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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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 27<sup>TH</sup>, 2020



## WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMY SMITH

## CALL TO WORSHIP

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### SONG OF PRAISE

### 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  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, And praise the Spirit, Three in One  
O praise Him, O praise Him, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

### 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'n's sun  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of All

## - ANNOUNCEMENTS -

ECPC WEEKLY UPDATE – If you have been visiting with us at ECPC and would like to receive our weekly email updates, please email Katie Blumenstein at [admin@eastcharlottepres.org](mailto:admin@eastcharlottepres.org) to be added to our mailing list.

## - UPCOMING EVENTS -

<b>JAN 3</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>JAN 6</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>JAN 8</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>JAN 10</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>JAN 13</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>JAN 15</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
<b>JAN 17</b>	SUNDAY WORSHIP
<b>JAN 20</b>	YOUTH GROUP
<b>JAN 22</b>	MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

## SONG OF RESPONSE

And I hear the Savior say  
Thy strength indeed is small  
Child of weakness watch and pray  
Find in Me thine all in all

### chorus

'Cause Jesus paid it all  
All to Him I owe  
Sin had left a crimson stain  
He washed it white as snow

Lord now indeed I find  
Thy pow'r and Thine alone  
Can change the leper's spots  
And melt the heart of stone

And when before the throne  
I stand in Him complete  
Jesus died my soul to save  
My lips shall still repeat

### bridge

O praise the One who paid my debt  
And raised this life up from the dead (x2)

## BENEDICTION

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## JESUS PAID IT ALL

A. Nifong | E.M. Hall | J.T. Grape

## CONFESION OF FAITH

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM

### Q 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

## CONFESION OF SIN

JUSTIN CLARK

Almighty God and Heavenly Father, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not looked to you for strength and comfort but have looked to find this within ourselves and the other idols in our life. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Send your spirit to work deep within our hearts, and let your word bring forth fruit in our lives. Amen

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 103:8–12

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

J. Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night yet thought I knew the way  
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave  
I had no hope that You would own; a rebel to Your will  
And if You had not loved me first I would refuse You still

But as I ran my hell-bound race, indifferent to the cost,  
You looked upon my helpless state and led me to the cross  
And I beheld God's love displayed; You suffered in my place  
You bore the wrath reserved for me, now all I know is grace

### chorus

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ / Hallelujah! Jesus is my life

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone and live so all might see  
The strength to follow Your commands could never come from me  
Oh Father, use my ransomed life in any way You choose  
And let my song forever be, my only boast is You

## SONG OF PREPARATION

## CHRIST OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH

J. Kaufflin, K. Getty, M. Boswell, M. Merker

What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand? What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.

### chorus

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.

What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise? Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh unto the shore, the rock of Christ?

Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives; Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord, Then sin and death will be destroyed,  
And we will feast in endless joy, When Christ is ours forevermore.

### Final chorus

O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.  
O sing hallelujah! Our hope springs eternal;  
O sing hallelujah! Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death. Now and ever we confess  
Christ our hope in life and death.y

## 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



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## PREACHING OF THE WORD

### "OUR COMFORT & CELEBRATION"

LUKE 22:14-23

#### I. CELEBRATION

#### II. COMFORT

#### - REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) Considering the apostles' low social standing, absence of affluence, lack of worldly success, and propensity to react from a place of insecurity and bicker ...how eagerly desirous are you to share an unhurried meal with these guys?
- 2) Does God's unrelenting desire to be with you noticeably impact your insecurities and anxieties?
- 3) How is God currently inviting you to simply accept the reality that He wants you (like a mother delights in her baby [Isa. 66:12-14])? How does this free you from needing people's approval, and/or needing to "be right"?
- 4) What do you truly celebrate/commemorate?
- 5) What produces in you abiding comfort and deep confidence?