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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, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>, 2021



WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

KATIE BLUMENSTEIN

CALL TO WORSHIP

REV. TYLER DIRKS

SONG OF PRAISE

HAIL TO THE LORD'S ANOINTED

*J. Montgomery | S. McCracken*

chorus

*Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!*

*Hail in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!*

*His reign on earth begun!*

He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free;  
To take away transgression, and rule in equity.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;  
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong;  
To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,  
Whose souls, condemned and dying, are precious in his sight.

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;  
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

To him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
His kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
The tide of time shall never his covenant remove;  
His name shall stand forever; that name to us is love.

LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

*J. Newton | L. Taylor*

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  
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

- ANNOUNCEMENTS -

VBS UPDATE: NEW DATE - Please adjust your calendars for the new VBS date: July 5th-9th and same theme: *ROAR: Life is Wild. God is Good.* We will partner with ARPC and will need behind-the-scenes help, setup, volunteers, and your prayers. Please start praying now! Contact Kristen (parman.kristen@gmail.com) if you plan to be involved.

SPRING WOMEN'S SEMINAR - Ladies, mark your calendars and make plans to join us for "For Your Joy & Your Faith" spring seminar on May 8th from 9 am- 12:30 pm. We look forward to unpacking this theme in the life of Leah and other texts. The seminar will include two sessions taught by Tyler & Justin as well as lunch. All women 6th grade and older are invited to join us! To RSVP, please contact Kelly Clark (717364-4087, itskel@gmail.com).

- UPCOMING EVENTS -

- APR 21** YOUTH GROUP
- APR 21** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- APR 22-24** MEN'S RETREAT
- APR 25** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- APR 28** YOUTH GROUP
- APR 28** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- APR 30** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 2** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- MAY 5** YOUTH GROUP
- MAY 5** WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 7** MEN'S BIBLE STUDY
- MAY 8** SPRING WOMEN'S SEMINAR
- MAY 9** SUNDAY WORSHIP
- JULY 5-9** VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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

Thy mercy my God is the theme of my song  
The joy of my heart, and the boast of my tongue  
Thy free grace alone, from the first to the last  
Hath won my affection and bound my soul fast

Without Thy sweet mercy, I could not live here  
Sin would reduce me to utter despair  
But through Thy free goodness, my spirit's revived  
And He that first made me still keeps me alive

Thy mercy is more than a match for my heart  
Which wonders to feel its own hardness depart  
Dissolved by Thy goodness, I fall to the ground  
And weep for the praise of the mercy I've found

Great Father of mercies, Thy goodness I own  
In the covenant love of Thy crucified Son  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine  
All praise to the Spirit, Whose whisper divine  
Seals mercy and pardon and righteousness mine

## BENEDICTION

## THY MERCY, MY GOD

*J. Stocker | S. McCracken, I. Watts*

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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

## CONFESSION OF SIN

JUSTIN CLARK

Almighty God, eternal Father, we acknowledge and confess to you that we were born in unrighteousness. Our life is full of sin and transgression; we have not gladly believed your Word nor followed your holy commandments. For your goodness' sake and for your name's sake, be gracious unto us, we pray, and forgive us all our sin, which is very great. Amen.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

ROMANS 5:1

## SONG OF THANKSGIVING

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

*A. R. Habershon, M. Merker*

When I fear my faith will fail,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
When the tempter would prevail,  
He will hold me fast.  
I could never keep my hold  
Through life's fearful path;  
For my love is often cold;  
He must hold me fast.

### chorus

*He will hold me fast, He will hold me fast;  
For my Savior loves me so, He will hold me fast.*

Those He saves are His delight,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Precious in His holy sight,  
He will hold me fast.  
He'll not let my soul be lost;  
His promises shall last;  
Bought by Him at such a cost,  
He will hold me fast.

For my life He bled and died,  
Christ will hold me fast;  
Justice has been satisfied;  
He will hold me fast.  
Raised with Him to endless life,  
He will hold me fast  
'Till our faith is turned to sight  
When He comes at last!

## SONG OF PREPARATION

Our Father, He lifts from the ashes  
He raises the poor and the lost;  
He seats them to dine at his table,  
To feast without money or cost.

The lonely he settles in families  
The barren, a mother he makes;  
O happy the heart of the stranger  
Who's welcomed by this King of Grace.

### chorus

*Who is like the LORD our God?  
Who with glory fills the sky?  
But humbles himself with the broken to dwell  
Who is like our God?*

Though equal to God in His glory,  
Christ Jesus became like a slave;  
He humbled himself in obedience  
To Death, and the Cross, and the Grave.

Victorious, he rose to the highest;  
In glory, the Savior was raised.  
His name above all names exalted;  
The heavens and earth sing His praise

O Saints, fix your eyes on the Savior  
And count all your righteousness lost  
Be found in his love and his favor  
And share in his death on the cross.

That all of his power in victory,  
Imparted to you, may abound  
And sharing the sufferings of Jesus,  
You share in his glory and crown

## 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

WHO IS LIKE THE LORD OUR GOD (PSALM 113)  
*W. Kimbrough | B. Benedict*

JUSTIN CLARK

# CHILDREN OF PROMISE

[PAUL'S LETTER TO GALATIA]



## PREACHING OF THE WORD

REV. TYLER DIRKS

### “WHO YOU ARE AND WHAT YOU HAVE”

GALATIANS 4:1-7

#### I. WHO ARE YOU?

#### II. WHAT YOU HAVE!

#### - REFLECTION QUESTIONS -

- 1) How are you relapsing into slavery to the elementary principles of the world (e.g. blame-shifting; living out of insecurity; ruled by feelings; idolizing 'relevance' and 'accomplishments')?
- 2) How has the fact that you are God's son freed you from the evil you've confessed from question #1?
- 3) When was the last time you were genuinely transfixed and enraptured with the accomplishment(s) of Jesus of Nazareth (see Romans 8:6)? If you wanted to be obsessed with the unparalleled and astounding life and work of Jesus, how would you go about it?
- 4) How has the Spirit of God's Son/the Spirit of Adoption practically and profoundly impacted you?