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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 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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## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## CALL TO WORSHIP

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"Seek the Lord while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the Lord, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts." Isaiah 55

## SONG OF PRAISE

MORE LOVE TO THEE, O CHRIST  
*E. P. Prentiss / K. Twit*

More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee  
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to Thee

### chorus

*More love, more love, more love to Thee  
More love, more love to Thee*

Once earthly joys I craved, sought peace and rest  
Now Thee alone I seek, give what is best  
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to Thee

Then shall my latest breath whisper Thy praise  
This be the parting cry my heart shall raise  
This still its prayer shall be, more love, O Christ, to Thee

### chorus

*More love, more love, more love to Thee  
More love, more love, more love to Thee  
More love, more love to Thee*

## - ANNOUNCEMENTS -

**ROOTS CLASS** – If you are interested in becoming a member of ECPC or would simply like more information about our church, please make plans to attend our next new members Roots Class on Friday, October 23rd from 6-9 p.m. Location is TBD. To register, please email Katie Blumenstein ([admin@eastcharlottepres.org](mailto:admin@eastcharlottepres.org)) so we can make plans for your attendance. We hope to see you there!

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY** – Ladies, we hope you will attend our annual women's retreat to Lake Hickory on October 15th-18th with Sarah Ivill. For more information and to register by September 30th, please see the email of the week or Kelly Clark.

**MEN'S MINISTRY** – Men, mark your calendars for our upcoming events this Fall. Men's Hike & Bible Study will be on October 3rd at 6:30 a.m. at Crowders Mountain. Mark your calendars for two Fire Pit Fellowship nights at the Schnee home (1201 Robinhood Cir) on October 24th at 6:30 pm and at the Blumenstein home (10226 Glenmac Rd.) on November 21st at 8 pm. For more information about any of these events, please contact Jonathan McClure ([jamcclure89@gmail.com](mailto:jamcclure89@gmail.com)).

## - UPCOMING EVENTS -

<b>SEPT 28</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>SEPT 29</b>	J.H. GUNN TUTORING
<b>SEPT 30</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>OCT 2</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 3</b>	MEN'S HIKE & BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 5</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 7</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>OCT 9</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 14</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>OCT 15-18</b>	WOMEN'S FALL RETREAT
<b>OCT 16</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 19</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 21</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>OCT 23</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 23</b>	ROOTS CLASS
<b>OCT 24</b>	MEN'S FIRE PIT FELLOWSHIP
<b>OCT 26</b>	WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>OCT 28</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>OCT 30</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

## SONG OF RESPONSE

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

## AMAZING GRACE

*J. Newton*

## I ASKED THE LORD

*J. Newton | L. Taylor*

I asked the Lord that I might grow / In faith and love and every grace  
Might more of His salvation know / And seek more earnestly His face  
Twas He who taught me thus to pray / And He I trust has answered prayer  
But it has been in such a way / As almost drove me to despair

I hoped that in some favored hour / At once He'd answer my request  
And by His love's constraining power / Subdue my sins and give me rest  
Instead of this He made me feel / The hidden evils of my heart  
And let the angry powers of Hell / Assault my soul in every part

Yea more with His own hand He seemed / Intent to aggravate my woe  
Crossed all the fair designs I schemed, / Cast out my feelings, laid me low

Lord why is this, I trembling cried / Wilt Thou pursue thy worm to death?  
"Tis in this way" The Lord replied / "I answer prayer for grace and faith"  
These inward trials I employ / From self and pride to set thee free  
And break thy schemes of earthly joy / That thou mayest seek thy all in me

## CONFESSION OF SIN

JUSTIN CLARK

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God of love, it is your will that we should love you with heart, soul, mind, strength, and our neighbor as ourselves, but we are not sufficient for these things. We confess that our affections continually turn away from you: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, from fullness to emptiness. Have mercy on us. Order our lives by your holy Word, and make your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, Jesus, that we may shine before the world to your glory. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ISAIAH 25: 6-9

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

LOVE CONSTRAINING TO OBEDIENCE

*K. Twit*

How long beneath the Law I lay in bondage and distress  
I toiled the precept to obey, but toiled without success.  
No strength of nature can suffice to serve the Lord aright  
And what she has, she misapplies for want of clearer light

### chorus

*To see the Law by Christ fulfilled To hear His pardoning voice  
Changes a slave into a child and duty into choice*

Then to abstain from outward sin Was more than I could do  
Now if I feel its power within I feel I hate it too  
Then all my servile works were done A righteousness to raise  
Now, freely chosen in the Son I freely choose His ways

## SONG OF PREPARATION

## YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

*.J. Robinson, R. Thompson, M. Faren*

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer,  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom  
My steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: all is mine!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

The night is dark, but I am not forsaken  
For by my side, the Saviour He will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need, His power is displayed

To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley He will lead  
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven  
The future sure, the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And He was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold, my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: I am free!  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me

With every breath, I long to follow Jesus  
For He has said that He will bring me home  
And day by day I know He will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to Him  
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:  
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

## 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

JUSTIN CLARK



## PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

### “WHAT DO YOU WANT JESUS TO DO FOR YOU?”

LUKE 18:31-43

#### I. CONFOUND YOU

#### II. LISTEN TO YOU

#### III. GLORIFY HIMSELF

#### - REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) When was a time God confounded you with His way of going things; and you learned that His ways are actually better than yours?
- 2) What questions and robust curiosities do you have regarding the person and work of Jesus Christ?
- 3) How important is it to you that people actually listen to you? How do you react when people ignore you, or tell you to stop talking?
- 4) If Jesus asked you, “What do you want me to do for you?” what would you say?
- 5) Have you ever burned yourself out attempting to get glory for yourself? ...Have you ever experienced the freedom of glorifying God instead of yourself?