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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*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

STEPHANIE BAKER

CALL TO WORSHIP

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- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

SONG OF PRAISE

BE THOU MY VISION
E. Hull | M. E. Byrne

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and always
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'ns sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All.

ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING
D. Crowder, W.H. Draper, B. Milligan

All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice and with us sing
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou burning sun with golden beam, Thou silver moon with softer gleam
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Thou rushing wind that art so strong, Ye clouds that sail in heaven along
O praise Him, Alleluia
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice, Ye lights of evening find a voice
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Let all things their Creator bless, And worship Him in humbleness
O praise Him, Alleluia
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

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Mason Smith

J.H. GUNN TUTORS NEEDED – During this time of virtual learning in many schools, JH Gunn Elementary is connecting ECPC with students and their parents to offer tutoring on Tuesdays from 4-5:30 pm (please note the time change!) in the outdoor pavilion at 10101. We need more tutors (even once a month would be helpful!). Additionally, we need volunteers who are able to transport students to their homes near J.H. Gunn Elementary. Please connect with Holly Blackman (hollyblackman@gmail.com) if you would like to help.

MEN'S MINISTRY – Men, mark your calendars for the next Fire Pit Fellowship night at the Blumenstein home (10226 Glenmac Rd.) on November 21st at 8 pm. For more information, please contact Jonathan McClure (jamclure89@gmail.com).

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

- OCT 26** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- OCT 28** YOUTH GROUP
- OCT 30** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 2** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 4** YOUTH GROUP
- NOV 6** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 9** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 11** YOUTH GROUP
- NOV 13** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 18** YOUTH GROUP
- NOV 20** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- NOV 21** MEN'S FIRE PIT FELLOWSHIP
- DEC 2** YOUTH GROUP
- DEC 3** WOMEN'S CHRISTMAS EVENT
- DEC 4** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

SONG OF RESPONSE

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!

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

CONFESSION OF FAITH

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.

CONFESSION OF SIN

JUSTIN CLARK

Our merciful God and heavenly father, we acknowledge and confess our great sinfulness before you, because of our own sins, the sins of our magistrates and the sins of our whole nation, to which we are in many ways accomplices. We have done what you have forbidden, and left undone what you have required of us, not only out of our ignorance and weakness, but also out of our presumption: against the light of our minds, the prodding of our consciences, and the moving of your own Holy Spirit, so that we have no cloak for our sins. We are grieved by our blindness of mind, hardness of heart, unbelief, impenitence, false security and lukewarmness. We have not walked with you without wavering, nor have we been as zealous for your glory and the good of others as we ought.

Yet in spite of all this, we draw near to the throne of grace, encouraging ourselves with the hope of a gracious answer to our prayers, and with the confidence of the exceedingly great and precious promises of mercy and grace in the new covenant. We humbly and earnestly ask you for mercy, for the free and full remission of all our sins, because of the bitter sufferings and precious merits of our only Savior Jesus Christ. Our Father, we pray that you would pour out your love in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, to seal within us the full assurance of our pardon and reconciliation.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 103:8-12

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

YET NOT I BUT THROUGH CHRIST IN ME

.J. Robinson, R. Thompson, M. Farren

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!

SONG OF PREPARATION

CHRIST IS MADE THE SURE FOUNDATION

J. M. Neale | H. T. Smart

Christ is made the sure foundation. Christ the head and cornerstone
Chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one
Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.
Holy Zion's help forever and her confidence alone.

All this dedi - cated city, dearly loved of God on High
In exultant jubi - lation, pours perpetual melody
God the One in Three adoring, in glad hymns eternally.
God the One in Three adoring, in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple where we call Thee, come oh Lord of Hosts today.
With Thy wonted loving kindness, hear Thy people as they pray.
And Thy fullest benediction, shed within its walls always.
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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

"THE AUTHOR & PERFECTER

LUKE 20:1-19

I. AUTHORITY

II. AFRAID

III. AUTHOR & PERFECTER

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) Do you surrender to the invasive and authoritative presence of Jesus? Or do you lean on your own understanding and follow your feelings?
- 2) Are you dominated by the fear of "losing the illusion of control"? Are you constantly afraid of what people think or say about you?
- 3) Seeing as how the Bible is full of violent and abusive stories ...How have you intimately and imaginatively inhabited these narratives and what is your primary take-away from them?
- 4) Read Genesis 50:20. What do you make of this guy's reaction to having been massively mistreated?
- 5) How have you personally relished the authoring and perfecting work of God lately?