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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.



**ORDER OF WORSHIP** 

SUNDAY, MARCH 14<sup>TH</sup>, 2021



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

HEATHER HARWOOD (9AM) JESSICA JONES (11 AM)

# - ANNOUNCEMENTS -

CALL TO WORSHIP

**REV. TYLER DIRKS** 

SONG OF PRAISE

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.

HIS MERCY IS MORE
M. Boswell | M. Papa

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

#### chorus

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

What patience would wait as we constantly roam What father, so tender, is calling us home He welcomes the weakest, the vilest, the poor Our sins they are many, his mercy is more

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 PALM SUNDAY – Please make plans join us for our Palm Sunday Celebration! We will have one worship service on Sunday March 28th [Palm Sunday] at 10 am. Afterwards, we hope that you will stay for a lunch feast & familial hang-out time as well as an Easter Egg hunt. More information coming soon!

NURSERY WORKDAY – Join us Saturday, March 20th from 9-11:30am to clean and organize our nursery toys in preparation for opening our nursery in May. Contact Kristen (703-725-0618; parman.kristen@gmail.com) with questions.

EASTER CANDY DONATION – Please consider donating small, individually-wrapped candies for us to use in our Easter Eggs this year! Leave them in the designated box in the foyer of the church by Sunday, March 21st so that we can use them in our hunt on the 28th.

WOMEN'S HIKE – Ladies, mark your calendars for our first women's hike at South Mountain on April 17th! Please plan to meet at ECPC at 8 am to carpool and bring your own packed lunch. We will return after 1 pm. RSVP to Kelly Clark (itskel@gmail.com) if interested.

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 at the Henderson home (5427 Gristmill Ln.). If you are interested, please email Tyler (tyler@eastcharlottepres.org) so we can make plans for your attendance.

ATTENTION PARENTS – Attention parents, caretakers, guardians, and responsible adults. The beloved niños and niñas of ECPC have much energy and zeal ...and we thank God for this! One of the places we would like to help the niños and niñas to refrain from exercising their energy is on the stage of the sanctuary building at 10101. And particular items we would like to dissuade the niños and niñas from touching are the various musical instruments in the sanctuary building space. So we heartily invite, encourage, and exhort all readers of this announcement to lovingly lead the little children AWAY from the stage sanctuary space on Sundays and all other days of the week:-). Thank you for being joyful and excited about keeping kids away from the sanctuary stage!

IF YOU ARE VISITING WITH US THIS MORNING, WE ARE SO HAPPY THAT YOU ARE HERE! WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO COMPLETE A VISITOR'S CARD AND LEAVE IT IN THE TITHE BOX SO THAT WE CAN GET TO KNOW YOU BETTER THANK YOU!

## SONG OF RESPONSE

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

BENEDICTION Mr. Joel May

# ALL I HAVE IS CHRIST

# CONFESSION OF SIN

REV. TYLER DIRKS

Father in Heaven, we confess our sin of trying to change Your immutable Gospel. We do violence to Your unchangeable, and gracious, Truth; and we work to destroy Your church when we distort what You have decisively declared and decreed. Our extreme zeal for manmade traditions is toxic; and our attempts to feel confident by consulting popular opinion makes us miserable. Forgive us, and compel us to joyfully cling to the central, unchangeable, Truth - that Jesus came into the world to save sinners of whom we are the foremost.

# ASSURANCE OF PARDON

1 TIMOTHY 1:14-16

# SONG OF THANKSGIVING

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

J. Newton | L. Tavlo

Let us love, and sing, and wonder, Let us praise the Savior's name He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood He has washed us with his blood, He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us, Pitied us when enemies Called us by his grace, and taught us, Gave us ears and gave us eyes He has washed us with his blood, He has washed us with his blood He has washed us with his blood, He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation, Threatens hard to bear us down For the Lord, our strong salvation, Holds in view the conqueror's crown He who washed us with His blood, He who washed us with His blood, Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder, grace and justice, Join, and point to mercy's store When through grace in Christ our trust is, Justice smiles, and asks no more He who washed us with his blood, He who washed us with his blood He who washed us with his blood, Has secured our way to God

Let us praise, and join the chorus, Of the saints enthroned on high Here they trusted him before us, Now their praises fill the sky Thou hast washed us with thy blood, Thou hast washed us with thy blood Thou hast washed us with thy blood, Thou art worthy, Lamb of God

## SONG OF PREPARATION

O GREAT GOD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

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

"Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen."



PREACHING OF THE WORD

MR. JOEL MAY

"WHERE DID IT COME FROM, WHERE DID IT GO?"

GALATIANS 1: 11-24

I. DIVINE SOURCE

II. DIVINE MESSAGE

III. DIVINE CALLING

#### - REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) Where are you tempted to go for comfort and "truth" besides God's revelation?
- 2) What is a message you turn to that distorts the true gospel?
- What "traditions of your fathers" are you more passionate about than the gospel of salvation?
- 4) What is one thing you might be called to do in response to the gospel of Jesus?
- What is one way you can (or should) be more confident about God's calling on your life?