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WHILE WE ARE NOT OFFERING A NURSERY AT THIS TIME, WE HAVE MADE A SPACE IN THE MODULE WITH A LIVESTREAM OF THE SERVICE, COUCHES, AND A DIAPER CHANGING CART. PLEASE USE THIS SPACE AS NEEDED.

*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, FEBRUARY 21ST, 2021



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

AMY SMITH

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF PRAISE

COME YE SINNERS

J. Hart | M. S. Smith

Come ye sinners poor and wretched / Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready stands to save you / Full of pity joined with power
He is able, He is able / He is willing doubt no more

Come ye needy, come and welcome / God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance / Every grace that brings you nigh
Without money, without money / Come to Jesus Christ and buy

Come ye weary heavy laden / Bruised and broken by the fall
If you tarry till you're better / You will never come at all
Not the righteous, not the righteous / Sinners Jesus came to call

Let not conscience make you linger / Nor of fitness fondly dream
All the fitness He requires / Is to feel your need of Him
This He gives you, this He gives you / 'Tis the Spirit's rising beam

Lo The Incarnate God ascended / Pleads the merit of His blood
Venture on Him venture wholly / Let no other trust intrude
None but Jesus, none but Jesus / Can do helpless sinners good

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

R. Robinson | J. Wyeth

Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it - Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer, here by Thy great help I've come
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger interposed His precious blood

O to grace how great a debtor, daily I'm constrained to be
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it - Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, O take and seal it - Seal it for Thy courts above

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen, How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry, Me to realms of endless day.

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

OFFICER NOMINATIONS – This month, we will be soliciting officer nominations from the members of ECPC. Please see the insert in your bulletin for more information.

ECPC ROOTS CLASS – If you are interested in membership at ECPC or would simply like to know more about our church, please make plans to attend our next Roots Class on Friday, March 26th from 6-9 pm. Location is TBD. If you are interested, please email Tyler (tyler@eastcharlottepres.org) so we can make plans for your attendance.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY – Ladies, mark your calendars for our women's Bible study starting in March (exact timing dependent on fellowship hall construction). On Wednesday at 6:30pm we will (covid--style) study "How People Change" by Timothy S. Lane and Paul David Trip. When the Bible talks about the gift of a new heart, it doesn't mean a heart that is immediately perfected, but a heart that is capable of being changed. Jesus' work on the cross targets our hearts, our core desires and motivations, and when our hearts change, our behavior changes. If you have any questions or are interested email Carrie Dirks (carriedirks@gmail.com).

VBS SAVE THE DATE – Save the date now for VBS: Monday July 12th through Friday July 16th. We plan to partner with ARPC again as we explore more fully how Life is Wild - God is Good! Whether you have children in your home or not, please plan to help and pray for this week!

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

FEB 24 YOUTH GROUP
FEB 26 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
FEB 28 SUNDAY WORSHIP
MAR 3 YOUTH GROUP
MAR 5 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MAR 7 SUNDAY WORSHIP
MAR 10 YOUTH GROUP
MAR 12 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MAR 14 SUNDAY WORSHIP
MAR 17 YOUTH GROUP
MAR 19 MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
MAR 21 SUNDAY WORSHIP
MAR 24 YOUTH GROUP

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

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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

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CONFESSION OF SIN

BRANDON HAWKES

Father we confess that we are often discontent. You tell us not to covet our neighbor's house, their car, their spouse, or anything that our neighbor has. We confess that we have disobeyed your command. We covet those smarter than us, stronger than us, better liked than us, richer than us, and more respected than us. We confess that sometimes we are so full of envy that we hope to see those greater than us fail. We tend to fix our eyes on what we do *not* have, instead of giving thanks for the gifts and talents you have given us. Forgive us for our chronic discontentment and teach us to sincerely rejoice with our neighbors when they receive good gifts.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 TIMOTHY 1:15

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

O THE DEEP DEEP LOVE OF JESUS

S.T. Francis, T.J. Williams

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, vast, unmeasured, boundless, free
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me
Underneath me, all around me is the current of Your love
Leading onward, leading homeward to Your glorious rest above

chorus

*Oh the deep, deep love, all I need and trust
Is the deep, deep love of Jesus*

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, spread His praise from shore to shore
How He came to pay our ransom through the saving cross He bore
How He watches o'er His loved ones, those He died to make His own
How for them He's interceding, pleading now before the throne

Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, far surpassing all the rest
It's an ocean full of blessing in the midst of every test
Oh the deep, deep love of Jesus, mighty Savior, precious friend
You will bring us home to glory where Your love will never end

SONG OF PREPARATION

O great God of highest heav'n occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme, conquer every rebel pow'r
Let no vice or sin remain that resists your holy war
You have loved and purchased me, make me yours forevermore

I was blinded by my sin, had no ears to hear your voice
Did not know your love within, had no taste for heaven's joys
Then your Spirit gave me life, opened up your word to me
Through the Gospel of your Son, gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life that's dependent on your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul from the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised with my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heav'n, glorify your name through 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

O GREAT GOD
B. Kauffman

MIKE SCHNEE



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

"BELIEVE"
LUKE 24:13-35

I. SLOW OF HEART

II. SCRIPTURE

III. STEWARDS OF THE MYSTERIES OF GOD

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) What makes you slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken? Are you bogged-down in emotionalism, distracted with 'all-there-is-to-know,' or dominated by disappointment and doubt?
- 2) If you physically encountered the risen Christ, are you so arrogant as to believe you would automatically believe?
- 3) On a scale of 1 to 10, how offended and outraged are you with Jesus because of what He said to you in Luke 24:25?
- 4) Have you ever known any truly mature, joyful, person who didn't have suffering in their life? Do you honestly believe your 'hyper-cautious' (safety-at-all-costs) approach to life is healthy?
- 5) How important is it that you adopt Luke 24:27 and 1 Corinthians 2:2 as all-encompassing interpretive keys, and the central operating system for your entire life?
- 6) How are you urging Jesus to stay with you these days? (be very specific and substantive).