



**EAST
CHARLOTTE**

PRES

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2020



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THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 95:1-7

“Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.”

SONGS OF PRAISE

YOU ARE MY ALL IN ALL

D. Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak / You are the treasure that I seek
You are my all in all
Seeking You as a precious Jewel / Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my all in all

chorus

*Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name
Jesus Lamb of God, worthy is your name*

Taking my sin my cross my shame / Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down You lift me up / When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my all in all

'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

Q: What is repentance unto life?

A: Repentance unto life is a saving grace, whereby a sinner, out of a true sense of his sin, and apprehension of the mercy of God in Christ, doth, with grief and hatred of his sin, turn from it unto God, with full purpose of, and endeavour after, new obedience.

THE NICENE CREED

“I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.”

COME BEHOLD THE WONDROUS MYSTERY

M. Boswell, M. Papa, M. Bleecker

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry in the dawning of the King
 He the theme of heaven's praises, robed in frail humanity
 In our longing in our darkness now the light of life has come
 Look to Christ who condescended, took on flesh to ransom us

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, He the perfect Son of Man
 In His living in His suffering, never trace nor stain of sin
 See the true and better Adam come to save the hell-bound man
 Christ the great and sure fulfillment of the law in Him we stand

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry, Christ the Lord upon the tree
 In the stead of ruined sinners hangs the Lamb in victory
 See the price of our redemption, see the Father's plan unfold
 Bringing many sons to glory, grace unmeasured, love untold

Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
 But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!
 What a foretaste of deliv'rance, how unwavering our hope
 Christ in power resurrected as will we be when He comes
 Come behold the wondrous myst'ry slain by death the God of life
 But no grave could e'er restrain Him, praise the Lord He is alive!

CONFESSION OF SIN

US CIVIL WAR SOLDIERS PRAYER BOOK

"Almighty and most merciful Father; We have erred and strayed from they ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. There is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare those who are penitent; according to your promises declared unto mankind, in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life; to the glory of thy holy name. Amen."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

JOHN 11:25

“Jesus said to her, ‘I AM the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die.’”

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

HIS MERCY IS MORE

M. Boswell | M. Papa

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient, all knowing, he counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What father, so tender, is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

What riches of kindness he lavished on us
His blood was the payment, his life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

chorus

*Praise the Lord
His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness, new every morn
Our sins they are many, his mercy is more*

SONG OF PREPARATION

BECAUSE HE LIVES

B. Gaither

God sent His son, they called Him, Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives!

chorus

*Because He lives, I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives, all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living,
Just because He lives!*

How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance:
This child can face uncertain days because He Lives!

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then, as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

“All-sufficient King,

You are sovereign, eternal, and beyond expression of words! As the psalmist writes in Psalm 33, "4 For the word of the LORD is upright, and all his work is done in faithfulness. 5 He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the LORD. 6 By the word of the LORD the heavens were made, and by the breath of his mouth all their host. 7 He gathers the waters of the sea as a heap; he puts the deeps in storehouses. 8 Let all the earth fear the LORD; let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him!"

Father, we too often do not believe these words! We are easy to fall into sorrow and despair, attempting to fix all the things that seem to be falling apart in our lives on our own. We are quick to judge others and hail ourselves as better; we are unwilling to admit our faults and weaknesses; you bring us to our knees! Lord, lead us to repentance! Turn us from our evil desires and remove the clouds of temptation that surround us, especially now that we are quarantined! It has become so easy to fall into what we consider comfort and shelter ourselves from loving our neighbors, reading your word, praying, spending quality time with our families. Keep us from evil responses to fear and anger. Help us to hold our tongues and we ask you to soften our hearts and turn our ears, hearts, eyes, minds, and tongues to you, Father. Hear our prayer, O Lord, for those stricken with Covid-19. You are the great Physician, and we trust your glory will be shown in this pandemic! Give a cloak of protection over the nurses and doctors, particularly Stephanie Baker and Rachel McClure, who are frequently exposed to sickness. Please be with the Dirks, particularly Winston, as he is recovering from his surgery; for Tyler and Carrie to be strengthened daily by your presence and power to continue through this trial and to know, even more, your mighty and divine grace and mercy. Help us as a church to love our neighbors in both tangible and spiritual ways. Let us not neglect checking in on the elderly, unemployed, and others effected by the current shut downs and shelters-in-place.

O God, we long to gather together again, but long ever more to gather together in heaven! Keep our perspectives eternal. Open our hearts to receive your word in today's sermon. In the matchless name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen!"



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“WHAT DO YOU WANT FROM JESUS?”
LUKE 11: 29-32

I. SEEKING FOR A SIGN

II. SURROUNDED BY SIGNS

III. RESURRECTION & REPENTANCE

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How does your desire for signs distract you from savoring God?
- 2) What miracles currently surround you? Literally make a list of the miracles in your life, and provide a brief note about why you are more in awe of God because of each miracle.
- 3) Call up 1-3 friends on Zoom and have a discussion about Paul's declaration, "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (1 Cor. 15:17).
- 4) What is one specific way you WILL CHOOSE TO REPENT in the month of April?

SONG OF RESPONSE

AMAZING GRACE
J. Newton

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now am found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

BENEDICTION

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you
The Lord lift His countenance upon you and give you peace.
Now and forevermore.
Amen.

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