gospels and discount Your unconditional, undying love for us. Father, lead us away from these temptations and deliver us from the evil one!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

EPHESIANS 2:4-6

— ANNOUNCEMENTS —

URBAN EAGLES — 2ND ANNUAL COMMUNITY SOCCER MATCH

We are invited to join the Urban Eagles, one of our supported ministries, for their biggest community event of the year. "It's the matchup you've always dreamed of; your favorite Urban Eagles facing off against the incredible teachers, officers, pastors, and leaders from our East Charlotte community. Mark your calendars and bring your family, neighbors, and friends to this special night. **Sunday May 31st. 5-7pm. Albemarle Road Middle School.** We are asking \$5 for each family. These proceeds and additional donations will help our youth get to Urban Eagles retreats and activities. Can you help us reach our \$2500 goal?"

P.U.B. NIGHT — *Should we spend more time with Christians or non-Christians?*

Promoting an Understanding of the Bible (P.U.B.) Night is a unique event where we intentionally slow down together to discuss things that matter in a laid back "round table" atmosphere. In June we will explore questions about our neighbors. When Jesus says love your neighbor, who is that? Is it simply our neighbors next door or is it also our Facebook neighbors or other possibilities? Do you even know your neighbors? What does it look like to "love" our neighbors? How much time should we spend with our church family versus those outside the church? Come discuss what authentic community should look like, practically speaking, in today's world. **Sat. June 13th, 8pm at the Tringali residence — 4631 Chuckwood Dr, Mint Hill. Bring drinks and snacks to share.**

— UPCOMING EVENTS —

MAY 26	PRESBYTERY MEETING (IN CHARLOTTE)
MAY 29	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY (BACK @ TYLER'S HOUSE, 6AM)
MAY 31	GUEST PREACHER // LORD'S SUPPER
MAY 31	URBAN EAGLES: COMMUNITY SOCCER MATCH
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 15	WOMEN'S MINISTRY: PINTEREST NIGHT
JUN 19	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
JUN 21	LORD'S SUPPER

SONG OF RESPONSE

IN CHRIST ALONE *K. Getty, S. Townsend*

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION

REV. JASON PITEO

— MISSIONS & MERCY UPDATE —

Rev. Micah and Blair Vickery and their children, Lydia, Ellie, and Caleb, are ECPC supported missionaries to Malaysia. The Vickery's are currently here, in Charlotte, raising support to join a MTW team in Kuala Lumpur as church planters. The Vickery's recently visited us when Pastor Wong, another church planter in KL, worshiped with us. You might also remember Micah from the guest-preaching role he filled a couple months ago. We also look forward to partnering with the Vickery's later this summer when a team from Malaysia will be visiting Charlotte. Be on the lookout for ways that you can be involved!

Please lift up the Vickery's in prayer by praying for:

- their recent transition to being a family of five
- their fundraising efforts
- their ministry efforts with the Muslim community here in Charlotte

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

AND CAN IT BE *C. Wesley | S. Roley*

And can it be that I should gain / An interest in the Savior's blood
Died He for me, who caused His pain / For me, who Him to death pursued
Amazing love, How can it be / That Thou my God, shouldst die for me

chorus

*Amazing Love! How can it be / That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me
Amazing Love! How can it be / That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me*

He left His Father's throne above / So free, so infinite His grace
Emptied Himself of all but love / And bled for Adam's helpless race
'Tis mercy all, immense and free / For O my God, it found out me

Long my imprisoned spirit lay / Fast bound in sin and nature's night
Thine eye diffused a quickning ray / I woke the dungeon flamed with light
My chains fell off, my heart was free / I rose, went forth and followed thee

No condemnation now I dread / Jesus, and all in Him, is mine
Alive in Him, my living head / And clothed in righteousness divine
Bold I approach the eternal throne / And claim the crown, through Christ my own

INSTALLATION OF NEW MEMBERS

REV. TYLER DIRKS

Katie Blumenstein
Tim Blumenstein
Bruce Richardson
Susan Richardson

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

SONG OF PREPARATION

A voice says "Cry out, all men are like grass
And their time of glory soon shall pass
But the word of God it will never die
Surely it will stand for eternity"

chorus

*Every ditch and valley shall be raised up
Every hill and mountain be made low
Every rugged place will be made flat
Everybody shall see the glory of the Lord*

You who bring good news raise your voice and shout!
Do not be afraid to speak the name of God
The hard days are gone, the debt has been paid,
And the time has come to walk the righteous way

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

REV. PHIL HENDERSON



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. JASON PITEO

"WORLDLY WISDOM WON'T WORK"

1 SAMUEL 25:1-44

I. DETERMINATION

II. DISCRETION

III. DEVOTION

REFLECTION QUESTIONS:

- 1) What are three examples of worldly wisdom that you've bought into?
- 2) What are you absolutely determined to do? How does that line up with God's Word?
- 3) In what ways do you need to be restrained these days?
- 4) In what circumstances or areas of your life have you been pretending that God has nothing to do with it?
- 5) When was the last time you said "I was wrong" or "I could be wrong"?
- 6) To what or whom are you truly devoted? Does the evidence of your life match your answer?