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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, MARCH 21ST, 2021



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

LAURA 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

WE WILL FEAST IN THE HOUSE OF ZION

S. McCracken

chorus

*We will feast in the house of Zion, We will sing with our hearts restored
He has done great things, we will say together, We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire, He is the LORD our God
We are not consumed, by the flood, Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn, My soul, be not afraid
For the promised morning, oh how long? Oh God of Jacob, be my strength

Every vow we've broken and betrayed, You are the Faithful one
And from the garden to the grave, Bind us together, bring shalom

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE - Join us on April 2 for a Good Friday "Tenebrae" service to help prepare our hearts for Easter Sunday by hearing, meditating on, and responding to the Biblical account of the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. If you have never been to one of these services, it includes Scripture readings, congregational responses, congregational hymns, and hymns of reflection. It will start at 6PM and will last about one hour. We look forward to the opportunity to worship together in this unique way.

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!

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).

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.

MEN'S RETREAT - Registration is open for the Men's Retreat. An email was sent out through the men's list from ECPC. If you did not receive that email, please contact Steve Frey directly at 704-207-3093 or 9outof10mms@gmail.com. The Men's Retreat will be April 22-24 in Brevard, NC.

HOSPITALITY TEAM - The Hospitality Team is requesting volunteers to help with the food and fellowship time in between services. This is a great way to serve God and our church by providing refreshments and an opportunity to get to know each other better. If you are interested in serving in this way, please contact Michael (domrasm@gmail.com) or Kim Domras (kdomras5243@gmail.com).

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!

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF RESPONSE

IN CHRIST ALONE
K. Getty, S. Townsend

In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace, When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All, Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh, Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness, Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died, The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid, Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay, Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day, Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory, Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine, Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death, This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man, Can ever pluck me from His hand
'Til He returns or calls me home, Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

BENEDICTION

REV. TYLER DIRKS

CONFESSION OF SIN

JUSTIN CLARK

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin.

Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law.

Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PSALM 28:6-7

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN
H. Lyte | B. Moore

Jesus, I my cross have taken / All to leave and follow Thee
Destitute, despised, forsaken / Thou from hence my all shall be
Perish every fond ambition / All I've sought or hoped or known
Yet how rich is my condition / God and heaven are still my own

Let the world despise and leave me / They have left my Savior, too
Human hearts and looks deceive me / Thou art not, like them, untrue
O while Thou dost smile upon me / God of wisdom, love, and might
Foes may hate and friends disown me / Show Thy face and all is bright

Man may trouble and distress me / 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast
Life with trials hard may press me / Heaven will bring me sweeter rest.
Oh, 'tis not in grief to harm me / While Thy love is left to me
Oh, 'twere not in joy to charm me / Were that joy unmixed with Thee.

Go, then, earthly fame and treasure / Come disaster, scorn and pain
In Thy service, pain is pleasure / With Thy favor, loss is gain
I have called Thee Abba Father / I have stayed my heart on Thee
Storms may howl, and clouds may gather / All must work for good to me

Soul, then know thy full salvation / Rise o'er sin and fear and care
Joy to find in every station / Something still to do or bear
Think what Spirit dwells within thee / Think what Father's smiles are thine
Think that Jesus died to win thee / Child of heaven, canst thou repine

Haste thee on from grace to glory / Armed by faith, and winged by prayer
Heaven's eternal days before thee / God's own hand shall guide us there
Soon shall close thy earthly mission / Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days
Hope shall change to glad fruition / Faith to sight, and prayer to praise

SONG OF PREPARATION

(chorus)

Heal us, Emmanuel, here we are
We long to feel Thy touch
Deep wounded souls, to Thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry

Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust Thy word;
But will You pity us the less?
Be that far from You Lord!

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief;
“Lord, I believe,” with tears he cried;
“O help my unbelief!”

She, too, who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole,
Was answered, “Daughter, go in peace;
Thy faith has made thee whole.”

Like her, with hopes and fears we come
To touch You if we may;
O send us not despairing home;
Send none unhealed away.

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

HEAL US, EMMANUEL
K. Twit | W. Cowper

JUSTIN CLARK



PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

“EDIFICATION VS. ENSLAVEMENT”

GALATIANS 2: 1-10

I. WORKING WITH PEOPLE

II. PRACTICE WHAT'S PRIMARY

III. REMEMBER THE POOR

- REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How have you experienced edification while working with others?
- 2) When was a time you were spied on, and scrutinized by someone seeking to enslave you with their 'significant concerns and convictions'?
- 3) How have you personally experienced the slavery of being preoccupied with perception and popularity?
- 4) How have you personally enjoyed the freedom of practicing what's primary?
- 5) How have you personally enjoyed the edification of eagerly remembering the poor?