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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 2020

*East Charlotte Pres is a church that strives to be defined by the Gospel-
inviting everyone to See, Savor, and Serve Jesus as the Author & Perfecter of our faith.*

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CALL TO WORSHIP

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“O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! You have set Your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouth of babies and infants, You have established strength... When I look at Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, the moon and the stars, which You have set in place, what is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that You care for him? Yet You have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor. O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth!” Psalm 8

FALL CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL -Sunday school will be held for ages 4 through 5th grade at the pavilion from 11:00-11:45am beginning September 20th. Children will assemble with their chairs for a whole-group lesson and then break into three small groups: PreK/K, 1st & 2nd grade, and 3rd - 5th grade. If you would like to volunteer to teach or lead a small group, please see Kristen Parman. Rising Adults will join the adult Sunday school class in the sanctuary.

SONG OF PRAISE

BUT FOR YOU WHO FEAR MY NAME

L. Smith

But for you who fear My name
The Son of Righteousness will rise
With healing in His wings
And you shall go forth again
And skip about like calves
Coming from their stalls at last

WOMEN’S JUDE BIBLE STUDY - Mark your calendars for our new women's Bible study beginning September 14th at 7:30pm at the home of Carrie Dirks (1016 Timber Lake Drive). Wear a mask and join us as we dive into Jackie Hill Perry's 7 week session on the book of *Jude; Contending for the Faith in Today's Culture*. Please email carriedirks@gmail.com if you are interested in joining or have any questions. Childcare will not be provided at this time.

You shall be my very own
On the day that I
Cause You to be My special home
I shall spare you as a man
Has compassion on his son
Who does the best he can

WOMEN’S SMALL GROUP CHARCUTERIE NIGHT - Ladies, mark your calendars for September 26th for small group Charcuterie Night for groups of 6-8. Please contact Kelly Clark (itskel@gmail.com) if you would like to host or attend.

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

HIS MERCY IS MORE

M. Boswell | M. Papa

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

J.H. GUNN TUTORING - ECPC will be offering tutoring nights for J.H. Gunn students, starting on September 22nd at our 10101 outdoor shelter where students can come to receive one-on-one instruction. Tutor training will be held on September 15th at 4 pm. For more information and ways to be involved, please see Holly Blackman.

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

- SEPT 13** DIRKS/HAWKES, MAY/SMITH, CLARK/McCLURE LG KICKOFF
- SEPT 14** WOMEN’S JUDE BIBLE STUDY
- SEPT 15** TUTORING TRAINING
- SEPT 16** YOUTH GROUP
- SEPT 18** MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
- SEPT 21** WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
- SEPT 22** J.H. GUNN TUTORING
- SEPT 23** YOUTH GROUP
- SEPT 25** MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
- SEPT 26** WOMEN’S CHARCUTERIE NIGHT
- SEPT 28** WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY
- SEPT 29** J.H. GUNN TUTORING
- SEPT 30** YOUTH GROUP
- OCT 2** MEN’S BIBLE STUDY
- OCT 5** WOMEN’S BIBLE STUDY

SONG OF RESPONSE

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here
Sin would reduce me to utter despair
But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own
In the covenant love of Thy crucified Son
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

BENEDICTION

THY MERCY, MY GOD

J. Stocker | S. McCracken, I. Watts

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

CONFESSION OF SIN

JON WILKINSON

Father, we confess that we too often fear man in this life rather than fearing you. Though you tell us that “the fear of man lays a snare, but whoever trusts in the Lord is safe”, we too often entertain our anxieties and spurn your instruction. While seeking the approval of man, we neglect our duties as servants of Christ. Father, show us mercy and help us to not fear the things and people of this world.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

MICAH 7: 19–20

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

PSALM 130 (FROM THE DEPTHS OF WOE)

M. Luther | C. Miner

From the depths of woe I raise to Thee the voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me and hear my supplication.
If Thou iniquities dost mark our secret sins and misdeeds dark
O who shall stand before Thee? (*women echo*)
O who shall stand before Thee? (*women echo*)

To wash away the crimson stain grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! are all in vain in much the best life faileth.
No man can glory in Thy sight, all must alike confess Thy might
And live alone by mercy (*women echo*)
And live alone by mercy (*women echo*)

Therefore my trust is in the Lord and not in my own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His Word upholds my fainting spirit.
His promised mercy is my fort, my comfort, and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience (*women echo*)
I wait for it with patience (*women echo*)

What though I wait the live-long night until the dawn appeareth
My heart still trusteth in His might, it doubteth not nor feareth.
Do thus O ye of Israel's seed, ye of the Spirit born indeed,
And wait 'til God appeareth. (*women echo*)
And wait 'til God appeareth. (*women echo*)

Though great our sins and sore our woes, His grace much more aboundeth.
His helping love no limit knows, our utmost need is soundeth.
Our Shepherd: good and true is He, who will at last His Israel free
From all our sin and sorrow. (*women echo*)
From all our sin and sorrow. (*women echo*)

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SONG OF PREPARATION

GOD BE MERCIFUL TO ME

R. Redhead | C. Miner

God be merciful to me / On Thy grace I rest my plea
Plenteous in compassion Thou / Blot out my transgression now
Wash me, make me pure within / Cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin

My transgressions I confess / Grief and guilt my soul oppress
I have sinned against Thy grace / And provoked Thee to Thy face
I confess Thy judgment just / Speechless, I Thy mercy trust

I am evil born in sin / Thou desirest truth within
Thou alone my Savior art / Teach Thy wisdom to my heart
Make me pure, Thy grace bestow / Wash me whiter than the snow

Broken, humbled to the dust / By Thy wrath and judgment just
Let my contrite heart rejoice / And in gladness hear Thy voice
From my sins O hide Thy face / Blot them out in boundless grace

Gracious God, my heart renew / Make my spirit right and true
Cast me not away from Thee / Let Thy Spirit dwell in me
Thy salvation's joy impart / Steadfast make my willing heart

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

JON WILKINSON



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“JUSTIFIED & EXALTED”

LUKE 18:9-17

I. BAD PREMISE

II. BAD PLAN

III. BLESSED PARADOX

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) Would you rather have your preferences and opinions ‘validated,’ or experience the joy of being a lowly learner?
- 2) When was a time you actually trusted God instead of leaning on your own understanding?
- 3) When do you find yourself playing the comparison game?
- 4) What “hard stuff” do you do, and feel you deserve credit (or extra credit) for it?
- 5) Read Matthew 9:13; 12:7; Romans 9:23; 11:32 ...Why do you think God likes mercy so much?
- 6) Read Luke 18:17 ...How do you feel about Jesus being so hard-line and uncompromising about receiving the Kingdom of God like a child?